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The Quick and the Dead Jul 26 2022 PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • From one of our most heralded writers comes the “poetic, disturbing, yet very funny” (The Washington Post Book World) life-and-death adventures of three misfit teenagers in the American desert. Alice, Corvus, and Annabel, each a motherless child, are an unlikely circle of friends. One filled with convictions, another with loss, the third with a worldly pragmatism, they traverse an air-conditioned landscape eccentric with signs and portents—from the preservation of the living dead in a nursing home to the presentation of the dead as living in a wildlife museum—accompanied by restless, confounded adults. A father lusts after his handsome gardener even as he's haunted (literally) by his dead wife; a heartbroken dog runs afoul of an angry neighbor; a young stroke victim drifts westward, his luck running from worse to awful; a sickly musician for whom Alice develops an attraction is drawn instead toward darker imaginings and solutions; and an aging big-game hunter finds spiritual renewal through his infatuation with an eight-year-old—the formidable Emily Bliss Pickless. With nature thoroughly routed and the ambiguities of existence on full display, life and death continue in directions both invisible and apparent. Gloriously funny and wonderfully serious, *The Quick and the Dead* limns the vagaries of love, the thirst for meaning, and the peculiar paths by which all creatures are led to their destiny. A panorama of contemporary life and an endlessly surprising tour de force: penetrating and magical, ominous and comic, this is the most astonishing book yet in Joy Williams's illustrious career. Joy Williams belongs, James Salter has written, “in the company of Céline, Flannery O'Connor, and Margaret Atwood.”

A Glimpse of Our Father Nov 25 2019 What would happen if all of God's children undoubtedly realized and recognized that God IS OUR FATHER? How much more of an abundant, joyous, and peaceful life would we live if we truly grasped that the One who is Creator of the universe is OUR FATHER, He loves us unconditionally, He is working all things together for our good, and He has plans to prosper us and not to harm us? For anyone seeking to gain an understanding of God OUR FATHER, further develop your relationship with Him, or for any person desiring to peek into the heart of God the Father, this book is for you. You are God's child, and God is YOUR Father! Yes, I am talking to you! *A Glimpse of OUR FATHER: Lessons Parenthood Reveals for All of God's Children* illuminates God's encouragement, forgiveness, guidance, presence, and, most importantly, His unfailing love for all of His children. *A Glimpse of OUR FATHER: Lessons Parenthood Reveals for All of God's Children* will take you on an interactive journey through everyday interactions and relatable experiences with His earthly children that reveal characteristics, along with the nature of our Heavenly Father, God, that will allow you to reflect, relate and connect with OUR FATHER on a more intimate level through each lesson, prayer, activity, and scripture.

[Little Reef and Other Stories](#) Jun 13 2021 *Little Reef and Other Stories* announces the arrival of an original voice in literature. From Key West to Maine, Michael Carroll's debut collection of stories depicts the lives of characters who are no longer provincial but are not yet cosmopolitan. These women and their gay male friends are “B-listers” of a new, ironic, media-soaked culture. They live in a rich but increasingly divided America, a weirdly paradoxical country increasingly accepting of gay marriage but still marked by prejudice, religious strictures, and swaths of poverty and hopelessness. Carroll shows us people stunned by the shock of the now, who have forgotten their pasts and can't envision a future. Winner, Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction, American Academy of Arts and Letters Finalist, Gay Fiction, Lambda Literary Award Finalist, Edmund White Award for Debut Fiction, Publishing Triangle

State of Grace Mar 22 2022 A National Book Award nominee, this haunting, profoundly disquieting novel manages to be at once sparse and lush, to combine Biblical simplicity with Gothic intensity and strangeness. It is the story of Kate, despised by her mother, bound to her father by ties stronger and darker than blood. It is the story of her attempted escapes—in detached sexual encounters, at a Southern college populated by spoiled and perverse beauties, and in a doomed marriage to a man who cannot understand what she is running from. Witty, erotic, searing acute, *State of Grace* bears the inimitable stamp of one of our finest and most provocative writers. “Beautifully crafted. . . First rate.” —The New York Times Book Review

III Nature Apr 23 2022 Most of us watch with mild concern the fast disappearing wild spaces or the recurrence of pollution - related crises such as oil spills, toxic blooms in fertilizer-enriched rivers, and the increasing violence in our own country. Joy Williams does much more than watch. With guts and passion, she sounds the alarm over the general disconnection from the natural world that our consumer culture has created. The culling of elephants, electron-probed chimpanzees, and the vanishing wetlands are just some of her subjects. Razor-sharp, controversial, scathingly opinionated, and refreshingly unafraid of conflict, Williams refuses to compromise as she lashes out at the greed of Americans and decries our own turpitude. It is not enough to mourn the passing of the natural world, *III Nature* shouts. Get out of our homes and our cars and our cubicles and do something...now.

Best Pick Apr 30 2020 A fascinating history of motion pictures through the lens of the Academy Awards, *Best Pick* provides a decade-by-decade look at the Oscars by examining the Best Picture winners, highest-grossing films, and biggest misses alongside a discussion of the trends, innovations, and stories that defined the decade.

Magpie Murders Jun 20 2019 THE NUMBER ONE EBOOK BESTSELLER 'Want to read a great whodunnit? Anthony Horowitz has one for you: MAGPIE MURDERS. It's as good as an Agatha Christie. Better, in some ways. Cleverer.' Stephen King 'The finest crime novel of the year' Daily Mail ***** Seven for a mystery that needs to be solved . . . Editor Susan Ryland has worked with bestselling crime writer Alan Conway for years. Readers love his detective, Atticus Pünd, a celebrated solver of crimes in the sleepy English villages of the 1950s. But Conway's latest tale of murder at Pye Hall is not quite what it seems. Yes, there are dead bodies and a host of intriguing suspects, but hidden in the pages of the manuscript lies another story: a tale written between the very words on the page, telling of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition and murder. From the creator of Midsomer Murders comes a fiendish mystery perfect for fans of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. ***** Praise for Magpie Murders - the gripping Sunday Times bestselling crime thriller: 'Ingenious' Sunday Times 'Thrilling and compelling with a stunning twist' Daily Mail 'A stylish thriller' Sunday Mirror 'A cunning reinvention of the thriller' Mail on Sunday

Escapes Jan 20 2022

Breaking and Entering Feb 21 2022 Willie and Liberty are drifters. They break into Florida vacation homes while the owners are away, stay a while, and then move on. They have been lovers since they were teenagers, yet Liberty now senses that Willie is drifting away from her—that their search, so relentless and mysterious, is becoming increasingly dangerous. An exhilarating cast of characters reflects this search, which is not just for home, but for self.

The Age of Grief Dec 27 2019 In this brilliant collection of five short stories and a novella, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley presents six unforgettable portraits exploring the perils of domestic life. I am thirty-five years old, and it seems to me that I have reached the age of grief. Others arrive there sooner. Almost no one arrives much later . . . In the title novella, a man who has reached the 'age of grief' slowly realizes that his wife is in love with someone else. Unsure whether his marriage is best protected by confronting her or by feigning ignorance, he struggles to repress his anguish and to prevent his wife discovering that he is aware of her infidelity . . .

Accompanying this novella are five short stories, including *The Pleasure of Her Company*, in which a lonely, single woman befriends the married couple next door, hoping to learn the secret to their happiness. And *Long Distance*, in which a man finds himself relieved of the obligation to continue an affair that is no longer compelling to him, only to be waylaid by the guilt he feels at his easy escape.

The Visiting Privilege May 24 2022 'How to tell the story of a 500-page collection of stories spanning more than forty years? Especially when I really want to just exclaim, "Oh, Oh, OH!" in a state of steadily mounting rapture' Geoff Dyer, Observer Williams' uniquely devastating portrayals of modern life have been captivating readers and writers for decades. Here, for the first time, Williams' thirty-three best stories are available in a single volume, together with thirteen new stories that show a writer continuing to mould the form into something strange and new. Bleak but funny, real but surreal, domestic but dangerous, familiar but enigmatic, Joy Williams' stories fray away the fabric at the edge of ordinary experience to reveal the loneliness at the heart of human life. In 'The Lover', a girl suffers a spiritual and physical wasting away; in 'The Visiting Privilege', a visitor finds refuge in her friend's psychiatric ward; in 'Charity', a woman gives a poor family gas money and finds herself marooned in their peculiar world; in 'Another Season' an itinerant man cleanses an island of roadkill; in 'Craving' an alcoholic couple head towards a car crash. *The Visiting Privilege* represents the culmination of Williams' career and cements her place as the most singular artist of short fiction writing today.

I Heart My Life Mar 10 2021 Written by entrepreneurial phenomenon Emily Williams, *I Heart My Life* is a guidebook for women to change their money mindset, get clarity on what they want and start living the life of their dreams. *I Heart My Life* is a guide for living life in a different way to everyone else--going for your desires and no longer letting doubt, shame, insecurity or other people's judgment stop you from moving forward with that "something big" you know you're meant for. It brings together mindset, money beliefs, success principles, vulnerability, and real-life stories of women who have made their career and life dreams come true. Emily Williams once couldn't even get a job at Starbucks. Yet she went on to move to a new country, clear \$30k in credit card debt and build a seven-figure coaching business from scratch. Having worked for years with thousands of women around the world to release what holds them back from the success they want, Emily is now sharing all her most powerful tools to help women radically transform their lives. In this book, you'll discover how to: • cultivate a success mindset and trust the intelligence within your heart • become clear about what you really want--then, go after it • embrace gratitude as a driver for your ambition and success • get big results and handle things when they don't go as planned • be consistent, persistent and confident on the path towards your dreams Whether you're dreaming of starting your own business, getting ahead in your career, or just experience more joy, adventure and fulfilment in your life, *I Heart My Life* will catapult you toward your greatest desires.

Alien Stories Oct 17 2021 Short Fiction Prize-winning collection of short stories that use science fiction to explore immigration, diaspora, and the concept of otherness.

Harrow Aug 27 2022 Shortlisted for the 2022 Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for Comic Fiction In her first novel since *The Quick and the Dead* (a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize), the legendary writer takes us into an uncertain landscape after an environmental apocalypse, a world in which only the man-made has value, but some still wish to salvage the authentic. 'When the book was over, I missed the awful, cleansing darkness of its eyes upon me' New Yorker Books of the Year 2021 'This is the apocalypse as reimagined by a committee headed by Dalí, Kafka and Yorgos Lanthimos.' Observer Winner of the 2021 Kirkus Prize for Fiction Shortlisted for the 2022 LA Times Prize Longlisted for the PEN/ Jean Stein Book Award Kristen is a teenager who, her mother believes, was marked for greatness as a baby when she died for a moment, then came back to life. After Kristen's boarding school for gifted teens closes its doors, and her mother disappears, she ranges across the dead landscape and finds a 'resort' on the shores of a mysterious, putrid lake the elderly residents there call 'Big Girl'. In a rotting honeycomb of rooms, these old ones plot actions to punish corporations and people they consider culpable in the destruction of the final scraps of nature's beauty. Rivetingly strange and delivered with Williams' searing, deadpan wit, *Harrow* is a tale of paradise lost and the reasons to try and recover something of it.

The Plot Against America Aug 03 2020 DISCOVER THE NOVEL BEHIND THE BRILLIANT NEW TV DRAMA 'Though on the morning after the election disbelief prevailed, especially among the pollsters, by the next everybody seemed to understand everything...'

When celebrity aviator, Charles A. Lindbergh, wins the 1940 presidential election on the slogan of 'America First', fear invades every Jewish household. Not only has Lindbergh blamed the Jews for pushing America towards war with Germany, he has negotiated an 'understanding' with the Nazis promising peace between the two nations. Growing up in the 'ghetto' of Newark, Philip Roth recounts his childhood caught in the stranglehold of this counterfactual nightmare. As America sinks into its own dark metamorphosis and Jewish families are torn apart, fear and uncertainty spread. Who really is President Lindbergh? And to what end has he hijacked America?

The Happy Music Play Book Sep 23 2019 Easy, joyful, everyday games for music and creativity with little kids (and passing some time when you're out of inspiration). A book of activities, games and suggestions for parents of small children who would like to introduce joyful music-making into everyday family life. Designed around the daily routine of young children (ages 0-5), these miniature games and explorations encourage a natural instinct for music and lay the foundations for creativity and self-expression.

Honored Guest Oct 29 2022 Among the "best American short stories of the past two decades" (The Atlantic Monthly) from one of our most acclaimed writers. In short stories "so vibrant and alive they have heartbeats, the prose so electric and dazzling it makes the pulse race" (Vanity Fair), a masseuse breaks her rich client's wrist bone, a friend visits at the hospital long after she is welcome, and a woman surrenders her husband to a creepily adoring student. With her singular brand of gorgeous dark humor, Joy Williams explores the various ways—comic, tragic, and unnerving—we seek to accommodate diminishment and loss, offering a rich examination of our capacity for transformation and salvation.

The Perfection Detox Jul 22 2019 Award-winning fitness professional and consultant shares a practical, accessible program to help women replace destructive perfectionistic mindsets with concrete strategies and life-changing tips. Tired. Stressed. Overwhelmed. Just one more email, one more meeting with the kid's teacher, oh and lose that last five pounds. Today, women are striving for perfection more than ever -- and feeling like failures for not meeting unattainable goals. Health and wellness expert Petra Kolber knows this intimately; as a dancer and fitness professional, she's experienced the ultimately dissatisfying quest for perfection. Her Perfection Detox program helps women to overcome the unhealthy, unproductive demands we place on ourselves -- and others. Based on her popular workshops, Kolber's strategies help women to recognize and constructively root out the perfectionistic impulse to be critical of self or others and to harness the power of our own internal resources, willpower, and habits. With simple steps and strategies such as adjusting your internal monologue, cleaning up your vocabulary to include more positive language, becoming a passionist rather than a perfectionist, and more, The Perfection Detox is an essential guide to a healthy, full, authentic life.

The Urban Monk Oct 05 2020 In this New York Times bestseller, you will discover how the calmness of Zen masters can help you stop time, refuel, and focus on the things that really matter. Our world is an overwhelming place. Each day's commitments to career and family take everything we've got, and we struggle to focus on our health, relationships, and purpose in life. Technology brings endless information to our fingertips, but the one thing we really want—a sense of satisfaction and contentment—remains out of reach. Pedram Shojai is here to change all of that. With practice, you can stop time, refuel, and focus on the things that really matter, even among the chaos that constantly surrounds us. His no-nonsense life mastery program brings together clear tools to elevate your existence. He guides you in learning to honor the body and mind, discharge stuck energy, and shake free from toxicity and excess stress. The world needs you to step up and live your life to the fullest. Pedram Shojai is the Urban Monk who can show you how to drink from infinity, find peace and prosperity, and thrive.

Harlem Boyz Aug 23 2019

The Other Week Jan 08 2021 A Vintage Shorts "Short Story Month" Selection Francine and Freddie live in a little house on the edge of the desert, with not enough money, too many snakes, no coffee, and a very strange gardener named Dennis who wants to start a security cactus ranch and is nursing a lost love. Things are ripe for dissolution. "The Other Week" is a wickedly sharp, darkly humorous story, from one of contemporary fiction's most singular voices—a National Book Award nominee and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award. A selection from Honored Guest, hailed as "Phenomenally interesting. . . . Miraculously and intelligently weird . . . Joy Williams wastes not a word in the stories that she tells" (Chicago Tribune). An eBook short.

What I Know So Far Jul 14 2021 This collection of Gordon Lish's short stories, demonstrates the stinging power and urgency of his writing and the strength and vitality of the American short story. Eloquent, sceptical, and humorous, Lish creates a variety of characters who ponder the intensity and extremes of life. Of particular interest is the "Salinger" story, "For, Rupert - with No Promises" which when first published in "Esquire" was believed to be the work of Updike or Salinger.

A Study Guide for Joy Williams's "The Girls" Nov 06 2020

CLEAR! Jun 01 2020 Herman Williams was on the verge of living his ultimate dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon to elite athletes ? when his life took a shocking detour. Herman!? screamed his beautiful fiancée, Jeannie, as he lay lifeless on a gymnasium floor. How could a healthy 31-year-old collapse during an afternoon basketball game with his fellow medical residents? No pulse!? they shouted. ?He's not breathing. By the grace of God, Herman survived. That was 25 years ago. But this life-changing event killed the dream that he had worked so hard to achieve. Depressed and disabled, Herman refused to give up. So he reinvented himself. And thanks to the unwavering love of his wife, Jeannie, and later their son, Cole, Herman created a deeply fulfilling life and career that helps people. Now he's sharing his inspiring success formula to help you endure life's crushing blows, so that you find purpose, and cultivate peace and joy every day. My message is that you have to embrace your current reality and decide that you'll make a positive difference for others, ? says Herman. ?I want my story to inspire you to create your best life possible. Dr. Augustus White, Herman's longtime mentor who is an Orthopedic Surgeon and a Harvard Medical School Professor, adds: ?I got engrossed in this story and could not put it down. The writing is excellent, concise, and moves along very nicely. This very impressive narrative about Herman's resilience is honest and not pretentious. It's a love story as well. Herman has a great message that will resonate with people and embolden them to get up, try again, and commit to helping others. It's awesome.'

New Micro: Exceptionally Short Fiction May 12 2021 A new collection of very short stories selected by Flash Fiction editor James Thomas and Robert Scotellaro. All of the stories in this book are exceptionally short, revealing themselves in no more than 300 words.

With a foreword by Robert Shapard and an afterword by Christopher Merrill, this book brings you fresh approaches to an exacting form that demands precision, a species of brevity that is surprisingly expansive. Writers say the pieces are hard to compose, but readers say they are easy to appreciate, a pleasure to envision, a wonder to watch life spun out and painted in small places. Real and surreal, lyrical and prosaic, here are 135 stories by 89 authors, certain to make you think.

Through the Safety Net Sep 04 2020 A contemporary master of short fiction dives into the undercurrents of middle-class American life in these eleven arresting, often mesmerizing stories.

Taking Care Sep 16 2021 From a true American master of the short story, comes a collection of disturbing, comic, and moving takes that find deeper meanings in ordinary domestic life. In these "uncommonly good stories" (The Chicago Tribune) with unforgettable characters, places, and events—a young divorcee, a shared summer home, a troubled family, a wedding, the death of a pet—Williams takes her readers on journey after journey, as only she can.

The Changeling Nov 18 2021 When we first meet Pearl - young in years but advanced in her drinking - she's sitting at a hotel bar in Florida, throwing back gin and tonics. Cradled in the crook of her arm is her infant son. But the relief she feels at having fled her abusive husband, and the Northeastern island his family calls home, doesn't last for long. Soon she's being shepherded back. The island, for Pearl, is a place of madness and pain, and her drinking might dull the latter but it spurs on the former. Through the lens of Pearl's fragile consciousness, readers encounter the horror and triumph of both childhood and motherhood. With language that flits between exuberance and elegy, the plainspoken and the poetic, Joy Williams has created a modern fairy-tale, entirely original and entirely consuming.

Two For Joy Apr 11 2021 *** THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR *** Warmth, wisdom and love on every page - if you treasured Maeve Binchy, read Patricia Scanlan. Number 1 bestselling author Patricia Scanlan is set to capture the hearts and enchant the minds of a whole new generation of readers who will fall in love with her sublime storytelling. A trailblazing women's fiction author, all of her novels have been #1 international bestsellers, most recently *With All My Love*, *A Time for Friends*, *Orange Blossom Days* and *A Family Reunion*. She writes multi-generational family dramas with compassion and authenticity, and a hint of comforting escapism. 'If you love Maeve Binchy, you MUST try Patricia Scanlan' *Woman & Home* 'Utterly magical and wonderful... warmth and compassion shine through' MARIAN KEYES 'Like being enfolded in a hug from the great writer herself: warm, comforting and full of love' CATHY KELLY 'There can be little doubt that Patricia Scanlan is the prolific queen of contemporary Irish popular fiction' Sunday Times 'There is a heartbreaking authenticity in her observations' Irish Times 'The ultimate comfort read' Glamour 'If you love Maeve Binchy, you will love Patricia Scanlan' Mirror

Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It Jan 28 2020 In *The Hidden Ways*, Alistair Moffat traverses the lost paths of Scotland - its Roman roads tramped by armies, its warpaths and pilgrim routes, drove roads and rail roads, turnpikes and sea-roads - in a bid to understand how our history has left its mark upon our landscape. As he retraces the forgotten paths that shaped and were shaped by the lives of the now forgotten people who trod them, Moffat charts a powerful, surprising and moving history of Scotland.

The Florida Keys Feb 09 2021 *The Florida Keys: A History & Guide* is an engaging handbook to the unique coral and limestone islands that curve southwest off the tip of Florida. Acclaimed novelist and Florida resident Joy Williams traces U.S. Highway 1 from Key Largo to Key West, combining the best of local legend—colorful stories you won't find in other guidebooks—with insightful commentary and the most up-to-date advice on where to stay, eat, and wander. Along the way, you will: • explore the exquisite underwater world of North America's only living reef • discover the beautiful bridges that span the Keys, the forts, and the distinctive "conch" architecture of Key West • experience the eerie serenity of Florida Bay's "backcountry" and the unique ecology of the Keys • visit the Key West cemetery and learn about the lives of some of the Keys' eccentrics—writers, madmen, and entrepreneurs with various delusions • find the best (and avoid the worst) cafés, inns, and other establishments that the Keys have to offer Here is the most thorough and candid guide to the Keys, one of the most surprising locales in America. With insight and style, Joy Williams shares with us all of the region's idiosyncrasies and delights.

Honored Guest Sep 28 2022 Journeying from such settings as Nantucket to the Southwest and Central America, this collection of short fiction features twelve stories that explore how diverse characters—from grown children confronting the end of their parents' lives to teenagers dealing with sudden death—cope with the travails, tragedies, and challenges of life.

Elizabeth and Elizabeth Oct 25 2019 'I've waited for this moment so long, dreamed of it, prepared for it, I can barely believe it's finally here. But it is. And it is nothing like I expected.' There was a short time in Australia's European history when two women wielded extraordinary power and influence behind the scenes of the fledgling colony. One was Elizabeth Macquarie, the wife of the new governor Lachlan Macquarie, nudging him towards social reform and magnificent buildings and town planning. The other was Elizabeth Macarthur, credited with creating Australia's wool industry and married to John Macarthur, a dangerous enemy of the establishment. These women came from strikingly different backgrounds with husbands who held sharply conflicting views. They should have been bitter foes. Elizabeth & Elizabeth is about two courageous women thrown together in impossible times. Borne out of an overriding admiration for the women of early colonial Australian history, Sue Williams has written a novel of enduring fascination. 'An extraordinary story of female leadership at a time when such a quality was frowned on, and female friendship forged against the odds. Sue Williams' *Elizabeth & Elizabeth* brings us a nuanced and vivid portrait of the early days of colonisation. More importantly, it delivers a fascinating look into the relationship between two remarkable women.' - Meg Keneally, bestselling author of *The Wreck* 'A fascinating and evocative story of an enduring friendship between two women who played such an important role in colonial Australia's history.' - Caroline Beecham, author of *Finding Eadie*

Anti-Racist Ally: An Introduction to Action and Activism Mar 30 2020 'Gives you the information you need to begin, or continue, your understanding of what it means to be a true anti-racist ally' Pippa Vosper Do you want to be an anti-racist ally?

The Gravity of Joy Aug 15 2021 "My vocation was supposed to be joy, and I was speaking at funerals." Shortly after being hired by Yale University to study joy, Angela Gorrell got word that a close family member had died by suicide. Less than a month later, she lost her father to a fatal opioid addiction and her nephew, only twenty-two years old, to sudden cardiac arrest. The theoretical joy she was researching at Yale suddenly felt shallow and distant—completely unattainable in the fog of grief she now found herself in. But joy was closer at hand than it seemed. As she began volunteering at a women's maximum-security prison, she met people who suffered extensively

yet still showed a tremendous capacity for joy. Talking with these women, many of whom had struggled with addiction and suicidal thoughts themselves, she realized: "Joy doesn't obliterate grief. . . . Instead, joy has a mysterious capacity to be felt alongside sorrow and even—sometimes most especially—in the midst of suffering." This is the story of Angela's discovery of an authentic, grounded Christian joy. But even more, it is an invitation for others to seize upon this more resilient joy as a counteragent to the twenty-first-century epidemics of despair, addiction, and suicide—a call to action for communities that yearn to find joy and are willing to "walk together through the shadows" to find it.

Clairvoyant of the Small Feb 27 2020 The first English-language biography of one of the great literary talents of the twentieth century, written by his award-winning translator Bernofsky takes us into the heart of an artist's life/work struggles, brilliantly illuminating Walser's exquisite sensibility and uncompromising radical innovations, while deftly tracking how his life gradually came apart at the seams. A tragic and intimate portrait."--Amy Sillman "Robert Walser is the perfect pathetic poet: pithy, awkward, drinks too much, sibling rivalrous, ambitious, broke, and mentally ill. Was he proto queer or trans, this red headed writer who next to Gertrude Stein might be the most influential writer of our moment? Riveting and heart-breaking, this biography kept me drunk for days."--Eileen Myles The great Swiss-German modernist author Robert Walser lived eccentrically on the fringes of society, shocking his Berlin friends by enrolling in butler school and later developing an urban-nomad lifestyle in the Swiss capital, Bern, before checking himself into a psychiatric clinic. A connoisseur of power differentials, his pronounced interest in everything inconspicuous and modest--social outcasts and artists as well as the impoverished, marginalized, and forgotten--prompted W. G. Sebald to dub him "a clairvoyant of the small." His revolutionary use of short prose forms won him the admiration of Franz Kafka, Walter Benjamin, Robert Musil, and many others. He was long believed an outsider by conviction, but Susan Bernofsky presents a more nuanced view in this immaculately researched and beautifully written biography. Setting Walser in the context of early twentieth century European history, she provides illuminating analysis of his extraordinary life and work, bearing witness to his "extreme artistic delight."

Ninety-Nine Stories of God Jun 25 2022 A New York Times Notable Book and a Best Book of the Year at Esquire, Seattle Times, Minnesota Star Tribune, Huffington Post, and Publishers Weekly. From "quite possibly America's best living writer of short stories" (NPR), *Ninety-Nine Stories of God* finds Joy Williams reeling between the sublime and the surreal, knocking down the barriers between the workaday and the divine. Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist Joy Williams has a one-of-a-kind gift for capturing both the absurdity and the darkness of everyday life. In *Ninety-Nine Stories of God*, she takes on one of mankind's most confounding preoccupations: the Supreme Being. This series of short, fictional vignettes explores our day-to-day interactions with an ever-elusive and arbitrary God. It's the Book of Common Prayer as seen through a looking glass—a powerfully vivid collection of seemingly random life moments. The figures that haunt these stories range from Kafka (talking to a fish) to the Aztecs, Tolstoy to Abraham and Sarah, O. J. Simpson to a pack of wolves. Most of Williams's characters, however, are like the rest of us: anonymous strivers and bumbler who brush up against God in the least expected places or go searching for Him when He's standing right there. The Lord shows up at a hot-dog-eating contest, a demolition derby, a formal gala, and a drugstore, where he's in line to get a shingles vaccination. At turns comic and yearning, lyric and aphoristic, *Ninety-Nine Stories of God* serves as a pure distillation of one of our great artists.

In Kiltumper Jul 02 2020 'I read it with enormous pleasure ... Heartbreaking, uplifting ... A delight' TIM PEARS 'I loved their two voices, truthful and gentle and generous' GEORGINA HARDING 'Magical ... Arresting ... Read it and be restored to yourself' IRISH CENTRAL
Thirty-four years ago, when they were in their twenties, Niall Williams and Christine Breen made the impulsive decision to leave their lives in New York City and move to Christine's ancestral home in the town of Kiltumper in rural Ireland. In the decades that followed, the pair dedicated themselves to writing, gardening and living a life that followed the rhythms of the earth. In 2019, with Christine in the final stages of recovery from cancer and the land itself threatened by the arrival of turbines just one farm over, Niall and Christine decided to document a year of living in their garden and in their small corner of a rapidly changing world. Proceeding month by month through the year, this is the story of a garden in all its many splendours, and a couple who have made their life observing its wonders.

Seasons of Purgatory Dec 19 2021 "Short stories translated from the Persian"--

Canoe Crossings Dec 07 2020 "The canoe has played a particularly important role in British Columbia. This seemingly simple watercraft allowed coastal First Nations to hunt on the open ocean and early explorers to travel the province's many waterways. Always at the crossroads of canoe culture, BC today is home to innovative artists and designers who have rediscovered ancient canoe-building techniques, as well as community leaders who see the canoe's potential to bring people together in exciting, inspiring ways. The book chronicles the evolution of the canoe and its impact on the various people who used it to explore, hunt, trade, fight, race, create, and even heal. Dozens of stories of colourful, passionate people who have contributed to the province's canoe culture. *Canoe Crossings* will appeal to anyone who has ever sought adventure, found solace, or seen beauty in a canoe or wondered about the origins of its design"--Provided by publisher.