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Uganda Be Kidding Me Jun 01 2020 In this uproarious collection of travel essays, Chelsea Handler sneaks her sharp wit through airport security and delivers her most absurd and hilarious stories ever. On safari in Africa, it's anyone's guess as to what's more dangerous: the wildlife or Chelsea. But whether she's fumbling the seduction of a guide by not knowing where tigers live (Asia, duh) or wearing a bathrobe into the bush because her clothes stopped fitting seven margaritas ago, she's always game for the next misadventure. The situation gets down and dirty as she defiles a kayak in the Bahamas, and outright sweaty as she escapes from a German hospital on crutches. When things get truly scary, like finding herself stuck next to a passenger with bad breath, she knows she can rely on her family to make matters even worse. Thank goodness she has the devoted Chunk by her side-except for the time she loses him in Telluride. Complete with answers to the most frequently asked traveler's questions, hot travel trips, and travel etiquette, none of which should be believed, *Uganda Be Kidding Me* has Chelsea taking on the world, one laugh-out-loud incident at a time.

A Tokyo Romance Oct 17 2021 When Ian Buruma arrived in Tokyo as a young film student in 1975, he found a feverish and surreal metropolis in the midst of an economic boom, where everything seemed new and history only remained in fragments. Through his adventures in the world of avant-garde theatre, his encounters with carnival acts, fashion photographers and moments on-set with Akira Kurosawa, Buruma came of age. For an outsider, unattached to the cultural burdens placed on the Japanese, this was a place to be truly free. *A Tokyo Romance* is a portrait of a young artist and the fantastical city that shaped him, and a timeless story about the desire to transgress boundaries: cultural, artistic and sexual.

The Readers' Room Sep 04 2020 'The plot blends mystery with comedy to great effect' – Daily Mail 'A profound love of books and authors underpins this sprightly mystery' – Publishers Weekly 'A stylish whodunnit blended with an affectionate send-up of the world of books' Sunday Mirror 'Another winner for Laurain' – European Literature Network When the manuscript of a debut crime novel arrives at a Parisian publishing

house, everyone in the readers' room is convinced it's something special. And the committee for France's highest literary honour, the Prix Goncourt, agrees. But when the shortlist is announced, there's a problem for editor Violaine Lepage: she has no idea of the author's identity. As the police begin to investigate a series of murders strangely reminiscent of those recounted in the book, Violaine is not the only one looking for answers. And, suffering memory blanks following an aeroplane accident, she's beginning to wonder what role she might play in the story ... Antoine Laurain, bestselling author of *The Red Notebook*, combines intrigue and charm in this dazzling novel of mystery, love and the power of books.

How to Think Like a Cat Jul 02 2020 Do cats worry about retirement? Nope. Do cats do things they don't want to do? Definitely not. Do cats rush around at all hours of the day when they'd rather be licking their paws and looking out a window? Please. Calm, free, charismatic, wise, elegant, self-assured—our beloved feline pets strut those traits that we humans spend a lifetime aspiring to. No wonder everybody wants to be more like a cat. After observing his own cat, Ziggy, for years, bestselling French author Stéphane Garnier decided that he would be much happier if he could just live more like Ziggy. Closer study only confirmed his suspicion that cats have that *je ne sais quoi*, and he set out to share Ziggy's innate wisdom with the world. Whether at work, at home, or in your social life, your cat can teach you how to manage stress, cultivate independence, and live life on your terms. Peppered with humorous yet inspiring tips for living a day in the life of a cat, *cat secrets from Ziggy*, and a quiz to assess your "cat quotient," *How to Think Like a Cat* is an inspiring, humorous, and remarkably insightful guide to the subtle art of living like a feline.

The Ten Loves of Mr Nishino Aug 27 2022 Who loves Mr Nishino? Minami is the daughter of Mr Nishino's true love. Bereaved Shiori is tempted by his unscrupulous advances. His colleague Manami should know better. His conquest Reiko treasures her independence above all else. Friends Tama and Subaru find themselves playing Nishino's game, but Eriko loves her cat more. Sayuri is older, Aichan is much younger, and Misono has her own conquests to make. For each of them, an encounter with elusive womaniser Mr Nishino will bring torments, desires and delights.

Oh, Tama! Jun 13 2021 *Oh, Tama!* describes the haphazard lives of Natsuyuki Kanemitsu and his loosely connected circle of dysfunctional acquaintances and family. Natsuyuki is prevailed upon by his friend Alexandre, an occasional porn-film actor, to adopt the very pregnant cat Tama, who gives birth and remains throughout the novel as a silent observer of her human hosts. Further complications arise surrounding the mystery of who the father of Alexandre's sister Tsuneko's unborn child is, with Tsuneko (a bar owner) happy to collect money from anyone who may be responsible. One of these possible dads turns out to be Natsuyuki's half-brother, abandoned and forgotten long ago as easily as Tama has parted with her kittens. A "fast and comedic novel," *Oh, Tama!* plays out against a backdrop of cramped apartments and cheap food and drink where everyone seems to have an opinion on film, photography, and fashionable French art theory. It is part of the author's esteemed series of "Mejiro" novels, named after the northwest area of Tokyo that so richly informs their urbanity and outlook.

Mr. Fix It Sep 23 2019 Ebamba's name means "mender" in Lingala, but everything in the Congolese twentysomething's life seems to be falling apart. In the chaotic megacity of Kinshasa, the educated but unemployed young man must navigate the ever widening distance between tradition and modernity -- from the payment of his fiancée's exorbitant dowry to the unexpected sexual confession of his best friend -- as he struggles with responsibility and flirts with temptation. The first novel to be translated into English from Lingala, *Mr. Fix It* introduces major new talent Richard

Ali A Mutu, who leads a new generation of writers whose work portrays the everyday realities of Congolese life with the bold, intense style associated with the country's music and fashion.

Last Summer in the City Mar 10 2021 A cult classic of Italian literature, published in English for the first time, with an afterword by André Aciman, author of *Call Me By Your Name*. 'A masterpiece' - Le Figaro 'Dazzling in every detail' - Elle In the late 1960s, Leo Gazzara leads a precarious life in Rome. He spends his time in an alcoholic haze, bouncing between hotels, bars, uninspiring jobs, romantic entanglements and the homes of his rich friends. Leo drifts, aimless and alone. But on the evening of his thirtieth birthday, he meets Arianna. All night they drive the city in Leo's run-down Alfa Romeo, talking and talking. They eat brioche for breakfast, drink through the dawn, drive to the sea and back. A whirlwind beginning. What follows is the story of the year Leo fell in love and lost everything. Intense, romantic, witty and devastating, *Last Summer in the City* is a forgotten classic of Italian literature which offers an intoxicating portrait of two lonely people, pushing and pulling each other away and back again. 'The most beautiful love story of the year' - Il Giornale

The Cat and The City Jan 20 2022 A BBC Radio 2 Book Club Pick 'Ingenious ... touching, surprising and sometimes heartbreaking.' Guardian 'If you're itching to read a new novel by David Mitchell ... try this.' The Times _____ In Tokyo - one of the world's largest megacities - a stray cat is wending her way through the back alleys. And, with each detour, she brushes up against the seemingly disparate lives of the city-dwellers, connecting them in unexpected ways. But the city is changing. As it does, it pushes her to the margins where she chances upon a series of apparent strangers - from a homeless man squatting in an abandoned hotel, to a shut-in hermit afraid to leave his house, to a convenience store worker searching for love. The cat orbits Tokyo's denizens, drawing them ever closer. 'Masterfully weaves together seemingly disparate threads to conjure up a vivid tapestry of Tokyo; its glory, its shame, its characters, and a calico cat.' David Peace, author of *THE TOKYO TRILOGY* One of the Independent's best debuts

Goodness and the Literary Imagination Aug 03 2020 What exactly is goodness? Where is it found in the literary imagination? Toni Morrison, one of American letters' greatest voices, pondered these perplexing questions in her celebrated Ingersoll Lecture, delivered at Harvard University in 2012 and published now for the first time. Perhaps because it is overshadowed by the more easily defined evil, goodness often escapes our attention. Recalling many literary examples, from Ahab to Coetzee's Michael K, Morrison seeks the essence of goodness and ponders its significant place in her writing. She considers the concept in relation to unforgettable characters from her own works of fiction and arrives at conclusions that are both eloquent and edifying. In a lively interview conducted for this book, Morrison further elaborates on her lecture's ideas, discussing goodness not only in literature but in society and history—particularly black history, which has responded to centuries of brutality with profound creativity. Morrison's essay is followed by a series of responses by scholars in the fields of religion, ethics, history, and literature to her thoughts on goodness and evil, mercy and love, racism and self-destruction, language and liberation, together with close examination of literary and theoretical expressions from her works. Each of these contributions, written by a scholar of religion, considers the legacy of slavery and how it continues to shape our memories, our complicities, our outcries, our lives, our communities, our literature, and our faith. In addition, the contributors engage the religious orientation in Morrison's novels so that readers who encounter her many memorable characters such as Sula, Beloved, or Frank Money will learn and appreciate how Morrison's notions of goodness and mercy also reflect her understanding of the sacred and the human spirit.

Japan Through the Looking Glass Sep 28 2022 This entertaining and endlessly surprising book takes us on an exploration into every aspect of Japanese society from the most public to the most intimate. A series of meticulous investigations gradually uncovers the multi-faceted nature of a country and people who are even more extraordinary than they seem. Our journey encompasses religion, ritual, martial arts, manners, eating, drinking, hot baths, geishas, family, home, singing, wrestling, dancing, performing, clans, education, aspiration, sexes, generations, race, crime, gangs, terror, war, kindness, cruelty, money, art, imperialism, emperor, countryside, city, politics, government, law and a language that varies according to whom you are speaking. Clear-sighted, persistent, affectionate, unsentimental and honest - Alan Macfarlane shows us Japan as it has never been seen before.

The Book of Book Lists Jul 22 2019 This is a book of book lists. Lists that make you smile, make you wonder, and see titles together in entirely new ways. From Bin Laden's bookshelf to the books most frequently left in hotels, from prisoners' favorite books to Member of Parliaments' most borrowed books, these lists are proof that a person's bookcase tells you everything you need to know about them, and sometimes more besides.

The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly Jan 28 2020 The Korean Charlotte's Web More than 2 million copies sold This is the story of a hen named Sprout. No longer content to lay eggs on command, only to have them carted off to the market, she glimpses her future every morning through the barn doors, where the other animals roam free, and comes up with a plan to escape into the wild—and to hatch an egg of her own. An anthem for freedom, individuality, and motherhood featuring a plucky, spirited heroine who rebels against the tradition-bound world of the barnyard, *The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly* is a novel of universal resonance that also opens a window on Korea, where it has captivated millions of readers. And with its array of animal characters—the hen, the duck, the rooster, the dog, the weasel—it calls to mind such classics in English as *Animal Farm* and *Charlotte's Web*. Featuring specially-commissioned illustrations, this first English-language edition of Sun-mi Hwang's fable for our times beautifully captures the journey of an unforgettable character in world literature.

The Girl Who Reads on the Métro Mar 30 2020 For fans of *The Little Paris Bookshop* and *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, *The Girl Who Reads on the Métro* is the French phenomenon by Christine Féret-Fleury, ready to charm book-lovers everywhere . . . When Juliette takes the métro to her loathed office job each morning, her only escape is in books – she avidly reads on her journey and imagines what her fellow commuters' choices might say about them. Then she meets Soliman – the mysterious owner of the most enchanting bookshop Juliette has ever seen – and things will never be the same again. For Soliman believes in the power of books to change the course of a life, and he's about to change Juliette's forever . . .

IQ84 Aug 23 2019 The internationally best-selling and award-winning author presents a psychologically charged tale that draws on Orwellian themes.

Liveblog Nov 06 2020 "In 2013, Megan Boyle was unhappy with the life she was living and wanted to document it on the internet for an audience. Her hope was that if she documented each thought and action on the internet, then she would begin to behave in a manner more appropriate to the life she wanted to live. She needed a judge and a jury to see her crimes and non-crimes, her actions and thoughts, and her life. The results are an illuminating text of great length with poetic insight on every page. It is a reading experience that leaves a little bit of Megan Boyle inside of you long after you have finished reading it. This is akin to Karl Ove Knausgaard's *My Struggle* and David Foster Wallace's *Infinite Jest*, yet totally different and new--and it is a book of daring length. Drugs, love, home, parents, friends, life, death, work, and the internet.

LIVEBLOG is an historical text, extremely unique and shockingly human." -- Page 4 of cover.

Tama the Extraordinary Cat Apr 11 2021 An extraordinary and delightful true story. Tama was a homeless cat who lived in Japan. Her loving nature, goodwill and loyalty saved a railway company and made her famous. People came from all over the country to meet her in her role as stationmaster. She was so successful she was made President of the company and when she died of old age was created a Goddess.5 star Amazon Review: "Tells the story in simple language aimed at children, but can be enjoyed by anyone of any age."

If Cats Could Talk... Would They Cry? Jun 20 2019 "A delightful and moving story that's full of heart" - Reedsy Discovery On the morning of the 17th, after a particularly sleepful night, Julie Galles woke up to find herself transformed into a cat. Still half asleep, she watched a set of ginger and white paws stretch out on the beige duvet cover and felt every inch of her body yearning for a good scratch. She yawned and shook her head, a set of gray whiskers flickering in the corners of her eyes. Overcome by a sudden tedious thought, she took a gander around the room, followed by a relieved exhale on the note that nothing else had changed. Her little studio apartment was the same she had left it the night before... *If Cats Could Talk... Would They Cry* introduces Julie Galles. An introvert in an extrovert's world, Julie is stuck in a rut - until the day she wakes up as a cat. Can a feline perspective help her to reconnect with humanity? A modern 'Metamorphosis' that speaks to the themes of our time - isolation, identity, and desperation for connection. Magical realism with an off-beat charm. Beautifully illustrated with playful vignettes by Spanish artist Félix Diaz de Escauriaza.

Postcards to Donald Evans Jun 25 2022 Art/Poetry Taksahi Hiriade is one of the leading poets of Japan's post-war generation, travelling extensively, including three months as a poet-in-residence at the University of Iowa International Writing Program. **POSTCARDS TO DONALD EVANS** chronicles Hiriade's travels through places as varied as Iowa, , to Seattle, Tokyo, and Amsterdam. He currently lives in Tokyo.

The Silent Miaow Dec 27 2019 Two hundred photographs of Cica, a wise and worldly cat, fill this manual, which instructs stray kittens and homeless cats on how to obtain, captivate, and dominate the families of their choice

The Man in the Bunker Apr 30 2020 **WHAT IF HITLER HAD SURVIVED?** In the gripping new spy thriller from the Sunday Times bestselling author of *Hitler's Secret*, a Cambridge spy must find the truth behind Hitler's death. But exactly who is the man in the bunker? **'MASTER OF THE WARTIME SPY THRILLER' - FINANCIAL TIMES** _____ Germany, late summer 1945 - The war is over but the country is in ruins. Millions of refugees and holocaust survivors strive to rebuild their lives in displaced persons camps. Millions of German soldiers and SS men are held captive in primitive conditions in open-air detention centres. Everywhere, civilians are desperate for food and shelter. No one admits to having voted Nazi, yet many are unrepentant. Adolf Hitler is said to have killed himself in his Berlin bunker. But no body was found - and many people believe he is alive. Newspapers are full of stories reporting sightings and theories. Even Stalin, whose own troops captured the bunker, has told President Truman he believes the former Führer is not dead. Day by day, American and British intelligence officers subject senior members of the Nazi regime to gruelling interrogation in their quest for their truth. Enter Tom Wilde - the Cambridge professor and spy sent in to find out the truth... Dramatic, intelligent, and brilliantly compelling, **THE MAN IN THE BUNKER** is Rory's best WWII thriller yet - perfect for readers of Robert Harris, C J Sansom and Joseph Kanon.

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Your Older Cat Aug 15 2021 Your Older Cat shows how to extend your cat's active years and explains the special health issues for an aging cat. Safe preventive care for a long and healthy life You probably feel that you know everything your cat needs—plenty of food, frequent naps, and lots of love! Cats heal quickly and take excellent care of themselves, but as they age, they do need owners to pay special attention to their health and behavior. Creating a balanced diet, encouraging regular exercise, and providing good health care will ensure that your cat enjoys every one of his nine lives. Your Older Cat shows how to extend your cat's active years and explains the special health issues for an aging cat. Divided into five sections, this practical guide discusses: HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE ONSET OF OLD AGE READING YOUR CAT FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS BECOMING A PARTNER IN YOUR CAT'S HEALTH CARE—FROM VETERINARY CARE TO PET HEALTH INSURANCE PREVENTION 101: TIPS ON DIET, GROOMING, NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS, AND EXERCISE AFFORDABLE AND EFFECTIVE NATURAL TREATMENTS FOR AGING CATS, INCLUDING ACUPUNCTURE, MASSAGE, HERBS, AND HOMEOPATHY Plus, readers will find handsome color photos, informative sidebars for quick reference, and an extensive resource section.

The Island Jan 08 2021 'This is an old and wicked island. An island of Phoenicians and merchants, of bloodsuckers and frauds' Expelled from her convent school for kicking the prioress, and abandoned by her father when her mother dies, rebellious teenager Matia is sent to live with her domineering grandmother on the scorching island of Mallorca. There she learns to scheme with her cousin Borja, and finds herself increasingly drawn to the strange outsider Manuel. But civil war has come to Spain, tearing communities apart, and it will teach Matia about the adult world in ways she could not foresee. This feverish 1959 coming-of-age novel by one of the greatest Spanish writers of the 20th century depicts Mallorca as an inferno, a lost Eden and a Never Land combined, where ancient hatreds and present-day passions collide.

If Cats Disappeared From The World May 24 2022 A beautifully moving tale of loss and reaching out to the ones we love, of one man's journey to discover what really matters in modern life. Our narrator's days are numbered. Estranged from his family, living alone with only his cat Cabbage for company, he was unprepared for the doctor's diagnosis that he has only months to live. But before he can set about tackling his bucket list, the Devil appears with a special offer: in exchange for making one thing in the world disappear, he can have one extra day of life. And so begins a very bizarre week . . . Because how do you decide what makes life worth living? How do you separate out what you can do without from what you hold dear? In dealing with the Devil our narrator will take himself – and his beloved cat – to the brink. Genki Kawamura's *If Cats Disappeared from the World* is a story of loss and reconciliation, of one man's journey to discover what really matters in modern life. This beautiful tale is translated from the Japanese by Eric Selland, who also translated *The Guest Cat* by Takashi Hiraide. Fans of *The Guest Cat* and *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* will also surely love *If Cats Disappeared from the World*.

The Salmon Who Dared to Leap Higher Feb 21 2022 "A life-affirming, inspirational modern fable about love, life and daring to be different"-- Publisher.

The Cat Who Saved Books Dec 19 2021 AN INDIE NEXT PICK! From the #1 bestselling author in Japan comes a celebration of books, cats, and the people who love them, infused with the heartwarming spirit of *The Guest Cat* and *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*. Bookish high school student Rintaro Natsuki is about to close the secondhand bookstore he inherited from his beloved bookworm grandfather. Then, a talking cat appears with an unusual request. The feline asks for—or rather, demands—the teenager's help in saving books with him. The world is full of lonely books left unread and unloved, and the cat and Rintaro must liberate them from their neglectful owners. Their mission sends this odd

couple on an amazing journey, where they enter different mazes to set books free. Through their travels, the cat and Rintaro meet a man who leaves his books to perish on a bookshelf, an unwitting book torturer who cuts the pages of books into snippets to help people speed read, and a publishing drone who only wants to create bestsellers. Their adventures culminate in one final, unforgettable challenge—the last maze that awaits leads Rintaro down a realm only the bravest dare enter . . . An enthralling tale of books, first love, fantasy, and an unusual friendship with a talking cat, *The Cat Who Saved Books* is a story for those for whom books are so much more than words on paper. Translated from the Japanese by Louise Heal Kawai. "Cats, books, young love, and adventure: catnip for a variety of readers!" –Kirkus

Wintertime Cat Nov 18 2021 This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. To ensure a quality reading experience, this work has been proofread and republished using a format that seamlessly blends the original graphical elements with text in an easy-to-read typeface. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

The Dog Who Dared to Dream Oct 05 2020 FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR SUN-MI HWANG This is the story of a dog named Scraggly. Born an outsider because of her distinctive appearance, she spends most of her days in the sun-filled yard of her owner's house. Scraggly has dreams and aspirations just like the rest of us. But each winter, dark clouds descend and Scraggly is faced with challenges that she must overcome. Through the clouds and even beyond the gates of her owner's yard lies the possibility of friendship, motherhood and happiness - they are for the taking if Scraggly can just hold on to them, bring them home and build the life she so desperately desires. *The Dog Who Dared to Dream* is a wise tale of the relationship between dog and man, as well as a celebration of a life lived with courage. Translated into English for the first time, it is a classic from Sun-mi Hwang, the international bestselling author.

Asylum Oct 25 2019 A story of self-obsession narrated by the point of view of a psychiatrist, published as a Penguin Essential for the first time. As a psychiatrist in a top-security mental hospital in the 1950s, Peter Cleave has made a study of what he calls 'the catastrophic love affair characterized by sexual obsession.' His experience is extensive, and he is never surprised. Until, that is, he comes reluctantly to accept that the wife of one of his colleagues has embarked on such an affair...

The Travelling Cat Chronicles Mar 22 2022 A book that “speak[s] volumes about our need for connection—human, feline or otherwise” (The San Francisco Chronicle), *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* is a life-affirming anthem to kindness and self-sacrifice that shows how the smallest things can provide the greatest joy—the perfect gift for cat lovers and travellers! We take journeys to explore exotic new places and to return to the comforts of home, to visit old acquaintances and to make new friends. But the most important journey is the one that shows us how to follow our hearts... An instant international bestseller and indie bestseller, *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* has charmed readers around the world. With simple yet descriptive prose, this novel gives voice to Nana the cat and his owner, Satoru, as they take to the road on a journey with no other purpose than to visit three of Satoru's longtime friends. Or so Nana is led to believe... With his crooked tail—a sign of good fortune—and adventurous spirit, Nana is the perfect companion for the man who took him in as a stray. And as they travel in a silver van across Japan, with its

ever-changing scenery and seasons, they will learn the true meaning of courage and gratitude, of loyalty and love. On New York Post's Required Reading List

The World of Cats Sep 16 2021 Over 100 photographs of cats and kittens.

The Fur Person [Illustrated Edition] Feb 09 2021 Includes 10 illustrations by Barbara Knox A delightful, whimsical tale—one of the most popular books for cat lovers ever written. May Sarton's fictionalized account of her cat Tom Jones's life and adventures prior to making the author's acquaintance begins with a fiercely independent, nameless street cat who follows the ten commandments of the Gentleman Cat—including "A Gentleman Cat allows no constraint of his person, not even loving constraint." But after several years of roaming, Tom has grown tired of his vagabond lifestyle, and he concludes that there might be some appeal after all in giving up the freedom of street life for a loving home. It will take just the right human companion, however, to make his transformation from Cat About Town to genuine Fur Person possible. Sarton's book is one of the most beloved stories ever written about the joys and tribulations inherent in sharing one's life with a cat.

Absorbed Dec 07 2020

The Condition of Music May 12 2021 Poetry. In the ruminative movement of these poems, Eric Selland takes the reader into a contingent, often grief-laden terrain. Here, isolation and a broken, disjointed history are shot through with moments of release, the word-on-a-thread, melody. Ever attentive to the 'condition of music', Selland here uses prose rhythms to powerful effect, piecing together the harmony suggested in paradox: 'Strike out the tongue. Enmesh the ear.' This body of work seeks coherence 'more defined by the ruptures opening in the sequential' and herein lies an uneasy beauty. The consolations by which it beckons are haunted, and haunting. -- Elizabeth Robinson

The Cat with Three Passports Jul 26 2022 A girl struggling to fit in. A homeless kitten. An unexpected job offer in an unfamiliar country that changes everything. CJ had a long history of escaping places and people she wasn't fond of. But for the sake of a silver tabby, she decided to stay in Japan for a while. This decision helped her open up her heart and mind, revisit her way of thinking, and reconnect with her estranged family. Let this heartwarming memoir take you to the land of cats and cherry trees as you read about CJ's adventures - from the craziness of the naked men festival, the experience of forest bathing and the significance of finding a life purpose or ikigai, to the temples of Takayama, and wonders of Cat Island - you'll see what a homeless kitten found outside a temple in Japan taught her about an old culture and new beginnings

The Weight Of Water Jul 14 2021 On Smuttynose Island, off the coast of New Hampshire, more than a century ago, two Norwegian immigrant women were brutally murdered. A third woman survived by hiding in a cave until dawn. In 1995, Jean, a photographer, is sent on an assignment to shoot a photo essay about the legendary crime. Taking her extended family with her, Jean stays in a sailboat anchored off the coast, and finds herself gradually becoming more and more engrossed in the bay's mysterious and gruesome past. Wandering into a library one day, she unearths letters written by Maren, the sole survivor of the murder spree. Jean's fear of losing all that she cares about is reflected in Maren's poignant tale of love and loss, and her obsession with the ancient story drives her to wild impulsive action -- with unrecoverable consequences.

Ms Ice Sandwich Nov 25 2019 A quixotic and funny tale about first love - from the Akutagawa Prize-winning author. A boy is obsessed with a woman who sells sandwiches. He goes to the supermarket almost every day, just so he can look at her face. She is beautiful to him, and he calls her "Ms Ice Sandwich", and endlessly draws her portrait. But the boy's friend hears about this hesitant adoration, and suddenly everything changes. His visits to Ms Ice Sandwich stop, and with them the last hopes of his childhood. A moving and surprisingly funny tale of growing up

and learning how to lose, Ms Ice Sandwich is Mieko Kawakami at her very best.

The Guest Cat Oct 29 2022 A wonderful sui generis novel about a visiting cat who brings joy into a couple's life in Tokyo A bestseller in France and winner of Japan's Kiyama Shohei Literary Award, *The Guest Cat*, by the acclaimed poet Takashi Hiraide, is a subtly moving and exceptionally beautiful novel about the transient nature of life and idiosyncratic but deeply felt ways of living. A couple in their thirties live in a small rented cottage in a quiet part of Tokyo; they work at home, freelance copy-editing; they no longer have very much to say to one another. But one day a cat invites itself into their small kitchen. It leaves, but the next day comes again, and then again and again. Soon they are buying treats for the cat and enjoying talks about the animal and all its little ways. Life suddenly seems to have more promise for the husband and wife — the days have more light and color. The novel brims with new small joys and many moments of staggering poetic beauty, but then something happens.... As Kenzaburo Oe has remarked, Takashi Hiraide's work "really shines." His poetry, which is remarkably cross-hatched with beauty, has been acclaimed here for "its seemingly endless string of shape-shifting objects and experiences, whose splintering effect is enacted via a unique combination of speed and minutiae."

Balcony of Fog Feb 27 2020 Decamp with an innocent toiler and his mysterious female companion to a metaphoric world in the clouds—a strange, vertiginous perch that reveals startling insights about the twisted dynamics of love and power.

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