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The Good Negress

by A. J. Verdelle

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In a luminous debut novel that Toni Morrison declared "truly extraordinary," A.J. Verdelle tells the story of young Denise Palms, transplanted from her grandmother's rural Virginia home to the chaos of big-city Detroit in 1963 to help care for the baby her mother and stepfather are expecting. PEN/Faulkner Award Finalist.

Kirkus Reviews:

In a knife-edged, poignant debut, Verdelle cuts to the heart and innermost thoughts of a black girl...A very vibrant new voice in our midst.

The Tunnel

by William H. Gass

1 Harper Edition

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A strange and monumental novel that took William Gass three decades to write. When a Midwestern historian sits down to write the introduction to his magnum opus study of the Third Reich, he instead writes a chaotic, obscure and labyrinthine exploration of his personal history. Then he begins digging a tunnel from the basement of his house. The writing, the digging, and the reader's reading blend into one profound meditation on history, evil, the living and the dead. PEN/Faulkner Award Finalist.

Los Angeles Times Book Review:

The most beautiful, most complex, most disturbing novel to be published in my lifetime.

New York Times Book Review:

Maddening, enthralling, appalling, coarse, romantic, sprawling, bawling...

Infinite Jest : A Novel

by David Foster Wallace

1 Ed

Hardcover

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In a sprawling, wild, super-hyped magnum opus, David Foster Wallace fulfills the promise of his precocious novel *The Broom of the System*. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, *Infinite Jest* bends every rule of fiction, features a huge cast and multilevel narrative, and questions essential elements of American culture - our entertainments, our addictions, our relationships, our pleasures, our abilities to define ourselves.

Esquire:

Infinitely readable, even better than its hype...It shows signs, in fact, of being a genuine work of genius.

Review of Contemporary Fiction:

Wallace offers huge entertainment...only Gaddis and Pynchon have this range. So brilliant you need sunglasses to read it, but it has a heart as well as a brain. *Infinite Jest* is both a vast, comic epic and a profound study of the post-modern condition.

Prize Stories 1996 : The O. Henry Awards (Prize Stories, 1996. the O Henry Awards)

by William Abrahams(Editor)

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Widely regarded as one of the most prestigious awards for short fiction, the O'Henry Awards collects what it regards to be the finest short stories of the year. Includes stories by Alison Baker, Ralph Lombreglia, Jane Smiley and this year's first prize winner, Stephen King. I hear he's written a couple books.

In the Loyal Mountains : Stories

by Rick Bass

Hardcover

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Long awaited and highly anticipated by the fans of his previous short-story collection *The Watch*, Rick Bass returns to the genre with the gifted hand of a master. With a unique, longing voice and a lyrical pen, Bass's tales simultaneously embrace vibrant images of ordinary human life and exuberant images of the natural world. His vision of man's relationship to his environment is uncompromising, edging towards anger and settling into a profound understanding. This collection will stand among the best of the year.

George Plimpton:

Rick Bass has emerged as one of the truly impressive short story writers of his generation.

Christopher Tilgham, Los Angeles Times:

I'd choose Rick Bass over just about any other writer at work today.

The Woman Who Walked into Doors

by Roddy Doyle

Hardcover

List: \$22.95 — Amazon.com Price: \$18.36 — You Save: \$4.59(20%)

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Roddy Doyle follows *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, winner of the Booker Prize, and *The Commitments* with another remarkable book that readers will find funny, sexy, and sad. He takes an unflinching look at the life of Paula Spencer as she struggles to regain her dignity after marriage to an abusive husband and a worsening drinking problem. Capturing both her vulnerability and her strength, Doyle gives Paula a voice that is real and unforgettable.

The New York Times Book Review:

In *The Woman Who Walked into Doors*, Roddy Doyle has created a small jewel of a book; it extends his range and adds new and subtle colors to his already impressive palette.

Dancing After Hours : Stories

by Andre Dubus

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Over two decades, Andre Dubus has proven himself an essential American writer. "He restores faith in the survival of the short story" (Los Angeles Times), and now - with his first collection in nearly ten years - he demonstrates more powerfully than ever before both his mastery of the form and his understanding of our imperfect lives. In each of the fourteen stories in *Dancing After Hours*, Dubus uncovers the mystery of ordinary life as his characters - often perseverant, yet occasionally crazed by desire, loss, or disappointment - wrestle with love, faith, and luck. Whether at a roadside bar or a family camp, in the everyday rigors of domesticity or its violent extremes, these lives unfold with an inevitability that is moving, sometimes redemptive, always surprising.

Richard Bausch, New York Times Book Review:

Luminous...suffused with grace, bathed in a kind of spiritual glow. Mr. Dubus's characters are people we more than feel for - we end up cheering for them. Often because they are courageous or simply just plain stubborn, but most of all because they refuse to despair...*Dancing After Hours* is beautiful.

All Souls' Rising

by Madison Smartt Bell

1 Ed

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In his breathtaking and powerful novel that garnered nominations for both the National Book Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award, Madison Smartt Bell leaves the dark contemporary world he has so brilliantly made his own in nine previously acclaimed novels and short story collections, such as *Save Me*, *Joe Louis*. Now he turns to the past and brings viscerally to life the slave rebellion that would bring an end to the white rule of Haiti in the late eighteenth century. The result is an explosive, epic historical novel of astonishing depth and range, catapulting Bell into the ranks of the finest living authors.

Harold Bloom, author of The Western Canon:

A beautifully composed, eloquent, grand nightmare of a book. With it, Bell becomes as remarkable ahistorical novelist as we have in this country.

George Garrett, author of Death of the Fox:

Madison Smartt Bell here turns the fierce light of his imagination, the energy of his art and craft, on one of the darkest and most savagely violent events in the history of the Western Hemisphere. The result is this powerful and memorable novel.

Civilwarland in Bad Decline: Stories and a Novella

by George Saunders

1 Ed

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Funny, sad, bleak, weird, toxic - the future of America as the Free Market runs rampant, the environment skids into disarray, and civilization dissolves into surreal chaos. These wacky, brilliant, hilarious and entirely original stories cue us in on George Saunderson's skewed vision of the legacy we are creating. Against the backdrop of our devolvement, our own worst tendencies and greatest virtues are weirdly illuminated.

Garrison Keillor:

This book is a rare event: a brilliant new satirist bursting out of the gate in full stride.

Thomas Pynchon:

An astoundingly tuned voice - graceful, dark, authentic, and funny.

To the Wedding: A Novel

by John Berger

Reprint Edition

Paperback

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With the sensuous eye and profound sense of history that have made him one of the most acclaimed living novelists, John Berger, author of *G.*, tells the story of a wedding that takes place in a Europe that is approaching the end of the century, a place where everything has changed - and not even the certainties of love are exempt. This is Berger's fin de siècle, a transcendent celebration of passion at the end of our millennium.

Michael Ondaatje, author of The English Patient:

A great, sad, and tender lyric, a novel that is a vortex of community and compassion that somehow overcomes fate and death. Wherever I live in the world, I know I will have this book with me.

The Debt to Pleasure : A Novel

by John Lanchester

1 Ed

Hardcover

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A gorgeous, dark, and sensuous book that is part cookbook, part novel, part eccentric philosophical treatise, reminiscent of perhaps the greatest of all books on food, Jean-Anthelme Brillat Savarin's *The Physiology of Taste*. Join Tarquin Winot as he embarks on a journey of the senses, regaling us with his wickedly funny, poisonously opinionated meditations on everything from the erotics of dislike to the psychology of a menu, from the perverse history of the peach to the brutalization of the palate, from cheese as "the corpse of milk" to the binding action of blood.

When the World Was Steady

by Claire Messud

Hardcover

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In a debut novel of remarkable breadth and intimate insight, Claire Messud tells the story of two middle-aged sisters and the divergent life paths chosen by each. On Bali and Skye, two islands as far apart as geography allows, the sisters reassess their place in the world and gingerly find the new bearings that will allow them to renegotiate the circumstances of their lives with newfound acceptance and flexibility. Nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

The Observer:

As exceptional in quality as it is in content...an outstanding first novel.