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Learning to Swim and Other Stories

London,
Oxford U.P
From the
acclaimed,
award-winning
author—when
a dinner-party
guest named

Miles locks
himself in an
upstairs room
and refuses to
come out, he
sets off a
media frenzy.
He also sets in
motion a
mesmerizing
puzzle of a
novel, one
that harnesses
acrobatic
verbal
playfulness to
a truly

affecting
story. Miles
communicates
only by cryptic
notes slipped
under the
door. We see
him through
the eyes of
four people
who barely
know him,
ranging from a
precocious
child to a
confused
elderly

woman. But while the characters' wit and wordplay soar, their story remains profoundly grounded. As it probes our paradoxical need for both separation and true connection, There but for the balances cleverness with compassion, the surreal with the deeply, movingly real, in a way that only Ali Smith can.

There But For The Pan Macmillan
From the acclaimed Booker

Prize-winning author of Last Orders, this highly personal book is a singular and open-spirited account of a writer's life. In Making an Elephant, Swift brings together richly varied essays, portraits, poetry and interviews, full of insights into his passions and motivations, and wise about the friends, family and other writers who have mattered to him over the years. Kazuo Ishiguro advises on

how to choose a guitar, Salman Rushdie arrives for Christmas under guard, and Ted Hughes shares the secrets of a Devon river. There are private moments, too, with long-dead writers, as well as musings on history and memory that readers of Swift's novels will recognize and love. Making an Elephant is a book of encounters: between a son and his father, between an author and his

younger selves, between writer and reader, and between friends. It brims with charm and candour, and reveals Swift's alertness to experience and his true engagement with words.

Reading

Graham

Swift Muswell Press

These 25 new short stories, written to go together and none of them previously published, mark Booker Prize-winning Graham Swift's return to the short

form after 7 acclaimed novels, and affirm him as a master storyteller.

Swift's England is a richly peopled country that is both a crucible of history and a maze of contemporary confusions.

Meet Dr. Shah who has never been to India and Mrs. Kaminski, on her way to Poland by way of her hospital bed. Meet Holly and Polly who have come to their own Anglo-Irish understanding , and Lily

Hobbs, married to a shirt. There's Charlie and Don, who have seen the docks turn into the Docklands; Daisy Baker, who is terrified of Yorkshire; and Johnny Dewhurst, of Leeds, lost on Exmoor. Graham Swift steers us effortlessly from the Civil War to the present day, and the secret dramas contained within walls, rooms, homes, workplaces. With his remarkable sense of place

and voice, he charts an intimate geography that moves us profoundly and yet at times makes us laugh out loud. Binding these stories together is his grasp of the universal in the local and his affectionate but unflinching instinct for narrative. England and Other Stories evokes that mysterious body that is a nation by giving us the palpable sense of individual bodies finding

or losing their way in the nationless territories of birth, love, sex, aging and death. Mothering Sunday Pan Macmillan BOOKER PRIZE WINNER • When romance writer Edith Hope's life begins to resemble the plots of her own novels, she flees to Switzerland, where the quiet luxury of the Hotel du Lac promises to restore her to her senses. "Brookner's most absorbing novel ... wryly

realistic ... graceful and attractive." —Anne Tyler, The New York Times Book Review But instead of peace and rest, Edith finds herself sequestered at the hotel with an assortment of love's casualties and exiles. She also attracts the attention of a worldly man determined to release her unused capacity for mischief and pleasure. Beautifully observed, wryly funny, Hotel

du Lac is Brookner at her most stylish and potently subversive. In the novel that won her the Booker Prize and established her international reputation, Anita Brookner finds a new vocabulary for framing the eternal question "Why love?" *Dart* John Wiley & Sons This book offers a critical reading of the novels of Graham Swift in light of recent developments

in literary theory and criticism. It shows how the novels elaborate an ethics of alterity by means of a detailed study of one of Swifts most persistent and fascinating yet all too often ignored concerns: the traumatic experience of reality. Swifts texts evoke the cultural pathologies of a nation (post-war Britain) and an era (modernity) through the narratives of individual characters who are

struggling to come to terms with a traumatic personal and collective past. The author charts the entire trajectory of Swifts engagement with the perils, pitfalls and possibilities of navigating a post-traumatic condition, proceeding from an emphasis on denial in his early work, through an intense preoccupation with the demands of trauma in the middle-period novels

<p>(including Waterland), to a liberating insistence on regeneration and renewal in Last Orders and The Light of Day. By providing a w <i>Freedom of Speech</i> Hachette UK 1970. Fourteen year old Tony is seduced by the skinhead movement, sucked into a world of racist violence and bizarre ritual. It is a milieu in which he must hide his homosexuality , in which every encounter is explosively risky. 2003.</p>	<p>James a young TV researcher becomes obsessed with the Neo Nazis and British Movement activist Nicky Crane in particular. As he becomes immersed in research, he begins to receive threatening phone calls. Two different worlds, two different eras but two lives that will ultimately and unforgettably collide.</p> <p>Hotel Du Lac Northcote House Pub Limited 'ANDREW MILLER'S WRITING IS A</p>	<p>SOURCE OF WONDER AND DELIGHT' Hilary Mantel 'ONE OF OUR MOST SKILFUL CHRONICLERS OF THE HUMAN HEART AND MIND' Sunday Times Winner of the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and the International Dublin Literary Award 'Astoundingly good' The Times 'Dazzling' Observer 'Timeless' Spectator The extraordinary prize-winning debut from Andrew Miller - a highly imaginative,</p>
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atmospheric first novel At the dawn of the Enlightenment , a man is born unable to feel pain. A source of wonder and scientific curiosity as a child, he rises through the ranks of Georgian society to become a brilliant surgeon. Yet as a human being he fails, for he can no more feel love and compassion than pain. Until, en route to St Petersburg to inoculate the Empress

Catherine, he meets his nemesis and saviour. PRAISE FOR ANDREW MILLER 'Unique, visionary, a master at unmasking humanity' Sarah Hall 'A writer of very rare and outstanding gifts' Independent on Sunday 'A highly intelligent writer, both exciting and contemplative' The Times 'A wonderful storyteller' Spectator Waterland Picador USA A provocative, timely

assessment of the state of free speech in America With his best seller The Working Poor, Pulitzer Prize winner and former New York Times veteran David K. Shipler cemented his place among our most trenchant social commentators . Now he turns his incisive reporting to a critical American ideal: freedom of speech. Anchored in personal stories—some times shocking, sometimes

<p>absurd, sometimes dishearteningly familiar—Shipler's investigations of the cultural limits on both expression and the willingness to listen build to expose troubling instabilities in the very foundations of our democracy. Focusing on recent free speech controversies across the nation, Shipler maps a rapidly shifting topography of political and cultural norms:</p>	<p>parents in Michigan rallying to teachers vilified for their reading lists; conservative ministers risking their churches' tax- exempt status to preach politics from the pulpit; national security reporters using techniques more common in dictatorships to avoid leak prosecution; a Washington, D.C., Jewish theater's struggle for creative control in the face of</p>	<p>protests targeting productions critical of Israel; history teachers in Texas quietly bypassing a reactionary curriculum to give students access to unapproved perspectives; the mixed blessings of the Internet as a forum for dialogue about race. These and other stories coalesce to reveal the systemic patterns of both suppression and opportunity that are making today</p>
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a transitional moment for the future of one of our founding principles. Measured yet sweeping, Freedom of Speech brilliantly reveals the triumphs and challenges of defining and protecting the boundaries of free expression in modern America. *Making an Elephant* Vintage From the best-selling author of *One Day* comes a bittersweet and brilliantly funny coming-of-age tale

about the heart-stopping thrill of first love--and how just one summer can forever change a life. Now: On the verge of marriage and a fresh start, thirty-eight year old Charlie Lewis finds that he can't stop thinking about the past, and the events of one particular summer. Then: Sixteen-year-old Charlie Lewis is the kind of boy you don't remember in the school photograph. He's failing his classes. At

home he looks after his depressed father--when surely it should be the other way round--and if he thinks about the future at all, it is with a kind of dread. But when Fran Fisher bursts into his life and despite himself, Charlie begins to hope. In order to spend time with Fran, Charlie must take on a challenge that could lose him the respect of his friends and require him to become a different

person. He must join the Company. And if the Company sounds like a cult, the truth is even more appalling: The price of hope, it seems, is Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet learned and performed in a theater troupe over the course of a summer. Now: Charlie can't go the altar without coming to terms with his relationship with Fran, his friends, and his former self. Poignant, funny, enchanting,

devastating, Sweet Sorrow is a tragicomedy about the rocky path to adulthood and the confusion of family life, a celebration of the reviving power of friendship and that brief, searing explosion of first love that can only be looked at directly after it has burned out.

What the Birds See

Pan Macmillan
From the Booker Prize-winning author, an intensely moving tale that begins

with a secret lovers' assignation in the spring of 1924, then unfolds to reveal the whole of a remarkable life. • Don't miss the major motion picture starring Odessa Young, Josh O'Connor, Şöpe Dirisù, Colin Firth, and more "Exquisite ... shows love, lust, and ordinary decency struggling against the bars of an unjust English caste system."
—Kazuo

Ishiguro, *The Guardian* On an unseasonably warm spring day in the 1920s, twenty-two-year-old Jane Fairchild, a maid at an English country house, meets with her secret lover, the young heir of a neighboring estate. He is about to be married to a woman more befitting his social status, and the time has come to end the affair—but events unfold in ways Jane could never

have predicted. As the narrative moves back and forth across the twentieth century, what we know and understand about Jane—about the way she loves, thinks, feels, sees, and remembers—expands with every page. In *Mothering Sunday*, Swift has crafted an emotionally soaring and profoundly moving work of fiction.

**Ghostland:
In Search of
a Haunted
Country**
Candlewick

Press
The Booker Prize-winning author of *Oscar* and *Lucinda* returns to the nineteenth century in an utterly captivating mystery. The year is 1837 and a stranger is prowling London. He is Jack Maggs, an illegal returnee from the prison island of Australia. He has the demeanor of a savage and the skills of a hardened criminal, and he is risking his life on seeking vengeance

and reconciliation. Installing himself within the household of the genteel grocer Percy Buckle, Maggs soon attracts the attention of a cross section of London society. Saucy Mercy Larkin wants him for a mate. The writer Tobias Oates wants to possess his soul through hypnosis. But Maggs is obsessed with a plan of his own. And as all the various schemes converge, Maggs rises into the center, a dark

looming figure, at once frightening, mysterious, and compelling. Not since Caleb Carr's *The Alienist* have the shadowy city streets of the nineteenth century lit up with such mystery and romance.

The Secrets of Story

Anchor
"Hartnett again captures the ineffable fragility of childhood in this keenly observed tale." — Publishers Weekly (starred

review) Nine-year-old Adrian watches his world closely, but there is much he cannot understand. He does not, for instance, know why three neighborhood children might set out to buy ice cream one summer's day and never be seen again...In a suburb that is no longer safe and innocent, in a broken family of self-absorbed souls, Sonya Hartnett sets the story of a lone little boy — unwanted,

unloved, and intensely curious — a story as achingly beautiful as it is shattering. A Children's Literature Choice List Title Two starred reviews (Publishers Weekly, Kirkus Reviews) England and Other Stories National Geographic Books 'Perfectly controlled, superbly written. Waterland is original, compelling and narration of the highest order' Guardian In

the years since its first publication, in 1983, Waterland has established itself as one of the classics of twentieth-century British literature: a visionary tale of England's Fen country; a sinuous meditation on the workings of history; and a family story startling in its detail and universal in its reach. This edition includes an introduction, by the author, written to celebrate the book's 25th anniversary. 'Graham Swift

has mapped his Waterland like a new Wessex. He appropriates the Fens as Moby Dick did whaling or Wuthering Heights the moors. This is a beautiful, serious and intelligent novel, admirably ambitious and original' Observer 'A 300-page tour de force . . . A burst of exuberant fictive energy' Evening Standard 'Waterland is a formidably intelligent book, animated by an impressive,

angry pity at what human creatures are capable of doing to one another in the name of love and need. The most powerful novel I have read for some time' New York Review of Books
Waterland
 Holt
 Paperbacks
 'And then he, completely astonished at her words, left off his lewdness, saying to her as many a man had done before, "Either you are a truly good woman or else a truly wicked woman." '

Brave, outspoken and guaranteed to annoy people wherever she went - including exasperated fellow pilgrims in Jerusalem and her long-suffering husband - Margery Kempe was one of the most vivid and unforgettable voices of the Middle Ages. Whether travelling alone, getting herself arrested or having visions of marrying Jesus, Margery repeatedly defied feminine convention -

and also managed to compose the first autobiography in English, despite being unable to read or write. One of 46 new books in the bestselling Little Black Classics series, to celebrate the first ever Penguin Classic in 1946. Each book gives readers a taste of the Classics' huge range and diversity, with works from around the world and across the centuries - including

fables,
decadence,
heartbreak,
tall tales,
satire, ghosts,
battles and
elephants.

Tomorrow

Hamish
Hamilton
Recounts the
author's
childhood as
an organist's
daughter for
tent revivalist
David Terrell,
describing her
witness to his
mass
"miracles" and
his morally
corrupt
activities
behind the
scenes.

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"Malcolm
discusses the
novelist's use
of major
twentieth-
century
historical
events to
shape and
deform the
lives of his
characters; his
focus on the
distortions
and evasions

that
characterize
the discussion
of personal,
local, and
national
histories; and
his fascination
with the
complexities,
sufferings,
and joys that
mark
individual
lives. Malcolm
suggests that
despite Swift's
dark vision of
human
suffering, he
tempers his
writing with
an
intermittent
focus on that
which can
redeem our
failures, our
losses, and
our cruelties."-
-BOOK
JACKET.

**Movements
in European
History**

Vintage
'Serious,
moving and
often very
funny indeed'
Observer
Prentis, senior
clerk in the
'dead crimes'
department of
police
archives, is
becoming
more and
more
confused.
Alienated from
his wife and
children, and
obsessed by
his father, a
wartime hero
now the mute
inmate of a
mental
hospital,
Prentis feels
increasingly
unsettled as

his enigmatic
boss, Mr
Quinn, turns
his
investigation
towards him –
and his father.
Gradually
Prentis
suspects that
his father's
breakdown
and Quinn's
menacing
behaviour are
connected and
the link is to
be found in his
father's
memoirs,
'Shuttlecock' .
. . 'Excellent,
profound' Alan
Hollinghurst,
London
Review of
Books 'An
astonishing
study of forms
of guilt, laced
with a thread
of detection,

and puckering
now and then
into
outrageous
humour'
Sunday Times
'A superbly
written
claustrophobic
account of
power that
corrupts
private and
public life and
of guilt that
becomes
obsession'
Daily
Telegraph
'Swift's central
strength as a
writer is his
integrity.
Story and
character are
treated with a
seriousness
and respect
that while
allowing for
the oddity of
human

behaviour –
Shuttlecock is
thoroughly
and
beautifully
odd – always
honours them’
Times Literary
Supplement
Come Again
Pan Macmillan
NATIONAL
BESTSELLER •
In this moving,
poignant
novel by the
bestselling
author of *Birds*
of
America—and
a master of
American
fiction—we
share a grown
woman’s
bittersweet
nostalgia for
the wildness
of her youth.
"An
enchanted
novel." —The

New York
Times The
summer Berie
was fifteen,
she and her
best friend Sils
had jobs at
Storyland in
upstate New
York where
Berie sold
tickets to see
the beautiful
Sils portray
Cinderella in a
strapless
evening gown.
They spent
their breaks
smoking,
joking, and
gossiping.
After work
they followed
their own
reckless rules,
teasing the
fun out of
small town
life, sleeping
in the family
station wagon,

and drinking
borrowed
liquor from old
mayonnaise
jars. But no
matter how
wild, they
always
managed to
escape any
real
danger—until
the adoring
Berie sees
that Sils really
does need her
help—and
then
everything
changes.
Holy Ghost
Girl Vintage
Graham Swift
is among the
foremost
contemporary
British writers,
having
published
seven highly
acclaimed
novels which

are widely read by students and general public alike. Waterland has become a modern classic, and Last Orders won the Booker prize for fiction in 2006. This study covers all Swift's novels to The Light of Day: it offers a close reading of each of the novels, exploring the innovative formal strategies and identifying such recurrent themes as the presence of the past in the present, the blurring of distinctions between 'history' and 'story', fact and fiction, and the possibilities of redemption in a contemporary social and emotional wasteland. For the most part set in an urban, middle-class, claustrophobic and loveless present, and focused on usually fraught relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, these recognisably postmodern novels are seen here as symptomatic of contemporary Britain: a world where, in the shadow of the nuclear holocaust, we approach 'the End o

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