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Party of One Nov 05 2022 An essential defense of the people the world loves to revile--the loners--yet without whom it would be lost The Buddha. Rene Descartes. Emily Dickinson. Greta Garbo. Bobby Fischer. J. D. Salinger: Loners, all--along with as many as 25 percent of the world's population. Loners keep to themselves, and like it that way. Yet in the press, in films, in folklore, and nearly everywhere one looks, loners are tagged as losers and psychopaths, perverts and pity cases, ogres and mad bombers, elitists and wicked witches. Too often, loners buy into those messages and strive to

change, making themselves miserable in the process by hiding their true nature--and hiding from it. Loners as a group deserve to be reassessed--to claim their rightful place, rather than be perceived as damaged goods that need to be "fixed." In *Party of One* Anneli Rufus--a prize-winning, critically acclaimed writer with talent to burn--has crafted a morally urgent, historically compelling tour de force--a long-overdue argument in defense of the loner, then and now. Marshalling a polymath's easy erudition to make her case, assembling evidence from every conceivable arena of culture as well as interviews with experts and loners worldwide and her own acutely calibrated analysis, Rufus rebuts the prevailing notion that aloneness is indistinguishable from loneliness, the fallacy that all of those who are alone don't want to be, and wouldn't be, if only they knew how.

The Loners Mar 29 2022 From the pages of *Runaways!* Once they were the teen heroes known as Darkhawk, Turbo, Ricochet, Green Goblin and Lightspeed. Now they're five young adults trying to stay out of spandex. But is walking away from the buzz of danger and intrigue easier said than done? And is a self-help group enough to keep these former crime-fighters out of action? Pull up a chair and join the circle as writer C.B. Cebulski (*X-Men Fairy Tales*), artist Karl Moline (*Rogue, Route 666*) and cover artist Jason Pearson (*Bodybags*) ask the question: How do you kick an addiction to masks and tights? Collects *The Loners* #1-6.

The Loner's Thanksgiving Wish Jan 03 2020 Adopted as a baby, Mei Clayton never felt like she belonged in her family. She left tiny Clayton, Colorado, the moment she could. Now, to fulfill the terms of a will, she must move home for a year. But when she reunites with handsome Jack McCord--the mountain-rescue expert she once secretly loved--she has to keep her distance. Their relatives have feuded for years. She'll never fit in with the Claytons if she gives in to her feelings for Jack. Unless faith and love can help open hearts in time for Thanksgiving.

The Loner Jan 27 2022 Wandering westward, picking fruit for wages, a lonely boy cannot remember his name or his family and takes care of himself until he meets a woman sheep farmer who provides him with a loving home.

Loners: The Life Path of Unusual Children Jun 19 2021 `Loners is destined to be a clinical classic... I wish I had had Loners to read when I began my career... I commend this book to all those starting out on their mental health careers as an insightful portrait of an important condition and as a standard of clarity and brevity for their own research and writing. I commend it as well to mature clinicians whose understanding will be sharpened by studying its contents. This monograph demonstrates the importance of careful clinical longitudinal observation and incisive thought for the provision of appropriate psychiatric care for children and their families.' From the foreword by Leon Eisenberg Some children are solitary and unable to adapt to the social and educational demands of school life. Some are gifted; most cope better once they leave school. In Loners, Sula Wolff discusses the nature and origins of their difficulties and compares them with autism, Asperger's syndrome and schizoid/schizotypal personality disorders. Sula Wolff illustrates follow-up studies with case histories of children and adults seen in the course of twenty years, as well as with discussions of the apparent eccentricities of some exceptional people who catch the public eye. The book shows the necessity of the clinical recognition of the condition. Loners will help psychiatrists towards a realistic approach to the treatment of afflicted people, both children and adults.

Dead Man's Gold Mar 17 2021 The son of legendary gunfighter Frank Morgan, The Loner is fast with his fists, faster with a gun, and haunted by the demons of his past. . . The Way Of The West With his wife's killers dead and buried, Conrad Morgan--known as The Loner--is on his way to Mexico for some peace and quiet. But on the way he's sidetracked by some intriguing travelers who are hunting

down a valuable golden artifact. They're not the only ones who want to get a hold of the treasure. A running gun battle with some killers lands The Loner and his cohorts in the Jornada del Muerto--a hellish, waterless wasteland in New Mexico Territory. And now it's up to The Loner to get himself and his new friends out of this arid stretch of land before they perish from thirst. . .or lead poisoning.. . .

Loner Life in Another World Vol. 3 (manga) Sep 10 2020 THREE'S A CROWD! After coming to the aid of a young noble named Merielle, Haruka finds himself with a free pass to leave and enter the city at his own discretion! What's the first thing on his mind? Running back to the woods so he can resume his loner life, of course! But before he can abandon his friends, he has a small matter to attend to... Just where are the nerds? And, come to think of it... Where are those meatheaded jocks? Curious as to the fates of his classmates, Haruka delves into the depths of the forest to hunt them down... But what he finds chills him to the bone. Now faced with a fearsome new enemy, one who savagely employs facts and logic to seize victory, our loner hero must push himself to the limit and make the greatest gambit of all!

Solitude Oct 24 2021 A landmark study of the nature of solitude examines its crucial role in creativity, mourning, religious experience, and other aspects of human life; discusses enforced solitude; and argues that solitude can foster positive behavior. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Wildcat: Loner Apr 05 2020 Silver age comics meets Alice in Wonderland in this weird and Crusoe-esque absurdist science fiction!, MEAN. TOUGH. RUTHLESS. ALONE! Ex-mercenary Loner always works alone. Even if it means being on an alien planet as the sole member of one of the spacecraft Wildcat's exploration teams! With only his customised six-shooter, "Babe", and some alien fur balls as company, Loner must contend with psychic aliens, subterranean monstrosities, and angry shapeshifters. He might be the toughest, but can he survive being shrunk, melted, and transformed

on a planet that seems to want him dead? Join humanity's last surviving ex-mercenary on a surreal and grotesque adventure down the alien rabbit hole....,

Stuck Aug 02 2022 Many people are stuck, or think they are. They feel frozen. Marooned. Trapped on treadmills. They say they're stuck in the wrong relationships, the wrong careers, the wrong places at the wrong times. They're stuck in bad habits and can't quit. They're stuck the past and can't let go. They're stuck in the present and can't plan for the future. And in many cases, they're looking for someone or something to blame. How did we get here? Consumer culture certainly has a hand in it, training us from infancy onward to seek instant gratification via various forms of brand loyalty: doing the same things with the same products in the same ways over and over again. But other factors play other key roles, notably fear of change. *Stuck* is a work of social commentary that delivers a long-awaited diagnosis for our day and age. For some, there's a light at the end of the tunnel; this book includes stories of people who managed to become unstuck and of others who, after much reflection, decided that they're already exactly where they're meant to be. Chapter 1 ? ONCE UPON A TIME: Stuck in the Past Chapter 2 ? SEMIAUTOMATIC: Stuck in the Present Chapter 3 ? OOPS! I DID IT AGAIN: Stuck on Habits Chapter 4 ? THE HORROR, THE HORROR: Stuck on Trauma Chapter 5 ? PEOPLE WHO NEED PEOPLE: Stuck on Others Chapter 6 ? TAKE THIS JOB AND?.: Stuck on Work

The Loner Dec 26 2021 Left in Edinburgh to complete his education by his father and his ferocious Spanish grandmother, Xavier Aislado embarks on a career as a journalist, where his pursuit of the truth contrasts with the lies of his own life.

Loner Sep 03 2022 "A new novel about a troubled young college freshman who becomes dangerously sexually obsessed with a classmate"--

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When sarcastic loner Haruka gets transported with his class to another world, he's not wild about adventuring, but he wouldn't mind having some cool powers. Unfortunately, he's last in line when the magic cheat skills get divvied up, so by the time it's Haruka's turn, there are no good choices left. Now Haruka will have to take on this fantasy world the hard way--on his own, with a hodgepodge of bizarre skills! When infighting and chaos break out among his classmates, can this loner come to the rescue?

Loner Nov 24 2021 A sharp and unlikely coming-of-age debut novel from Australia's Sally Rooney

The New Valley Aug 10 2020 From the author of *The Great Glass Sea*, three linked novellas set between the Virginias about men confronting love, loss, and personal demons. Set in the hardscrabble hill country between the Virginias, *The New Valley* contains characters striving to forge new lives in the absence of those they have loved. Told in three varied and distinct voices—a soft-spoken middle-aged beef farmer struggling to hold himself together after his dad's death; a health-obsessed single father desperate to control his reckless, overweight daughter; and a developmentally delayed man who falls in love with a married woman intent on using him in a scheme that will wound them both—each story explores survival, isolation, and the deep, consuming ache for human connection. As the men battle against grief and solitude, their heartache leads them all to commit acts that will bring both ruin and salvation, in these tales “full of tenderness and looming menace” (*The New York Times Book Review*). “Stark and haunting . . . Delivers great beauty” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review “[Weil's] language is exquisite, his sentences glorious. . . . Refreshing and engaging.” —Ploughshares

Solitude Aug 29 2019 ‘An elegant, thoughtful book . . . beautifully expresses the importance and experience of liberation from the battery-hen life of constant connection and crowds.’ *Daily Mail* ‘A compelling study of the subtle ways in which modern life and

technologies have transformed our behaviour and sense of self.’
Times Literary Supplement In a world of social media and smartphones, true solitude has become increasingly hard to find. In this timely and important book, award-winning writer Michael Harris reveals why our hyper-connected society makes time alone more crucial than ever. He delves into the latest neuroscience to examine the way innovations like Google Maps and Facebook are eroding our ability to be by ourselves. He tells the stories of the remarkable people – from pioneering computer scientists to great nineteenth-century novelists – who managed to find solitude in the most unexpected of places. And he explores how solitude can bring clarity and creativity to each of our inner lives. Urgent, eloquent and beautifully argued, *Solitude* might just change the way you think about being alone. ‘Speaks to a long-overdue conversation we still haven’t properly had in our society.’ *Vice* ‘A timely, elegant provocation to daydream and wander.’ Nathan Filer, author of *The Shock of the Fall* ‘The leading thinker about technology’s corrupting influence on our collective psyche.’ *Newsweek* ‘A poetic, contemplative journey into the benefits of solo sojourning.’
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The Loner Jan 15 2021 This bestseller from Josephine Cox tells a story of running away from a secret but longing to go home.

Unworthy Jul 21 2021 “Self-loathing is a dark land studded with booby traps. Fumbling through its dark underbrush, we cannot see what our trouble actually is: that we are mistaken about ourselves. That we were told lies long ago that we, in love and loyalty and fear, believed. Will we believe ourselves to death?” —from *Unworthy* As someone who has struggled with low self-esteem her entire life, Anneli Rufus knows only too well how the world looks through the eyes of those who are not comfortable in their own skin. In *Unworthy*, Rufus boldly explores how a lack of faith in ourselves can turn us into our own worst enemies. Drawing on extensive research, enlightening interviews, and her own poignant

experiences, Rufus considers the question: What personal, societal, biological, and historical factors coalesced to spark this secret epidemic, and what can be done to put a stop to it? She reveals the underlying sources of low self-esteem and leads us through strategies for positive change.

The Loner Feb 25 2022 Most people have no idea that successful young businessman Conrad Browning is the son of legendary gunfighter Frank Morgan. And that's one secret he plans to keep--until his beautiful wife, Rebel, was kidnapped by a group of deadly bandits. Like Father--Deadly Like Son--Deadlier When Conrad Browning's wife disappears in the untamed frontier, Conrad finds himself assuming the identity of his famous gunslinging father, Frank Morgan, to find her. But his hopes of rescuing Rebel are swiftly shattered--and now he's burning for vengeance, the old-fashioned way. So he fakes his own death and starts calling himself The Loner, becoming the deadliest gunfighter this side of his own father--ready to settle the score in blood and bullets. . .

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine Jun 07 2020 Over 2.5 million copies sold 'Funny, touching and unpredictable' Jojo Moyes 'Heartwrenching and wonderful' Nina Stibbe Winner of Costa First Novel Award, a No.1 Sunday Times bestseller and the Book of the Year

Fifty Sounds Mar 05 2020

The Loner Oct 31 2019 I always knew I was different, but I never knew why. My name is Aiden Cross, and if you asked me a month ago if this type of thing existed, an academy for the exceptional, I'd call you a liar. The supernatural exists, and apparently, I'm one of them. It's in my DNA, just like all of the other students here at the academy. I thought it was cool to be around others like me, but it turns out that this school is like high school on steroids. Having powers just makes things worse. There's Tristen, a pyro, who bullies me every chance that he gets. His powers are more developed than the rest, so he has no problem pushing me around. If that wasn't

enough, his goons also join in on the fun, especially when Kaci is around. I like her. I think she's amazing, but I'm pretty sure Tristen likes her, too. And who wouldn't? She's smart, funny, resourceful, and can move things with her freaking mind. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out why sharing a crush with your nemesis sucks. Him showing off usually means me looking like a loser, and I already have a hard enough time as it is fitting in. And then, there's another girl, Summer. A literal ice queen who does whatever she wants, whenever she wants. Her parents picked her name as a cruel joke, because anything bright and sunny is like death to her, and to be honest, I don't even know how she's still at the academy. I'm sold on the idea that she high-key hates everybody and everything, but we always seem to cross paths at the worst times. Which...yeah... (Is her hair really jet-black? She has to dye it, right? That's not natural, right?) Anyway, my classmates aside, the academy is full of its own challenges. The classes are tough, the exercises are brutal, and to top it off, I'm at a major disadvantage because I can't access my powers at will, and I'm in the advanced courses. I'm doing my best to stay afloat, but Tristen isn't making it easy. The academy is fast-paced, but I still have other things to focus on besides academia, like why I was attacked before I came here and the true nature behind my abilities. And don't even get me started on dealing with the wild things that pop up at any given time on this crazy campus. *This series is not a Harem*

The Joy of Being Alone Apr 29 2022 Learn more about the Loner Movement and Loner Culture! Are you feeling lonely or do you know someone who is? Are you sad about a romantic break-up or know someone who is? If so this book's for you! There could be over a billion adults worldwide who are alone. If you're one we hope you're enjoying it as much as we are. If not this book could show you why you may be a lot better off alone, at least temporarily, than you realize. We spend a lot of time alone. You're likely alone showering, writing, working around the home, napping, driving,

maybe when sleeping at night, etc. Usually we enjoy being alone but trauma can break that tranquility. Humans are pack animals and the life of a hermit is not only difficult but not recommended. Most need to work in association with others to meet obligations and acquire income. You have friends, neighbors, family, associates, etc. Still you're likely better off alone than in life's many higher maintenance relationships. This book can show how many unaccompanied (alone) people might be better off. It can also help readers let go of bad relationships and social agendas that could harm them. If you know people who are feeling melancholy due to a break up, this could be a particularly good gift book to get them.

Loner Jun 27 2019 Loner tells the story of Cecil Eklund's amazing century in his own words. From his years as a youth living in a logging camp, to working in a San Francisco glass factory before the Great Depression, to the formation of the Pacific waterfront unions, Cecil offers a first-hand look at American history in the making. Compiler Janelle Eklund offers her own important commentary around her fathers' life story.

The Saints Feb 02 2020 A cross between the Gone series and Lord of the Flies, Quarantine #2: The Saints continues this frenetically paced and scary young adult series that illustrates just how deadly high school can be. Nothing was worse than being locked in—until they opened the door... McKinley High has been a battleground for eighteen months since a virus outbreak led to a military quarantine of the school. When the doors finally open, Will and Lucy think their nightmare is finished. But they are gravely mistaken. As a new group of teens enters the school and gains popularity, Will and Lucy join new gangs. An epic party on the quad full of real food and drinks, where kids hook up and actually interact with members of other gangs seemed to signal a new, easier existence. Soon after, though, the world inside McKinley takes a startling turn for the worse, and Will and Lucy will have to fight harder than ever to survive. The Saints brings readers back to the dark and deadly halls

of McKinley High and the Quarantine series.

The Perilous Comfort of Being a Loner Apr 17 2021 A formal creed for loners, empaths, introverts, wallflowers, misfits-and those who seek to understand them.'The Perilous Comfort of Being a Loner: An Empath's Guide to a Better Life in Solitude and the Internal Universe' is a detailed, careful anatomy of living as an empath and beyond: on loners, introversion, the internal universe, sociopaths, and more.

The Loner Sep 30 2019 A man at war with himself In all her years as deputy sheriff, Shelby Kincaid has never met a man as stubborn as Dakota Carson. Shelby's not even sure why he ruffles her—but she suspects it has a lot to do with the instant, powerful connection she feels with Dakota. If only he'd let down his guard with her.... Ten years as a navy SEAL took its toll on Dakota's body, mind and heart. Hr wants nothing more than to hide from the world, so why does Shelby's gentle presence suddenly make him question his seclusion? But when Shelby's life is threatened, Dakota knows his warrior spirit won't hide any longer. He just hopes it's not too late....

The Loner And The Lady (Mills & Boon Vintage Desire) Sep 22 2021 CELEBRATION 1000 DEBUT AUTHOR "WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED?"

The Child in Time Jul 09 2020 Now a major BBC drama starring Benedict Cumberbatch 'Only Ian McEwan could write about loss with such telling honesty' Benedict Cumberbatch On a routine trip to the supermarket with his daughter one Saturday morning, Stephen Lewis, a well-known writer of children's books, turns his back momentarily. When he looks around again, his child is gone. In a single moment, everything is changed. The kidnapping has a devastating effect on Stephen's life and marriage. Memories and the present become inseparable – as Stephen gets lost in daydreams of the past – and time bends back on itself, dragging Stephen's own childhood back into the present.

The Beach Dec 02 2019 A 20th anniversary edition of this million

copy bestseller, with a new introduction by John Niven: a classic story of paradise found - and lost. Richard lands in East Asia in search of an earthly utopia. In Thailand, he is given a map promising an unknown island, a secluded beach - and a new way of life. What Richard finds when he gets there is breathtaking: more extraordinary, more frightening than his wildest dreams. But how long can paradise survive here on Earth? And what lengths will Richard go to in order to save it?

The Loners Aug 22 2021 It was just another ordinary day at McKinley High—until a massive explosion devastated the school. When loner David Thorpe tried to help his English teacher to safety, the teacher convulsed and died right in front of him. And that was just the beginning. A year later, McKinley has descended into chaos. All the students are infected with a virus that makes them deadly to adults. The school is under military quarantine. The teachers are gone. Violent gangs have formed based on high school social cliques. Without a gang, you're as good as dead. And David has no gang. It's just him and his little brother, Will, against the whole school. In this frighteningly dark and captivating novel, Lex Thomas locks readers inside a school where kids don't fight to be popular, they fight to stay alive.

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The Emperor Of Ocean Park Feb 13 2021 Judge Oliver Garland has just died in suspicious circumstances. Conservative and controversial, Garland had many enemies. Many years ago, he'd earned a judge's highest prize: a Supreme Court nomination. But in a scene of bitter humiliation in front of a televised audience and before the eyes of his family, he had to withdraw his nomination. It was a national scandal, and a private agony, one from which he never recovered. Now, year's later, The judge's death raises even more questions than his life did and seems to be leading to a second terrible scandal. Could he have been murdered? He has left a strange message for his son Talcott, a professor at an elite Ivy League law

school, entrusting him with 'the arrangements' - a mysterious puzzle that only Tal can unlock, and only by unearthing the ambiguities of his father's turbulent past. When another man is found dead, and then another, Talcott must risk life, marriage and reputation, following the clues his father left him.

Things to Make and Break Dec 14 2020 SHORTLISTED FOR THE GUARDIAN FIRST BOOK AWARD 'Quite dazzling.' TLS 'Plenty of darkness and a sprinkling of magic' Guardian Shadows, doubles, and the ghosts of past and future lovers haunt these elegantly structured and often hallucinatory stories. The language is hypnotic, deadpan, intense; the sentences jewel-hard and sublime. Things to Make and Break is the work of a stylish, exuberant new voice in modern fiction. A motorcycle courier finds a cache of nude photos in her boyfriend's desk. The daughter of East German emigrants encounters her doppelgänger, who has crossed another cultural divide. Twin brothers fall for the same girl. When a stripper receives an enigmatic proposal from a client, she accepts, ignorant of its terms. 'Mind-blowingly good' PANK 'A visceral collection ' AnOther Magazine

The Loners May 19 2021 Like himself, Paul thinks Jenny is just another misfit looking for a place in the world, until he realizes that she has little chance of finding it.

The Kingdom Nov 12 2020 *JO NESBO HAS SOLD OVER 50 MILLION BOOKS WORLDWIDE* *Sunday Times bestseller* 'Superbly written and magnificently chilling' Sunday Mirror Two brothers. When Roy and Carl's parents die suddenly, sixteen-year-old Roy is left as protector to his impulsive younger brother. But when Carl decides to travel the world in search of his fortune, Roy stays behind in their sleepy village, satisfied with his peaceful life as a mechanic. Bound by blood... Years later, Carl returns with his charismatic new wife, Shannon - an architect - full of exciting plans to build a hotel on their family land. But it's only a matter of time before what begins as a jubilant homecoming sparks off a series of

events that threaten to derail everything Roy holds dear and family loyalty is stretched to violent ends. And a lifetime of secrets. *A Richard & Judy Book Club Pick* Watch out for *The Jealousy Man*, the new Jo Nesbo book, out now

The Loners Oct 12 2020 When a virus deadly to adults infects their high school, brothers David and Will and the other students soon break into gangs that fight each other for survival and the hope of escaping their quarantine.

A Diary of the Century Jul 29 2019 In 1927, a teenager challenged himself and two friends to an unusual test: he dared each of them to start keeping a diary, and they'd see who could keep his the longest. In 1995?long after he'd won the contest (68 years and more than 22 million words later, to be exact?Edward Robb Ellis published this richly entertaining book, drawn from his Guinness World Record-recognized diary. Press credentials granted the eagle-eyed Ellis a front-row seat to many major events of the 20th century, and he captures them here in a vivid, pictorial style?whether covering politicians like Huey Long, movie stars and performers such as Grace Kelly and Paul Robeson, or history-making news events, including the creation of the United Nations. He recounts his encounter with the legendarily witty Mae West?whose press agent turns out to be feeding lines to her. He chronicles a New Orleans jazz joint in the 30s where he interviews a talented, young trumpeter: Louie Armstrong. He writes of taking long strolls with Harry Truman, and of observing Senator Joseph McCarthy for the first time. The sparkle in Ellis's writing comes not solely from his encounters with the rich and famous, but from his attentiveness to, and enjoyment of, everyday life. In Ellis's own words, this is "not a record of world deeds, mighty achievements, conquests" but "the drama of the unfolding life of one individual, day after day after day." In addition to two 16-page photographic inserts, the book contains original caricatures drawn by the author.

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McKinley High—until a massive explosion devastated the school. When loner David Thorpe tried to help his English teacher to safety, the teacher convulsed and died right in front of him. And that was just the beginning. A year later, McKinley has descended into chaos. All the students are infected with a virus that makes them deadly to adults. The school is under military quarantine. The teachers are gone. Violent gangs have formed based on high school social cliques. Without a gang, you're as good as dead. And David has no gang. It's just him and his little brother, Will, against the whole school. In this frighteningly dark and captivating novel, Lex Thomas locks readers inside a school where kids don't fight to be popular, they fight to stay alive.

Nine Island May 07 2020 A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2016 “Nine Island is a crackling incantation, brittle and brilliant and hot and sad and full of sideways humor that devastates and illuminates all at once.” —Lauren Groff, author of *Fates and Furies* *Nine Island* is an intimate autobiographical novel, told by J, a woman who lives in a glass tower on one of Miami Beach’s lush Venetian Islands. After decades of disaster with men, she is trying to decide whether to withdraw forever from romantic love. Having just returned to Miami from a monthlong reunion with an old flame, “Sir Gold,” and a visit to her fragile mother, J begins translating Ovid’s magical stories about the transformations caused by Eros. “A woman who wants, a man who wants nothing. These two have stalked the world for thousands of years,” she thinks. When not ruminating over her sexual past and current fantasies, in the company of only her aging cat, J observes the comic, sometimes steamy goings-on among her faded-glamour condo neighbors. One of them, a caring nurse, befriends her, eventually offering the opinion that “if you retire from love . . . then you retire from life.”