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Dorothy Parker-Marion Meade 1989-03-03 Marion Meade's engrossing and comprehensive biography of one of the twentieth century's most captivating women In this lively, absorbing biography, Marion Meade illuminates both the charm and the dark side of Dorothy Parker, exploring her days of wicked wittiness at the Algonquin Round Table with the likes of Robert Benchley, George Kaufman, and Harold Ross, and in Hollywood with S. J. Perelman, William Faulkner, and Lillian Hellman. At the dazzling center of it all, Meade gives us the flamboyant, self-destructive, and brilliant Dorothy Parker. This edition features a new afterword by Marion Meade.

Dorothy Parker-Marion Meade 1989 Traces the life of the American journalist, screenwriter, and wit, describes her relationships with the other members of the Algonquin Round Table, and attempts to portray her complex personality

Under the Table-Kevin C. Fitzpatrick 2013-11-05 "I love a martini— But two at the most. Three, I'm under the table; Four, I'm under the host." Raise a glass to Dorothy Parker's wit and wisdom. Kevin C. Fitzpatrick, founder and president of the Dorothy Parker Society, gives us an intoxicating new look at the doyenne of the ripping riposte through the lens she most preferred: the bottom of a glass. A bar book for Parker enthusiasts and literary tipplers alike, Under the Table offers a unique take on Mrs. Parker, the Algonquin Round Table, and the Jazz Age by celebrating the cocktails that she, her bitter friends, and sweetest enemies enjoyed. Each entry of this delicious compendium offers a fascinating and lively history of a period cocktail, a complete recipe, and the characters associated with it. The book also features a special selection of twenty first-century speakeasy-style recipes from the country's top mixologists. Topping it off are excerpts from Parker's poems, stories, and other writings that will allow you to enjoy her world from the speakeasies of New York City to the watering holes of Hollywood.

A Journey Into Dorothy Parker's New York-Kevin C Fitzpatrick 2013-04-01 Taking the reader through the New York that inspired, and was in turn inspired by, the formidable Mrs. Parker, the new edition of this guide includes never-before-seen archival photographs to illustrate Dorothy Parker's development as a writer, a wit, and a public persona. The book uncovers her favorite bars and salons as well as her homes and offices, most of which are still intact. With the charting of her colorful career, including the decade she spent as a member of the Round Table, as well as her intense private life, readers will find themselves drawn into the lavish New York City of the 1920s and 1930s.

The Portable Dorothy Parker-Dorothy Parker 1973

Bobbed Hair and Bathtub Gin-Marion Meade 2009-08-11 In her exuberant new work, BOBBED HAIR AND BATHTUB GIN, Marion Meade presents a portrait of four extraordinary writers--Dorothy Parker, Zelda Fitzgerald, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and Edna Ferber--whose loves, lives, and literary endeavors embodied the spirit of the 1920s. Capturing the jazz rhythms and desperate gaiety that defined the era, Meade gives us Parker, Fitzgerald, Millay, and Ferber, traces the intersections of their lives, and describes the men (F. Scott Fitzgerald, Edmund Wilson, Harold Ross, and Robert Benchley) who influenced them, loved them, and sometimes betrayed them. Here are the social and literary triumphs (Parker's Round Table witticisms appeared almost daily in the newspapers and Ferber and Millay won Pulitzer Prizes) and inevitably the penances each paid: crumbled love affairs, abortions, depression, lost beauty, nervous breakdowns, and finally, overdoses and even madness. These literary heroines did what they wanted, said what they thought, living wholly in the moment. They kicked open the door for twentieth-century women writers and set a new model for every woman trying to juggle the serious issues of economic independence, political power, and sexual freedom. Meade recreates the excitement, romance, and promise of the 1920s, a decade celebrated for cultural innovation--the birth of jazz, the beginning of modernism--and social and sexual liberation, bringing to light, as well, the anxiety and despair that lurked beneath the nonstop partying and outrageous behavior. A vibrant mixture of literary scholarship, social history, and scandal, BOBBED HAIR AND BATHTUB GIN is a rich evocation of a period that will forever intrigue and captivate us.

Farewell, Dorothy Parker-Ellen Meister 2013 Wielding considerable influence as a Hollywood critic in spite of insecurity and social anxiety in her private life, Violet Epps is approached by the ghost of Dorothy Parker, who in exchange for help with moving to the afterlife offers advice on how Violet can find the courage to speak out.

The Collected Dorothy Parker-Dorothy Parker 2001 "With a biting wit and perceptive insight, Dorothy Parker examines the social mores of her day and exposes the darkness beneath the dazzle." -- Provided by publisher.

Enough Rope-Dorothy Parker 1941

Not Much Fun-Dorothy Parker 2009-10-20 Updated with newly found material, this collection of the poet's earliest and most exuberant work includes three poems in addition to the original 120 included in the first edition, as well as an expanded introduction. Original.

Dorothy Parker Drank Here-Ellen Meister 2015-02-24 The acid-tongued Dorothy Parker is back and haunting the halls of the Algonquin with her piercing wit, audacious voice, and unexpectedly tender wisdom. Heavenly peace? No, thank you. Dorothy Parker would rather wander the famous halls of the Algonquin Hotel, drink in hand, searching for someone, anyone, who will keep her company on this side of eternity. After forty years she thinks she's found the perfect candidate in Ted Shriver, a brilliant literary voice of the 1970s, silenced early in a promising career by a devastating plagiarism scandal. Now a prickly recluse, he hides away in the old hotel slowly dying of cancer, which he refuses to treat. If she can just convince him to sign the infamous guestbook of Percy Coates, Dorothy Parker might be able to persuade the jaded writer to spurn the white light with her. Ted, however, might be the only person living or dead who's more stubborn than Parker, and he rejects her proposal outright. When a young, ambitious TV producer, Norah Wolfe, enters the hotel in search of Ted Shriver, Parker sees another opportunity to get what she wants. Instead, she and Norah manage to uncover such startling secrets about Ted's past that the future changes for all of them.

Complete Stories-Dorothy Parker 2002-12-31 As this complete collection of her short stories demonstrates, Dorothy Parker's talents extended far beyond brash one-liners and clever rhymes. Her stories not only bring to life the urban milieu that was her bailiwick but lay bare the uncertainties and disappointments of ordinary people living ordinary lives. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

The House at Pooh Corner-Alan Alexander Milne 1992 Ten adventures of Pooh, Eeyore, Tigger, Piglet, Owl, and other friends of Christopher Robin.

The Best of Dorothy Parker-Dorothy Parker 2000 Dorothy Parker was a short story writer, poet, playwright, screenwriter and above all famed wit. This compilation brings together the finest of her poems, stories and sketches.

Complete Poems-Dorothy Parker 2010 Offers the only complete collection of the author's poems available,

showcasing the dry quips and piercingly introspective verse of a writer whose legend continues to fascinate, in a book with an introduction by the author's noted biographer. Original.

Men I'm Not Married to-Dorothy Parker 1922

Zero to Sixty-Gary Paulsen 1998-12 The author describes his motorcycle journey through Minnesota to the Alaskan Highway, recalling the events in his life that have made him the man he is today and other challenges he has faced on the road of life. Originally titled: Pilgrimage on a Steel Ride. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

The Minotaur-Barbara Vine 2007-03-13 From the author Time magazine calls "the best mystery writer in the English-speaking world," comes an elegant and gripping new novel that blurs the line between psychological suspense and Gothic horror. Kerstin Krist arrives at the vine-covered Lydstep Old Hall in rural Essex to care for John Cosway, a former mathematical genius, who has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and kept under heavy sedation. John is the sole heir of the immense Cosway estate. As he takes his daily walks or sits quivering in a labyrinthine library, the rest of the family plots their own ways of coming into the fortune. It is classic Barbara Vine--an absolutely enthralling tale that keeps turning and twisting until the very last page.

The Unruly Life of Woody Allen-Marion Meade 2014-04-01 "A psychologically nuanced, tough-minded portrait" of the New York filmmaker and his relationships with Mia Farrow and Soon-Yi Previn (Publishers Weekly). Writer, director, actor, humorist. Woody Allen stands as one of our era's most celebrated artists. Starting in the 1950s, Allen began crafting a larger-than-life neurotic persona that has since entertained and enlightened millions. In his films, widely thought to be autobiographical explorations of his own comic fears and fixations, Allen carefully controlled the public's view of him as a lovable scamp. But that all came crashing down the day Mia Farrow found a Polaroid on her mantle. What followed was a flurry of sensational headlines and legal battles. His relationship with Soon-Yi Previn, thirty-four years his junior and the step-daughter of his longtime girlfriend, caused shockwaves in the public's perception of the director, yet few biographers and journalists have explored what happened and why. In this, the first deep investigation of Allen's life and the events surrounding his split with Farrow, biographer Marion Meade tracks down dozens of friends, actors, neighbors, and film historians. They open up with insights and details rare in the world of wealth and celebrity. What results is a fascinating portrait of a flawed genius, as adept at constructing his own image as he is at crafting films. Rereleased and updated, this is an unauthorized biography that neither Woody Allen's fans nor his detractors will be able to put down. The revised and updated edition was reviewed in the Wall Street Journal in 2013 by Carl Rollyson, in a roundup of the five best Hollywood biographies.

Dorothy Parker: Complete Broadway, 1918-1923-Dorothy Parker & Kevin C. Fitzpatrick 2014-04 "This collection covers the six years Mrs. Parker wrote a monthly theatre column, first for Vanity Fair, from 1918 to 1920, and then on Ainslee's, from 1920 to 1923"--Page xv.

Big Blonde-Dorothy Parker 2018-06-13 "Big Blonde" is a short story by American poet, writer, critic, and satirist Dorothy Parker (1893-1967), telling the life of aged Hazel Morse, who, when we meet her, is "a model in a wholesale dress establishment", whose thoughts are largely devoted to men. Then she meets Herbie Morse, an attractive man and a heavy drinker. Where will events now take her?

A Fresh Hell-Pauline B. Rogers 2018-11-21 Rikki Greene is thankful for everything she has-a satisfying career as a Hollywood movie publicist, good friends who are more like family, a sense of humor that comes in handy in a business where you never have to grow up, Moppet, her four-legged BFF, who shares her passion for McDonald's vanilla soft serve, and a budding friendship with Hollywood tough guy actor Jake Stanley that maybe, just maybe, could blossom into a romance... But, like her idol, Dorothy Parker, every time the phone rings, she wonders - what fresh hell is this? Rikki has dealt with more than her share of fresh hells in her 40 years, and she has the scars to prove it. But when she gets an urgent phone call on the set of her friend's latest movie, she has no choice but to walk into the fire once more. Rikki's domineering, manipulative mother has passed away. And now, five years since her last disastrous visit, Rikki goes back to the small New England town where she grew up. Back to being Rachel Greenberg. Misfit and outcast. Planning her mother's funeral, moving her diva-esque father to the Jewish Nursing Home, and selling the dilapidated house she grew up in, is more than enough for Rikki to handle. But her very own "Mommy Dearest" took one final shot. A tiny little codicil to her will-a "How Can I Get My Daughter to Feel Guilty for the Rest of her Life Manifesto"-that could force Rikki back into Rachel's world for the rest of her life.Trapped in her home town until she can untangle the legal mess her mom created, Rikki has to juggle nosy relatives who want to pick over every last cup and saucer in her parents' house, misguided neighbors who refer to her parents as "the two dearest people in the world," and over-the-top gossip about Rikki's life in La-La-Land. At every turn, a new fresh hell tests her will-including a family secret that threatens to push her over the edge. At this rate, she'll need a life-time supply of vanilla soft-serve just to get through the next few weeks.Can Rikki finally say good-bye and good riddance to Rachel Greenberg once and for all and claim a chance at her own happy ending? Or will this fresh hell turn her life into a permanent bad movie?

Buster Keaton: Cut to the Chase-Marion Meade 2014-04-01 An American icon, Joseph Frank "Buster" Keaton is easily acknowledged as one of the greatest filmmakers in early cinema and beyond. His elaborate slapstick made audiences scream with laughter. But, his stone face hid an internal turmoil. In BUSTER KEATON: CUT TO THE CHASE, biographer Marion Meade seamlessly lays out the life and works of this comedy genius who lacked any formal education. "Buster" made his name as a child of vaudeville, thrown around the stage by his father in a cartoon pantomime of very real abuse. The lessons he carried forward from that experience translated into some of the greatest silent films of all time. Keaton wrote, directed, performed, and edited dozens of features and shorts, including his masterpiece, The General. However, those early scars also led to decades of drinking and mistreatment of women. Keaton saw huge successes, Hollywood sex scandals, years of neglect from studios and audiences, and finally a shaky resurrection that assured his place in Hollywood's film canon. Meticulously researched, this book brings together four years of research and hundreds of interviews to paint a nuanced portrait of a compelling artist. No comedy fan or film buff should miss this insider story of the man behind the stone face.

The Algonquin Round Table New York-Kevin C. Fitzpatrick 2015-02-07 "That is the thing about New York," wrote Dorothy Parker in 1928. "It is always a little more than you had hoped for. Each day, there, is so definitely a new day." Now you can journey back there, in time, to a grand city teeming with hidden bars, luxurious movie palaces, and dazzling skyscrapers. In these places, Dorothy Parker and her cohorts in the Vicious Circle at the infamous Algonquin Round Table sharpened their wit, polished their writing, and captured the energy and elegance of the time. Robert Benchley, Parker's best friend, became the first managing editor of Vanity Fair before Irving Berlin spotted him onstage in a Vicious Circle revue and helped launch his acting career. Edna Ferber, an occasional member of the group, wrote the Pulitzer-winning bestseller So Big as well as Show Boat and Cimarron. Jane Grant pressed her first husband, Harold Ross, into starting The New Yorker. Neysa McMein, reputedly "rode elephants in circus parades and dashed from her studio to follow passing fire engines." Dorothy Parker wrote for Vanity Fair and Vogue before ascending the throne as queen of the Round Table, earning everlasting fame (but rather less fortune) for her award-winning short stories and unforgettable poems. Alexander Woollcott, the centerpiece of the group, worked as drama critic for the Times and the World, wrote profiles of his friends for The New Yorker, and lives on today as Sheridan Whiteside in The Man Who Came to Dinner. Explore their favorite salons and saloons, their homes and offices (most still standing), while learning about their colorful careers and private lives. Packed with archival photos, drawings, and other images--including never-before-published material--this illustrated historical guide includes current information on all locations. Use it to retrace the footsteps of the Algonquin Round Table, and you'll discover that the golden age of Gotham still surrounds us.

This Boy's Life-Tobias Wolff 2007-12-01 This unforgettable memoir, by one of our most gifted writers, introduces

us to the young Toby Wolff, by turns tough and vulnerable, crafty and bumbling, and ultimately winning. Separated by divorce from his father and brother, Toby and his mother are constantly on the move, yet they develop an extraordinarily close, almost telepathic relationship. As Toby fights for identity and self-respect against the unrelenting hostility of a new stepfather, his experiences are at once poignant and comical, and Wolff does a masterful job of re-creating the frustrations and cruelties of adolescence. His various schemes - running away to Alaska, forging checks, and stealing cars - lead eventually to an act of outrageous self-invention that releases him into a new world of possibility.

Eleanor of Aquitaine-Marion Meade 1991-11-01 "Marion Meade has told the story of Eleanor, wild, devious, from a thoroughly historical but different point of view: a woman's point of view."—Allene Talmey, *Vogue*.

Lonelyhearts-Marion Meade 2010-03-10 A “breezily entertaining” look at the comic couple who hobnobbed with Dorothy Parker, S. J. Perelman, Bennett Cerf, and other luminaries of their day (The New York Times Book Review), Nathanael West—author, screenwriter, playwright—was famous for two masterpieces: *Miss Lonelyhearts* and *The Day of the Locust*, which remains one the most penetrating novels ever written about Hollywood. He was also one of the most gifted and original writers of his generation, a scathing satirist whose insight into the brutalities of modern life proved prophetic. Eileen McKenney—accidental muse, literary heroine—grew up corn-fed in the Midwest and moved to Manhattan’s Greenwich Village when she was twenty-one. The inspiration for her sister Ruth’s stories in the *New Yorker* under the banner of “My Sister Eileen,” she became an overnight celebrity, and her star eventually crossed with that of the man she would impulsively marry. Together, Nathanael and Eileen had entrée into a social circle that included F. Scott Fitzgerald, Dashiell Hammett, Katharine White, and many of the literary, theatrical, and film luminaries of the era. But their carefree, offbeat Broadway-to-Hollywood love story would flame out almost as soon as it began. Now, with “a great marriage of scholarship and gossip” (Minneapolis Star-Tribune), this biography restores West and McKenney to their rightful place in the popular imagination, offering “a shrewd portrait of two people who in their different ways were noteworthy participants in American culture during one of its liveliest periods” (Los Angeles Times). “Opens a window onto the lives of writers in 1930s America as they struggled with anxieties, pretensions, temptations and myths that confound our culture to this day.” —Salon.com “The first to fully chronicle and entwine these careening lives, Meade forges an engrossing, madcap, and tragic American story of ambition, reinvention, and risk.” —Booklist, starred review

She Walks in Beauty-Caroline Kennedy 2011-04-05 In *She Walks in Beauty*, Caroline Kennedy has once again marshaled the gifts of our greatest poets to pay a very personal tribute to the human experience, this time to the complex and fascinating subject of womanhood. Inspired by her own reflections on more than fifty years of life as a young girl, a woman, a wife, and a mother, *She Walks in Beauty* draws on poetry’s eloquent wisdom to ponder the many joys and challenges of being a woman. Kennedy has divided the collection into sections that signify to her the most notable milestones, passages, and universal experiences in a woman's life, and she begins each of these sections with an introduction in which she explores and celebrates the most important elements of life’s journey. The collection includes works by Elizabeth Bishop, Sharon Olds, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Mary Oliver, Pablo Neruda, W. H. Auden, Adrienne Rich, Sandra Cisneros, Anne Sexton, W. S. Merwin, Dorothy Parker, Queen Elizabeth I, Lucille Clifton, Naomi Shahib Nye, and W. B. Yeats. Whether it’s falling in love, breaking up, friendship, marriage, motherhood, or growing old, *She Walks in Beauty* is a priceless resource for anyone, male or female, who wants a deeper understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a woman.

The Last Days of Dorothy Parker-Marion Meade 2014-05-27 Dorothy Parker biographer Marion Meade shares insight into the last days in the life of Dorothy Parker—the horrible and the hilarious—including her colorful friendship with Lillian Hellman, and the bizarre afterlife of Parker’s remains from a file cabinet on Wall Street to a small burial site by the NAACP office in Baltimore. The Volney was a dignified residence hotel, favored by older women and their dogs, on Manhattan’s Upper East Side. Dorothy Parker died there, of a heart attack, on June 7, 1967. She was seventy-three and had been famous for almost half a century. As befitted a much-loved humorist, poet, and storyteller, the *New York Times* announced her exit in a front-page obituary. This was followed by a star-studded memorial service, also reported in the paper, which was attended by some 150 of her friends and admirers. More than twenty years later, on October 20, 1988, Parker was buried in Baltimore, in a memorial garden at the national headquarters of the NAACP. Why did it take more than two decades for Dorothy Parker to get a decent burial? What accounts for her macabre Edgar Allan Poe–style ending, arguably one of the most ghoulish in modern literary history? And just what happened to her during those twenty-one years? Dorothy Parker biographer Marion Meade draws from new research to portray Parker in her last years and last days, with an emphasis on her posthumous existence. The story also features Parker’s enduring friendship of over thirty years with playwright and screenwriter Lillian Hellman, along with other notable figures in Parker’s circle, including Dashiell Hammett and John O’Hara. Always riotous and occasionally ghastly, *The Last Days* is utterly and completely Dorothy Parker.

Brewer’s Famous Quotations-Nigel Rees 2006 A treasury of more than 5,000 quotations pairs each entry with brief historical information on their sources, from J. Robert Oppenheimer’s reaction to the explosion of the first atom bomb to the observations of famous poets on their romantic relationships. Original.

Stealing Heaven-Marion Meade 2014-04-01 Based on the true story of tragic love in twelfth-century France, this “garrulous, bustling” novel offers “the grand old tale, updated for feminist focus” (Kirkus Reviews). In twelfth century France, two of Europe’s greatest minds met and fell in love. It was a love forbidden by the world around them and eventually they were torn apart from each other. But the spark of it remained smoldering inside the lovers until their death and beyond. Heloise and her tutor, Peter Abelard, share a devotion passionate in its depth and beautiful in its thoughtfulness. They marry, and Heloise bears a son whom she names Astrolabe. However, all of this must be done in secret, for Abelard is forbidden to wed by the church, which considers him a cleric. When the truth of their relationship is exposed, they are separated and punished both in body and soul. Marion Meade weaves history and fiction together in *Stealing Heaven*, an epic story of one of history’s most tragic love affairs. With facts pulled from Heloise’s actual love letters, Meade creates a poetic and sensual tapestry of France in the twelfth century. Heloise and Abelard lived beyond their punishment in quiet contemplation of life and God—Abelard as a monk and Heloise as a nun and the founder of a convent. Her story is one of a brilliant woman, trapped within the confines of her society. But it is also the story of an inspiring love that has lived on throughout history.

Sophomores-Sean Desmond 2021 It's 1987 and life as normal is ending for the Malone family. With their sterile Dallas community a far cry from the Bronx of their youth, Pat and Anne have reached a breaking point. Pat, faced with a debilitating MS diagnosis, has fallen into his drinking. Anne, his devoutly Catholic wife, is selected as a juror for a murder trial that raises questions she has buried her entire life. Together, they try to raise their only son, Daniel, a bright but unmotivated student who is shocked into actual learning by an enigmatic English teacher.

A Short Stay in Hell-Steven L. Peck 2012 A damned man struggles to find meaning in a library, the dimensions

of which are measured in light years.

The Secret Life of the Lonely Doll-Jean Nathan 2013-05-17 A glamorous, haunted life unfolds in the mesmerizing biography of the woman behind a classic children’s book In 1957, a children's book called *The Lonely Doll* was published. With its pink-and-white-checked cover and photographs featuring a wide-eyed doll, it captured the imaginations of young girls and made the author, Dare Wright, a household name. Close to forty years after its publication, the book was out of print but not forgotten. When the cover image inexplicably came to journalist Jean Nathan one afternoon, she went in search of the book-and ultimately its author. Nathan found Dare Wright living out her last days in a decrepit public hospital in Queens, New York. Over the next five years, Nathan pieced together a glamorous life. Blond, beautiful Wright had begun her career as an actress and model and then turned to fashion photography before stumbling upon her role as bestselling author. But there was a dark side to the story: a brother lost in childhood, ill-fated marriage plans, a complicated, controlling mother. Edith Stevenson Wright, herself a successful portrait painter, played such a dominant role in her daughter's life that Dare was never able to find her way into the adult world. Only through her work could she speak for herself: in her books she created the happy family she'd always yearned for, while her self-portraits betrayed an unresolved tension between sexuality and innocence, a desire to belong and painful isolation. Illustrated with stunning photographs, *The Secret Life of the Lonely Doll* tells the unforgettable story of a woman who, imprisoned by her childhood, sought to set herself free through art.

Feminist Cross-Stitch-Stephanie Rohr 2019-02-05 Crafty activists will love this snarky book with its 40 irreverent, feminist-themed cross-stitch patterns. Whether you want to proudly announce that you’re a nasty woman or remind others that a woman's place is in the revolution, you’ll find edgy slogans, sharp one-liners, and cheeky images that make fabulous wall art or gifts. An illustrated basics section provides beginners with information on materials, tools, techniques, and framing your finished pieces.

Fresh Hell-Carellin Brooks 2013 This book isn’t about perfect moments with your infant. It doesn’t dispense sensible advice or proscribe schedules to manage the lawless days and nights of early maternity. Instead, this literary think piece, an *Eat, Pray Love* for the smarter mommy crowd, seesaws from disaster to delight, horror to grim resignation, much like motherhood itself. An antigen to the anodyne, mother-knows-least tone of such cordially hated tomes as *What to Expect in the First Year*, *Fresh Hell* answers Dorothy Parker’s question-- “What fresh hell is this?”--in exhaustive detail. Fifty-two spare meditations, one for each week of baby’s first year, cover subjects from baby poop to more baby poop, breastfeeding and its relation to same, broken nights and endless days, and all the other low points of having a baby. Thankfully, the book’s raw prose reminds frantic and time-strapped new moms that their brains are only temporarily on vacation. And its moments of poetry assure them that the madness they experience is intermittently divine.

Mona-Pola Oloixarac 2021-03-16 From the critically acclaimed author of *Savage Theories* and *Dark Constellations* comes Pola Oloixarac’s *Mona*, where success as a "writer of color" proves to be a fresh hell for a young Latin American woman at a literary conference in Sweden. *Mona*, a Peruvian writer based in California, presents a tough and sardonic exterior. She likes drugs and cigarettes, and when she learns that she is something of an anthropological curiosity—a woman writer of color treasured at her university for the flourish of rarefied diversity she brings—she pokes fun at American academic culture and its fixation on identity. When she is nominated for “the most important literary award in Europe,” *Mona* sees a chance to escape her downward spiral of sunlit substance abuse and erotic distraction, so she trades the temptations of California for a small, gray village in Sweden, close to the Arctic Circle. Now she is stuck in the company of all her jet-lagged—and mostly male—competitors, arriving from Japan, France, Armenia, Iran, and Colombia. Isolated as they are, the writers do what writers do: exchange compliments, nurse envy and private resentments, stab rivals in the back, and hop in bed together. All the while, *Mona* keeps stumbling across the mysterious traces of a violence she cannot explain. As her adventures in Scandinavia unfold, *Mona* finds that she has not so much escaped her demons as locked herself up with them in the middle of nowhere. In *Mona*, Pola Oloixarac paints a hypnotic, scabrous, and ultimately jaw-dropping portrait of a woman facing down a hipster elite to which she does and does not belong. A survivor of both patronization and bizarre sexual encounters, *Mona* is a new kind of feminist. But her past won’t stay past, and strange forces are working to deliver her the test of a lifetime.

Lit LP-Mary Karr 2009-11-03 The Liars' Club brought to vivid, indelible life Mary Karr's hardscrabble Texas childhood. Cherry, her account of her adolescence, "continued to set the literary standard for making the personal universal" (Entertainment Weekly). Now *Lit* follows the self-professed blackbelt sinner's descent into the inferno of alcoholism and madness—and to her astonishing resurrection. Karr's longing for a solid family seems secure when her marriage to a handsome, Shakespeare-quoting blueblood poet produces a son they adore. But she can't outrun her apocalyptic past. She drinks herself into the same numbness that nearly devoured her charismatic but troubled mother, reaching the brink of suicide. A hair-raising stint in "The Mental Marriott," with an oddball tribe of gurus and saviors, awakens her to the possibility of joy and leads her to an unlikely faith. Not since Saint Augustine cried, "Give me chastity, Lord—but not yet!" has a conversion story rung with such dark hilarity. *Lit* is about getting drunk and getting sober; becoming a mother by letting go of a mother; learning to write by learning to live. Written with Karr's relentless honesty, unflinching self-scrutiny, and irreverent, lacerating humor, it is a truly electrifying story of how to grow up—as only Mary Karr can tell it.

Ernest Hemingway-Mary V. Dearborn 2017 A full biography of Ernest Hemingway draws on a wide range of previously untapped material and offers particular insight into the private demons that both inspired and tormented him.

Indelicacy-Amina Cain 2020-02-11 FINALIST FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION'S FIRST NOVEL PRIZE "Cain’s small but mighty novel reads like a ghost story and packs the punch of a feminist classic." —The New York Times Book Review A haunted feminist fable, Amina Cain’s *Indelicacy* is the story of a woman navigating between gender and class roles to empower herself and fulfill her dreams. In "a strangely ageless world somewhere between Emily Dickinson and David Lynch" (Blake Butler), a cleaning woman at a museum of art nurtures aspirations to do more than simply dust the paintings around her. She dreams of having the liberty to explore them in writing, and so must find a way to win herself the time and security to use her mind. She escapes her lot by marrying a rich man, but having gained a husband, a house, high society, and a maid, she finds that her new life of privilege is no less constrained. Not only has she taken up different forms of time-consuming labor—social and erotic—but she is now, however passively, forcing other women to clean up after her. Perhaps another and more drastic solution is necessary? Reminiscent of a lost Victorian classic in miniature, yet taking equal inspiration from such modern authors as Jean Rhys, Octavia Butler, Clarice Lispector, and Jean Genet, Amina Cain’s *Indelicacy* is at once a ghost story without a ghost, a fable without a moral, and a down-to-earth investigation of the barriers faced by women in both life and literature. It is a novel about seeing, class, desire, anxiety, pleasure, friendship, and the battle to find one’s true calling.