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Soft!
Aug 15 2021 Former bouncer Barker Dodds wants nothing more than to flee his violent past in his native Plymouth for an uncertain new existence as a barman in a colorful East End. Waif-like Glade Spencer drifts through life as a waitress at a fashionable Soho restaurant, a devoted daughter to her estranged, caravan-dwelling long-distance girlfriend to an unpredictable American lawyer. And ambitious soft drink branch manager Jimmy Lyle is eager to please his new American boss with a marketing strategy for Soft!, one that promises to make the new orange-colored beverage a soda sensation for the twenty-first century. It is under that effervescent that these three disparate souls intersect, as each learns "there is nothing soft about the soft drink industry." When unsuspecting "Soft! ambassador" Glade begins to explore her subconscious obsession with a product she's never tried, Jimmy's top-secret campaign threatens to spill into the daily papers, and Barker once again finds himself a thug-for-hire. At turns harrowing and darkly humorous, Soft! is a magnificently surreal story, one that New York Times critic Michiko Kakutani calls "Rupert Thomson's most powerful novel yet."

A Cure for Suicide
Jan 01 2020 ***LONG-LISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD*** From the author of Silence Once Begun, a beguiling new novel about a man starting over at the most basic level, and the strange woman who insinuates herself into his life and memory. A man and a woman have moved into a small house in a village. The woman is an "examiner," the man, her "claimant." The examiner is both doctor and guide, charged with teaching the claimant a series of simple functions: this is a fork, this is how you meet people. She makes notes in her journal about his progress: he is showing improvement yet his dreams are troubling. One day the claimant goes to a party, where he meets Hilda, a charismatic but volatile woman whose surprising assertions throw everything the claimant has learned into question. Why is she here? Why is he here? And who is Hilda? A fascinating novel of love, illness, despair, and betrayal, A Cure for Suicide is the most captivating novel yet from one of the most audacious and original young writers.

Divided Kingdom
May 24 2022 It is winter, somewhere in the United Kingdom, and an eight-year-old boy is removed from his home and family in the middle of the night. He learns that he is the victim of an extraordinary experiment. In an attempt to reform society, the government has divided the population into four groups, each with a different personality type. The land, too, has been divided into quarters. Borders have been established, reinforced by concrete walls, armed guards and rolls of barbed wire. Plunged headlong into this brave new world, the boy tries to make the best of things, unaware that ahead of him lies a truly explosive moment, a revelation that will change everything he believes in and will, in the end, put his very life in jeopardy ...

The Tesseract
Mar 10 2021 In less than an hour, Sean has a meeting with a mestizo gangster. On the other side of town, Rosa listens for her husband's car, and a young girl watches Vincente is watching for the man who pays money for street-kids' dreams. Tonight, these disparate lives will violently collide . . .

Secrecy
Jul 02 2020 Selected for The Globe 100 Books in 2013. Zummo - a 17th-century prodigy and creator of figures so realistic they look as though they might come to life, has spent his life fleeing his past. Summoned to the Medici court by the Grand Duke, a man of holy devotions and hidden longings, Zummo finds himself in a city of hypocrisy and contradictions, where adulterers are publicly flogged, while within the palace walls members of the court indulge their nefarious pleasures. Commissioned by the Grand Duke to sculpt a life-size Venus from wax, Zummo scours the streets for inspiration. But 1690s Florence is a place of unforeseen dangers and secrets stranger than his own, and when a young woman's body is found on the banks of the Arno, Zummo suspects that the source of the vice has its bed in the Medici court. In the course of his creation, he begins to wonder whether this perfect woman will be his salvation or his downfall. Set in a Florence blighted by corruption and austerity, Secrecy is a novel of whispered pleasures and startling revelations. It is a scintillating, breathtaking read from a novelist at the height of his powers.

Katherine Carlyle
Jul 22 2019 "Katherine Carlyle is a masterpiece." —Philip Pullman, best-selling author of the His Dark Materials trilogy "[T]his road trip through a landscape of dome of mesmeric hallucinations is Thomson at his best." —Richard Flanagan, author of The Narrow Road to the Deep North, winner of the 2015 Man Booker Prize
Katherine Carlyle is Rupert Thomson's breakthrough novel. Written in the beautifully spare, lucid, and cinematic prose Thomson is known for, and powered by his natural gift for storytelling, it uses the modern techniques of IVF to throw new light on the myth of origins. It is a profound and moving novel about identity, the search for purpose, and how we are loved. Unmoored by her mother's death and feeling her father to be an increasingly distant figure, Katherine Carlyle abandons the set course of her life and goes on a mysterious journey to the ends of the world. Instead of going to college, she disappears, telling no one where she has gone. What begins as an attempt to find her, his absence gradually becomes a testing ground of his love for her, a coming-to-terms with the death of her mother, and finally the mise-en-scène for a courageous act of empowerment.

Barcelona Dreaming
Feb 27 2020

My Mother's House
Set 05 2020 One of the Best Books of the Year: Elle, Harper's Bazaar, Vulture • This uncompromising look at the immigrant experience, and the life of one man, is an electrifying page-turner rooted in a magical reality • "Impossible to stop reading" —Vulture
When Lucien flees Haiti with his wife, Marie-Ange, and their children to New York City's South Ozone Park, he does so hoping for reinvention, wealth, and comfort. He buys a run-down house in a quickly changing community and starts his life anew. Lucien and Marie-Ange call their home La Kay—"my mother's house"—and it becomes a place where their fellow immigrants can find peace, a good meal, and a legal help. But as a severely emotionally damaged man emigrating from a country whose evils he knows to one whose evils he doesn't, Lucien soon falls into his own impulses, with La Kay as the backdrop for his lasciviousness. What he can't begin to fathom is that the house is watching, passing judgment, and deciding to punish sins it has been made to hold. But only after it has set itself aflame will frightened whispers reveal Lucien's ultimate evil.

The Book of Revelations
Apr 11 2021

The Man Who Forgot His Wife
Sep 23 2019 Lots of husbands forget things; they forget that their wife had an important meeting that morning; they forget to pick up their children; they forget to clean; some of them even forget their wedding anniversary. But Vaughan has forgotten he even has a wife. Her name, her face, their history together, everything he has told her, everything he has said to her - it has all gone, mysteriously wiped in one catastrophic moment of memory loss. And now he has rediscovered her - only to find they are getting divorced. The Man Who Forgot His Wife is the funny, moving and poignant story of a man who has done just that. And who will try anything to get her back and have one last chance to reclaim his life.

Katherine Carlyle
Nov 18 2021 In the late 80s, Katherine Carlyle is created using IVF. Stored as a frozen embryo for eight years, she is then implanted in her mother's womb. By the age of nineteen Katherine has lost her mother to cancer, and feels her father to be an increasingly distant figure. Instead of going to college, she decides to tell no one where she has gone. What begins as an attempt to punish her father for his absence gradually becomes a testing-ground of his love for her, a coming-to-terms with the death of her mother, and finally the mise-en-scène for a courageous leap from false empowerment to true empowerment. Written in the beautifully spare, lucid, and cinematic prose that Thomson is known for, Katherine Carlyle uses the modern techniques of IVF and cryopreservation to throw new light on the myth of origins. It is a powerful novel about where we come from, what we make of ourselves, and how we are loved.

NVK
Oct 17 2021 A hypnotic, unforgettable Gothic page-turner soon to be a cult classic One night in 2012, Zhang Guo Xing takes a group of European clients to a high-end nightclub in Shanghai. While there, he meets a strikingly beautiful young Finnish woman called Naemi Vieno Kuusela. The physical attraction between them is irresistible, and they embark on an intoxicating affair. But Naemi is not what she appears to be... To Zhang's surprise, she veers between passion and wariness, and the relationship entirely on her own terms. He feels compelled to find out more about her, and is swiftly drawn into a web of intrigue, mystery, and horror. Is she a ghost? Do the living dead walk the streets of twenty-first century Shanghai?

Air and Fire
Sep 16 2021 At the turn of the century Théophile and Suzanne Valence sail into the Mexican copper-mining town of Santa Sofia. Théo has travelled to the town in a metal church designed by his mentor, the great engineer Gustave Eiffel. His wife Suzanne, wayward and graced with the gift of clairvoyance is deeply in love and accompanying him. But the magical landscape inspires no answering passion in Théo. In her loneliness she turns to the American gold prospector Wilson Pharaoh for like the town and its inhabitants, falls under her spell, an enchantment as seductive as Suzanne herself.

The Insult
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he wakes up he is blind and he is told the loss of sight is permanent. However while in the clinic gardens practising with his white cane, something miraculous happens. Dreams of Leaving
19c 19 2021 New Egypt is a village somewhere in the South of England. A village that nobody has ever left. Peach, the sadistic chief of police, is there. Then, one misty morning, a young couple secretly set their baby son Moses afloat on the river, in a basket made of rushes. Years later, Moses is living alone, mixing with drug-dealers, thieves and topless waitresses. He knows nothing about his past - but it is catching up with him nevertheless, and it threatens to put him in Terror, magic and farce all have a part to play as the worlds of Peach and Moses slowly converge.

The Book of Revelations
16am 20 2022 On a bright spring day in Amsterdam a man goes out to buy a packet of cigarettes. He is a dancer - charismatic, talented and beautiful. What happens next takes him completely by surprise and marks him for ever. He awakens to find that he has been abducted by three hooded strangers, imprisoned in a mysterious white room, which will have consequences that are both poignant and highly disturbing.

Divided Kingdom
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How To Win Friends And Influence People
Dec 07 2020 "How to Win Friends and Influence People" is one of the first best-selling self-help books ever published. It can help you to make friends quickly and easily, help you to win people to your way of thinking, increase your influence, your prestige, your ability to get things done, as well as to win new clients, new customers.
x000D Twelve Things This Book Will Do For You:
x000D Get you out of a mental rut, give you new thoughts, new visions, new ambitions.
x000D Enable you to make friends quickly and easily.
x000D Increase your popularity.
x000D Help you to win people to your way of thinking.
x000D Increase your influence, your prestige, your ability to get things done.
x000D Enable you to win new clients, new customers.
x000D Increase your earning power.
x000D Help you to become a better salesman, a better executive.
x000D Help you to handle complaints, avoid arguments, keep your human contacts smooth and pleasant.
x000D Make you a more entertaining conversationalist.
x000D Make the principles of psychology easy for you to apply in your daily contacts.
x000D Help you to arouse enthusiasm in your associates.
x000D Dale Carnegie (1888-1955) was an American writer and lecturer and the developer of famous courses in self-improvement, salesmanship, corporate training, public speaking, and interpersonal skills. Born into poverty on a farm in Missouri, he was the author of How to Win Friends and Influence People (1936), one of the bestseller that remains popular today.
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A Grave for a Dolphin
Nov 25 2019

Straight White Man
Jan 08 2021 From the bestselling author of Kill Your Friends, a wildly funny look at the midlife crisis of a loveable rogue. "A high-octane novel by Ian Rankin. Irish novelist Kennedy Marr is a first rate bad boy. When he is not earning a fortune as one of Hollywood's most sought after scriptwriters, he is drinking and philandering his way through Los Angeles, 'successfully debunking the myth that men are unable to multitask.' He is loved by many women, but loathed by everyone else, including ex-wives on both sides of the pond. Kennedy's appetite for trouble is insatiable, but when he discovers that he owes 1.4 million dollars in back taxes, his outrageous, hedonistic lifestyle may not be as sustainable as he thought. Forced to accept a teaching position at sleepy Deeping University, where his ex-wife and daughter now reside, Kennedy returns to England with a paper trail of tabloid headlines and scorned starlets hot on his bespoke heels. However, as he acclimates to campus Kennedy is forced to reconsider his laddish lifestyle. Incredible as it may seem, there might actually be a father and a teacher lurking inside this 'preening, priapic sociopath'. "A sharp and knowing satire of the film industry, publishing and academia." —The Guardian

Soft
Aug 27 2022 The objective of advertising is to change the behaviour of the consumer so they purchase more of the product. That, at any rate, is the theory. But what if you may have taken things a bit too far with his controversial strategy for the UK launch of Kwench! When the new orange soft-drink hits the streets, it triggers a chain of events that could not have anticipated. Certainly he never dreamed it would plunge him into the twilight world of synchronised swimming. Nor did he think it would end in a tragedy.

Never Anyone But You
Jul 26 2022 Named a Best Book of the Year by The Guardian, The Observer, PopMatters, and Sydney Morning Herald. The true story of a love affair between two extraordinary women becomes a literary tour de force in this novel that recreates the surrealist movement in Paris and the horrors of the two world wars. A singular incandescence and intimacy. In the years preceding World War I, two young women meet, by chance, in a provincial town in France. Suzanne Malherbe, a 20-year-old with a talent for drawing, is completely entranced by the brilliant but troubled Lucie Schwob, who comes from a family of wealthy Jewish intellectuals. Their clandestine love affair, terrified they will be discovered, but then, in an astonishing twist of fate, the mother of one marries the father of the other. As "sisters" of suspicion, and, hungry for a more stimulating milieu, they move to Paris at a moment when art, literature, and politics blend in an explosive cocktail. Having redefined themselves as Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore, they move in the most glamorous social circles, meeting everyone from Hemingway and Dalí to André Breton, and creating provocative photographs that still seem avant-garde today. In the 1930s, with the rise of anti-Semitism and threat of fascism, they leave Paris for Jersey, and in the end, an island that they confront their destiny, creating a campaign of propaganda against Hitler's occupying forces that will put their lives in jeopardy. Brilliantly imagined, thought-provoking, and ultimately heartbreaking, Never Anyone But You infuses life into a forgotten history as only great literature can.

Fire Sermon
Sep 04 2020 'Superb. Uncomfortable, ambiguous, erotic . . . first rate prose and an old-fashioned ability to tell a story.' Eimear McBride, author of A Little More Light
formed Thing Maggie is entirely devoted to her husband Thomas, their two beautiful children, and to God. But then what begins as innocent letter writing with Thomas becomes something far more erotically charged, their meeting of minds threatening to become a meeting of bodies. As everything Maggie believes in is thrown into question, she is drawn ever deeper into the battleground of her soul. Fire Sermon is a daring debut novel of obsession, desire and salvation that shows the radical light and darkness of love. This is a visceral, rich and devastating portrait of life and loves lived and lost that cannot fail to echo in your own experience.

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Sep 28 2022 One of David Bowie's 100 Must-Read Books of All Time It is a Thursday evening. After work Martin Blom drives to the supermarket to buy groceries. As he walks back to his car, a shot rings out. When he wakes up he is blind. His neurosurgeon, Bruno Visser, tells him that his loss of sight is permanent and that he will experience shock, depression, self-pity, even suicidal thoughts before his rehabilitation is complete. But it doesn't work out quite like that. One spring evening, while practising in the clinic gardens with his new white cane, something miraculous happens ...

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I Am No One
Oct 25 2019 A tense, mesmerizing novel about memory, privacy, fear, and what happens when our past catches up with us. After a decade living in London, O'Keefe returns to New York, where he has been hired as a professor of German history at New York University. Though comfortable in his new life, and happy to see his daughter once again, Jeremy continues to feel the quiet pangs of loneliness. Walking through the city at night, it's as though he could disappear and no one would notice. Soon, Jeremy's life begins taking strange turns: boxes containing records of his online activity are delivered to his apartment, a young man seems to be following him, and his elderly mother receives anonymous phone calls slandering her son. Why, he wonders, would anyone want to watch him so closely, and, even more upsetting, why would they tell him to the fact that he was being watched? As Jeremy takes stock of the entanglements that marked his years abroad, he wonders if he has unwittingly committed a crime serious as to make him an enemy of the state. Moving towards a shattering reassessment of what it means to be free in a time of ever more intrusive surveillance, I Am No One asks himself whether he is "no one," as he believes, or a traitor not just to his country but to everyone around him. — Included in NPR's Best of 2016 Book Club
Famous Men Who Never Lived
Dec 27 2019 "Conceptually adventurous yet full of feeling . . . smart, thought-provoking, and thoroughly enjoyable." —Charles Yu, author of Interior Chinatown
Wherever Hel looks, New York City is both reassuringly familiar and terribly wrong. As one of the thousands who fled the outbreak of nuclear war, she finds herself living as a refugee in our own not-so-parallel New York. The technology she is foreign to her, the politics and art unrecognizable. While others, like her partner, Vikram, attempt to assimilate, Hel refuses to reclaim her former life. Instead, she obsessively rereads Vikram's copy of The Pyronauts—a science fiction masterwork in her world that now only exists as a single flimsy page. Hel becomes determined to create a museum dedicated to preserving the remaining artifacts and memories of her vanished culture. But the refugees are unwelcome. They are met with either indifference or hostility. And when the only copy of The Pyronauts goes missing, Hel must decide how far she is willing to go to recover it and her own anger, guilt, and grief over what she has truly lost. With Famous Men Who Never Lived, K Chess has created a compelling and inventive speculative work of fiction that means to those who have lost it forever.

The Chameleon's Shadow
Mar 30 2020 A compelling look into damaged minds, The Chameleon's Shadow is a psychological thriller from crime queen Minnette Walters. Lieutenant Charles Acland is flown home from Iraq with serious head injuries, he faces not only permanent disfigurement but also an apparent change to his personality. Crippled by migraines, and suspicious of his psychiatrist, he begins to display sporadic bouts of aggression, particularly against women, especially his wife. He seems unable to accept that the relationship is over. After his injuries prevent his return to the army, he cuts all ties with his former life and moves to London.

unmonitored, he sinks into a private world of guilt and paranoid distrust . . . until a customer annoys him in a Bermondsey pub and he attracts the attention of investigating three murders which appear to have been motivated by extreme rage . . . Under suspicion, Acland is forced to confront the real issues behind his control does he have over the dark side of his personality? Do his migraines contribute to his rages? Has he always been the duplicitous chameleon that his ex-

And why – if he hates women – does he look to a woman for help?
The Man Who Saw Everything 4 2021 LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE 2019 SHORTLISTED FOR THE GOLDSMITHS PRIZE 2019 'An ice-cold skewering of patriarchy, humanity and the darkness of the 20th century Europe' The Times 'It's like this, Saul Adler.' 'No, it's like this, Jennifer Moreau.' In 1988, Saul Adler is in the Abbey Road. Apparently fine, he gets up and poses for a photograph taken by his girlfriend, Jennifer Moreau. He carries this photo with him to East Berlin: a present, an anchor to the West. But in the GDR he finds himself troubled by time - stalked by the spectres of history, slipping in and out of a future that does not exist. In 2016, Saul attempts to cross the Abbey Road again... 'A time-bending, location-hopping tale of love, truth and the power of seeing. Thoroughly gripping' Sunday Times 'Writing so beautiful it stops the reader on the page' Independent

Never Anyone But You 12 2021 Named a Best Book of the Year by The Guardian, The Observer, PopMatters, and Sydney Morning Herald. A literary tour de force, the real-life love affair of two extraordinary women, recreating the surrealist movement in Paris and the horrors of the world wars with a singular incandescence. In the years preceding World War I, two young women meet, by chance, in a provincial town in France. Suzanne Malherbe, a shy seventeen-year-old with a talent for photography, is completely entranced by the brilliant but troubled Lucie Schwob, who comes from a family of wealthy Jewish intellectuals. They embark on a clandestine love affair. As will be discovered, but then, in an astonishing twist of fate, the mother of one marries the father of the other. As "sisters" they are finally free of suspicion, and in a stimulating milieu, they move to Paris at a moment when art, literature, and politics blend in an explosive cocktail. Having reinvented themselves as Claude Cahu and Moore, they move in the most glamorous social circles—meeting everyone from Hemingway to Dali—and produce provocative photographs that still seem avant-garde in the 1930s, with the rise of anti-Semitism and fascism, they leave Paris for Jersey, and it is on this idyllic island that they confront their destiny, creating a campaign against Hitler's occupying forces that will put their lives in jeopardy. Brilliantly imagined, profoundly thought-provoking, and ultimately heartbreaking, *Never Anyone But You* infuses life into a forgotten history as only great literature can.

All Days Are Night Aug 03 2020 Gillian seems to have it all - she is beautiful, successful, and securely married. But one night, after an argument with her husband, she crashes on a wet road, and everything is lost. When she wakes in the hospital, she is a widow with a ruined face and no way back to the person she thought she was. She begins to piece together the painful shards of her present existence and revisit a relationship from her past that she is able to glimpse the freedom that marriage brought. From the master of unadorned storytelling, *All Days Are Night* is a quietly disquieting exploration of identity, inside and out.

The Essays of "George Eliot" Apr 30 2020 This collection contains every essay written in George Eliot's career, including some rare works like *The Influence of Ratiocination*.
Secrecy Feb 21 2022 A sorcerer in wax. A fugitive. Haunted by a past he cannot escape. Threatened by a future he cannot imagine. Zummo, a Sicilian sculptor, is summoned to Cosimo III to join the Medici court. Late seventeenth-century Florence is a hotbed of repression and hypocrisy. All forms of pleasure are brutally punished, and the artist himself, a man for whom marriage has been an exquisite torture, hides his pain beneath a show of excessive piety. The Grand Duke asks Zummo to produce a life-size wax figure of a woman, an antidote to the French wife who made him suffer so. As Zummo wrestles with this unique commission, he falls under the spell of a woman whose own secrets are far more explosive. Lurking in the wings is the poisonous Dominican priest, Stufa, who has it within his power to destroy Zummo's life. In this highly charged novel, Thomson brings Florence to life in all its vibrant sensuality, while remaining entirely contemporary in his exploration of the tension between love and solitude, beauty and decay. When reality becomes threatening, not to say unfathomable, survival strategies are tested to the limit. Redemption is a possibility in the agonies of death and separation can be transcended.

Death of a Murderer Mar 22 2022 One night in November 2002, PC Billy Tyler is called to a mortuary in Suffolk to guard the body of a notorious child-killer. But in the silence of the hospital, the killer's presence begins to assert itself... A vivid evocation of an extraordinary moment in crime history, *Death of a Murderer* is a dark meditation on the fears and temptations that haunt us all.

Barcelona Dreaming Apr 23 2022 Set on the eve of the financial crash of 2008, this evocative novel is made up of three stories linked by time and place, and also by unexpected interactions of a rich cast of characters. *Barcelona Dreaming* is narrated, in turn, by an English woman who runs a gift shop, an alcoholic jazz pianist, and a translator tormented by unrequited love, all of whose lives will be changed forever. Underpinning the novel, and casting a long shadow, is a crime committed against a Moroccan immigrant. Exploring themes of addiction, racism, celebrity, immigration, and self-delusion, and fueled by a longing for the unattainable and a nostalgia about to be lost, *Barcelona Dreaming* is a love letter to one of the world's most beautiful cities and a powerful and poignant fable for our uncertain times.

The Bird Artist Jun 20 2019 Howard Norman's *The Bird Artist*, the first book of his Canadian trilogy, begins in 1911. Its narrator, Fabian Vas is a bird artist: He draws and paints the birds of Witless Bay, his remote Newfoundland coastal village home. In the first paragraph of his tale Fabian reveals that he has murdered the village doctor. *Botho August*. Later, he confesses who and what drove him to his crime--a measured, profoundly engrossing story of passion, betrayal, guilt, and redemption between two women. *The Bird Artist* is a 1994 National Book Award Finalist for Fiction.

This Party's Got To Stop Sep 25 2022 In his first venture into non-fiction, the celebrated novelist Rupert Thomson has produced one of the most extraordinary and intimate memoirs of recent years. On a warm, sunny day in July 1964, Thomson returned home from school to discover that his mother had died suddenly while playing tennis. In the years later, Thomson and his brothers receive word that their father, who suffered chronic lung damage during the war, has died alone in hospital. In an attempt to come to terms with both with their own loss and with their parents' legacies, the three brothers move back into their father's house. The time they spend in this decadent, anarchic household, a rift between Thomson and his youngest brother, a rift that will not be addressed for more than two decades. *This Party's Got to Stop* works Thomson's memoirs into a mosaic that reveals the fragility of family life in graphic and often heartbreaking detail. It is both a love letter to a lost brother and a chronicle of the murder of a family that can characterize blood relationships.

Secrecy Nov 06 2020 First came the sin. Then the lies. He was handsome, charming, irresistible, and an eighteen-year-old lady-killer, her uncle Cliff's stepson, Ted. On a terrible night he would shatter the life of fourteen-year-old Charlotte Dawes and nearly destroy her family. Years afterward, Charlotte would remember that night with loathing, with pain that could be banished only by her work as a gifted architect, building a new world for others as she conceals her own. For Charlotte's family lives in New England mill town, what happened to Charlotte was the beginning of the end. Her father is left shattered by his daughter's pain. Her troubled mother is a woman whose distinguished family has fallen from grace, plunged into debt. The only rock that sustains them in their darkest hours is a woman whose own guilty secret has the power to ruin--or resurrect--the family to whom she owes her life. Belva Plain's searing novel cuts to the heart of a family ravaged by secrecy. But it is ultimately about redemption, the kind that grows when one person dares to tell the truth.

The Vanishers Jan 28 2020 From the acclaimed novelist and *The Believer* editor HEIDI JULAVITS, a wildly imaginative and emotionally intense novel about mothers, daughters, and the psychic damage women can inflict on one another. Is the bond between mother and daughter unbreakable, even by death? Julia Severn is a student at a school for psychics. Her mentor, the legendary Madame Ackermann, afflicted by jealousy, refuses to pass the torch to her young disciple. Instead, she subjects Julia to the same tests that led to the reliving her mother's suicide when Julia was an infant. As the two lock horns, and Julia gains power, Madame Ackermann launches a desperate psychic attack that leaves Julia a victim of a crippling ailment. Julia retreats to a faceless job in Manhattan. But others have noted Julia's emerging gifts, and soon she's recruited to track down a person—a controversial artist who might have a connection to her mother. As Julia sifts through ghosts and astral clues, everything she thought she knew of her mother goes into question, and she discovers that her ability to know the minds of others—including her own—goes far deeper than she ever imagined. As powerful and gripping as Julavits's acclaimed novels, *The Vanishers* is a stunning meditation on grief, female rivalry, and the furious power of a daughter's love.

Death of a Murderer Aug 23 2019 After decades in prison for crimes gruesomely familiar to everyone in England, a murderer has finally died of natural causes, not in death than she was in life. Billy Tyler, a career policeman, has been assigned the task of guarding her body in the hospital morgue. But alone on a graveyard shift, he begged him not accept, Billy has occasion to contemplate the various turns his life has taken and to discover why it is that on this dark night of the soul the murderer is able to speak to him directly. *Death of a Murderer* is a gripping novel of crime, punishment, fear, and temptation.