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Vigilance Harcourt

I came to create the Leggets from a picture I'd seen at a country fair. It was this picture on the side of a big ridge fair truck with a beautiful woman on the front of it. She had dark and lovely black hair and a fair skin like a model and the best boobs and the perfect waistline and a sinister smile, but below her waist were eight black widow spider legs. I nearly freaked out! Oh boy, I imagined all sorts of stuff, and then somewhere inside my brain, I wondered what it would be like if she had kids. And so the idea of a bubbly and delightful character named Charlotte Legget was created. She wasn't named Charlotte at first; I called her Carmyn. I didn't really like that name, and over the course of time, I thought of a good name for a spider. Then I remembered the spider in Charlotte's web, except this one is spiderlike human like her parents. So the Leggets came to live on the island of Sapelo with humans, and they so want to be accepted by humans. They are good spiders too. The Leggets are as normal looking as humans, but they are spiders with the desire to live in the human society and be accepted and treated equally by humans. There are a few problems in this first story with the neighbors accepting them, but they work out. It is a very delightful story with ten or eleven more tales to it.

#### Charlotte Saqi

He was passing by, she kissed him without thinking. Now she wonders whether she did the right thing. But Natalie isn't certain of anything anymore. One minute she was a happily married young woman, successful in her career, and convinced the future was full of promise. But when her husband was run over by a car, her whole world was turned upside down. Years later, still bruised with grief but desperate to move

on with her life, she impulsively kisses her colleague Markus. For Natalie, the kiss is just a gratuitous act. For the awkward, unassuming Markus, it is the moment at which he falls hopelessly, helplessly in love. But how will he ever convince such a beautiful, intelligent but confused young woman that he is the man who can bring her back to life?

#### **Charlotte** Xlibris Corporation

#1 International Bestseller Shortlisted for the 2020 Australian Prime Minister's Literary Award \* Shortlisted for the Stella Prize 2020 \* Longlisted for the 2020 Miles Franklin Award "The Big Chill with a dash of Big Little Lies . . . Knife-sharp and deeply alive." —The Guardian (London) "An insightful, poignant, and fiercely honest novel about female friendship and female aging." —Sigrid Nunez, National Book Award-winning author of *The Friend* "Friendship, ambition, love, sexual politics and death: it's all here in one sharp, funny, heartbreaking, and gorgeously written package. I loved it." —Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train* Three women in their seventies reunite for one last, life-changing weekend in the beach house of their late friend. Four older women have a lifelong friendship of the best kind: loving, practical, frank, and steadfast. But when Sylvie dies, the ground shifts dangerously for the remaining three. They are Jude, a once-famous restaurateur; Wendy, an acclaimed public intellectual; and Adele, a renowned actress now mostly out of work. Struggling to recall exactly why they've remained close all these years, the grieving women gather at Sylvie's old beach house—not for festivities this time, but to clean it out before it is sold. Can they survive together without her? Without Sylvie to maintain the group's delicate equilibrium, frustrations build

and painful memories press in. Fraying tempers, an elderly dog, unwelcome guests, and too much wine collide in a storm that brings long-buried hurts to the surface—and threatens to sweep away their friendship for good. The Weekend explores growing old and growing up, and what happens when we're forced to uncover the lies we tell ourselves. Sharply observed and excruciatingly funny, this is a jewel of a book: a celebration of tenderness and friendship from an award-winning writer. Charlotte Simon and Schuster

*Songs from Two Continents* is a paean on 'dualities'. Here, Europe and Asia entwine, life and death stalk each other, nationalities fuse and Good and Evil wrestle relentlessly to give meaning to existence. Like such pathfinders as N?zim Hikmet and Orhan Veli before him, Moris Farhi adheres to the ethos of Turkish folk poetry - that poetry should be the pure distillation of emotions. From carnal desire to tender love, from rapture to sorrow and from mysticism to mundanity, he endeavours to expose, in the raw, the essence of our sensibilities. Imbued with the Levantine spirit, Moris Farhi enquires into such themes with his irrepressible sensual verve and passionate intelligence - whether in maturity or in the rambunctious years of youth.

*Small Country* Manilla Press

Robert Jackson Bennett's *Vigilance* is a dark science fiction action parable from an America that has permanently surrendered to gun violence. The United States. 2030. John McDean executive produces "Vigilance," a reality game show designed to make sure American citizens stay alert to foreign and domestic threats. Shooters are introduced into a "game environment," and the survivors get a cash prize. The

TV audience is not the only one that's watching though, and McDean soon finds out what it's like to be on the other side of the camera. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Charlotte** Hachette UK

Aged fifteen, as Franco's forces begin their murderous purges and cities across Spain rise up against the old order, Montse has never heard the word *fascista* before. In any case, the villagers say *facha* (the *ch* is a real Spanish *ch*, by the way, with a real spit). Montse lives in a small village, high in the hills, where few people can read or write and fewer still ever leave. If everything goes according to her mother's plan, Montse will never leave either. She will become a good, humble maid for the local landowners, *muchísimas gracias*, with every Sunday off to dance the *jota* in the church square. But Montse's world is changing. Her brother José has just returned from Lérida with a red and black scarf and a new, dangerous vocabulary and his words are beginning to open up new realms to his little sister. She might not understand half of what he says, but how can anyone become a maid in the Burgos family when their head is ringing with shouts of *Revolución, Comunidad and Libertad*? The war, it seems, has arrived in the nick of time.

Turbulence Pushkin Press

Ivan Jablonka's grandparents' lives ended long before his began: although Matès and Idesa Jablonka were his family, they were perfect strangers. When he set out to uncover their story, Jablonka had little to work with. Neither of them was the least bit famous, and they left little behind except their two orphaned children, a handful of letters,

and a passport. Persecuted as communists in Poland, as refugees in France, and then as Jews under the Vichy regime, Matès and Idesa lived their short lives underground. They were overcome by the tragedies of the twentieth century: Stalinism, the mounting dangers in Europe during the 1930s, the Second World War, and the destruction of European Jews. Jablonka's challenge was, as a historian, to rigorously distance himself and yet, as family, to invest himself completely in their story. Imagined oppositions collapsed—between scholarly research and personal commitment, between established facts and the passion of the one recording them, between history and the art of storytelling. To write this book, Jablonka traveled to three continents; met the handful of survivors of his grandparents' era, their descendants, and some of his far-flung cousins; and investigated twenty different archives. And in the process, he reflected on his own family and his responsibilities to his father, the orphaned son, and to his own children and the family wounds they all inherited. *A History of the Grandparents I Never Had* cannot bring Matès and Idesa to life, but Jablonka succeeds in bringing them, as he soberly puts it, to light. The result is a gripping story, a profound reflection, and an absolutely extraordinary history. Hogarth

Le roman de David Foenkinos retrace la vie de Charlotte Salomon, artiste peintre morte à vingt-six ans à Auschwitz. Après une enfance à Berlin, Charlotte est exclue par les nazis de toutes les sphères de la société allemande. Elle vit une passion amoureuse fondatrice, avant de devoir tout quitter pour se réfugier en France. Elle y entreprend la composition d'une œuvre picturale

autobiographique d'une modernité fascinante. Se sachant en danger, elle confie ses dessins à son médecin en lui disant : « C'est toute ma vie. » Ce roman a connu un succès considérable depuis sa publication en septembre 2014 et a obtenu deux prestigieux prix littéraires, le prix Renaudot et le prix Goncourt des lycéens. De nombreux lecteurs ont demandé à l'auteur de montrer les œuvres peintes de Charlotte, quelques-unes des centaines de gouaches qu'elle a laissées et dont l'ensemble, intitulé *Vie ? ou Théâtre ?* raconte son histoire. Cette édition intégrale illustrée du roman est accompagnée de cinquante gouaches de Charlotte Salomon choisies par David Foenkinos, et d'une dizaine de photographies représentant Charlotte et ses proches.

**The Assassin's Cloak** Abrams

A masterful new novel from Per Petterson, who "provides one of literature's greatest gifts . . . a welcome refuge from our cacophonous world" (NPR) Per Petterson's hotly anticipated new novel, *I Refuse*, is the work of an internationally acclaimed novelist at the height of his powers. In Norway the book has been a huge bestseller, and rights have already been sold into sixteen countries. In his signature spare style, Petterson weaves a tale of two men whose accidental meeting one morning recalls their boyhood thirty-five years ago. Back then, Tommy was separated from his sisters after he stood up to their abusive father. Jim was by Tommy's side through it all. But one winter night, a chance event on a frozen lake forever changed the balance of their friendship. Now Jim fishes alone on a bridge as Tommy drives by in a new Mercedes, and it's clear their fortunes have reversed. Over the course of the day, the life of each man will be irrevocably

altered. *I Refuse* is a powerful, unforgettable novel, and its publication is an event to be celebrated.

### **The Weekend** Vintage

The sinking of an ocean liner leaves a newly married woman battling for survival in this powerful debut novel. *Grace Winter, 22*, is both a newlywed and a widow. She is also on trial for her life. In the summer of 1914, the elegant ocean liner carrying her and her husband Henry across the Atlantic suffers a mysterious explosion. Setting aside his own safety, Henry secures Grace a place in a lifeboat, which the survivors quickly realize is over capacity. For any to live, some must die. As the castaways battle the elements, and each other, Grace recollects the unorthodox way she and Henry met, and the new life of privilege she thought she'd found. Will she pay any price to keep it? *The Lifeboat* is a page-turning novel of hard choices and survival, narrated by a woman as unforgettable and complex as the events she describes.

### The Erotic Potential of My Wife

MacLehose Press

Copilaria tragica si-o petrece la Berlin. Nazistii o exclud treptat din societatea germana. Dragostea arzatoare o traieste inainte de a lasa tot si de a se refugia in Franta. Acolo isi transpune spaimel visele si dorintele in desene fascinante pe care i le incredinteaza medicului personal. Portret al unei femei exceptionale si evocare a unui destin tragic Charlotte adevarat succes de librarie este si povestea unei cautari. Un scriitor a pornit in cautarea lui Charlotte Salomon artista care si-a gasit sfârsitul la Auschwitz. Din cioburile sparte ale istoriei si din obsesia lui David Foenkinos s-a nascut un roman al emotiilor tari. „David Foenkinos isi deapana povestea cu delicatete in fraze scurte luand-o

mereu de la capatul randului ca pentru a-i da cititorului timp sa-si traga sufletul la fiecare pas pe care il face in viata tragica a lui Charlotte Salomon.”

Culturebox „Indrazneala lui Foenkinos nu sta atat in alegerea subiectului cat in forma povestirii: un lung poem narativ in versuri libere. Textul curge ca o psalmodiere sacra o succesiune de fraze scurte nu mai lungi de un rand ceea ce il obliga pe autor la sobrietate accentueaza tensiunea si evita caderea in patetic. Acest roman incantatoriu se citeste ca o istorie transmisa prin viu grai din tata in fiu si de care trebuie sa ne aducem mereu aminte.” *Le Figaro* „Fascinat de subiect Foenkinos face din noi membrii unei comunitati care speram sa devina tot mai mare: cea a admiratorilor unei tinere artiste pe nume Charlotte Salomon asasinata la 26 de ani.” *L'Express* „Descoperirea operei lui Charlotte Salomon a reprezentat pentru mine o surpriza totala. Era tot ce asteptam era cristalizarea artistica a tot ceea ce ma fascina. A devenit o obsesie care nu m-a parasit niciun moment. Exista putine documente despre ea. Am pornit pe urmele ei i-am intalnit pe cei care au cunoscut-o. Simplul fapt de a vedea scoala unde a invatat mi-a spus multe despre ea. Mi-am dat seama de forta pe care o avea am inteles cum a trecut prin atatea orori pastrandu-si increderea salvata de creatie. Si am vrut sa aduc un omagiu acestei lumini. [...] Cartea este o declaratie de dragoste un mod de a o tutui pe Charlotte ca pe o prietena. De aceea am vrut ca titlul sa fie simplu Charlotte. Mi-a fost foarte greu sa scriu sa gasesc formula ideala. Am facut zeci de ciorne pana cand intr-o zi i-am propus editorului meu aceasta forma un lung poem. Aceasta rigoare mi-a impus un ritm ca o muzica ca niste valuri. Voiam sa fie ceva simplu precum

Charlotte." David Foenkinos interviewu pentru revista Marie France Premiul Renaudot Premiul Goncourt des Lycéens **The Lifeboat** University of Pennsylvania Press

Meet Paul Blick: born in France (but not Paris); son of a car dealer; provincial sociology student-cum-theoretical revolutionary; briefly employed (by his father-in-law); married and soon to discover adultery and other satisfactions of a desperate househusband as consort of a high-flying wife who conquers the world as CEO of a Jacuzzi-manufacturing company. This not-so-extraordinary Frenchman is delivered to the not-so-extraordinary awareness of having arrived in middle age more a product of his times, his country, and blind chance than a creature of his own free will. Jean-Paul Dubois gives us a man whose life reflects the story - the mind and the heart - of a society coming belatedly, poignantly, and often hilariously to grips with the abiding pain and intermittent beauty of what living has become.

*I Refuse* Editions Gallimard

Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at

home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

*The Castle of Whispers* Europa Editions  
A chilling post-apocalyptic tale of how far a father will go to protect his children?from the author of *The Amnesiac* In a world nearly destroyed by catastrophic floods, one family has been spared. Many years ago, as the waters rose, a father and his three children took to their ark and drifted to the safety of a small island. Life there is a quiet idyll of music and farming?and young Alice, Finn, and Daisy are grateful for their salvation?until the day a stranger swims ashore. A terrifyingly plausible adventure story, *The Island at the End of the World* is a mesmerizing novel from an exciting new writer.

Charlotte Penguin

Ce roman retrace la vie de Charlotte Salomon, artiste peintre morte à vingt-six ans alors qu'elle était enceinte. Après une enfance à Berlin marquée par une tragédie familiale, Charlotte est exclue progressivement par les nazis de toutes les sphères de la société allemande. Elle vit une passion amoureuse fondatrice, avant de devoir tout quitter pour se réfugier en France. Exilée, elle entreprend la composition d'une oeuvre picturale autobiographique d'une modernité fascinante. Se sachant en danger, elle confie ses dessins à son médecin en lui disant : "C'est toute ma vie." Portrait saisissant d'une femme exceptionnelle, évocation d'un destin tragique, Charlotte est aussi le récit d'une quête. Celle d'un écrivain hanté par une artiste, et qui part à sa recherche.



*Charlotte!* Nemira Publishing House  
Meticulously researched and controversial in scope and imagination, "And So It Was Written" travels to a time when a Third Temple is built and the Ark of the Covenant holding the Ten Commandments is found. As the Romans prepare to reclaim Israel, two sets of brothers—None Roman and one Jewish—find their friendships, hatreds, and lives intertwined.

Charlotte IDW Publishing  
"The Haunting Past is a brief but richly textured treatment of the role of the historian in dealing with information about contemporary political and legal matters."—Libraries and Culture

**Delicacy** Stanford University Press  
When Hector falls in love it's the way she washes windows that does it for him. And so begins his new infatuation, a collection (and recollection) of beautifully observed moments spent observing his wife's every move.

*The Republic of Trees* Charlotte  
Ce roman retrace la vie de Charlotte Salomon, artiste peintre morte à vingt-six ans alors qu'elle était enceinte. Après une enfance à Berlin marquée par une tragédie familiale, Charlotte est exclue progressivement par les nazis de toutes les sphères de la société allemande. Elle vit une passion amoureuse fondatrice, avant de devoir tout quitter pour se réfugier en France. Exilée, elle entreprend la composition d'une oeuvre picturale autobiographique d'une modernité fascinante. Se sachant en danger, elle confie ses dessins à son médecin en lui disant : "C'est toute ma vie." Portrait saisissant d'une femme

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Charlotte  
\*A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice\* A "masterful" (The Washington Post), "cathartic" (Star Tribune, Minneapolis), novel about twelve people, mostly strangers, and the surprising ripple effect each one has on the life of the next as they cross paths while in transit around the world—from the Booker Prize-shortlisted author of *All That Man Is*. In this "compelling" (The Christian Science Monitor), "crisp and clever" (Vanity Fair) novel, Szalay's diverse protagonists circumnavigate the planet in twelve flights, from London to Madrid, from Dakar to Sao Paulo, to Toronto, to Delhi, to Doha, en route to see lovers or estranged siblings, aging parents, baby grandchildren, or nobody at all. Along the way, they experience the full range of human emotions from loneliness to love and, knowingly or otherwise, change each other in one brief, electrifying interaction after the next. Written with magic and economy, "Szalay explores the miraculous ability of our shared humanity to lift us from loneliness" (Esquire) and delivers a dazzling portrait of the interconnectedness of the modern world.

*The Amnesiac* Tcj Publishing  
For lovers of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Bridgerton*, an intoxicating novel that tells the story of Charlotte Lucas, who marries the unfortunate Mr Collins after Lizzy Bennet spurns him.

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