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Dancing Girls Emblem Editions

The bestselling author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Testaments* "uses her powerful gifts of language and observation to delineate both the misunderstandings between men and women and the everyday sadnesses and comforts of love" (*The New York Times*). In each of these stories Atwood deftly illuminates the shape of a whole life: in a few brief pages we watch as characters

progress from the vulnerabilities of adolescence through the passions of youth into the precarious complexities of middle age. The past resurfaces in the present in ways both subtle and dramatic: the body of a lost Arctic explorer emerges from the ice, a 2,000-year-old bog man turns up in an archeological dig, a man with dark secrets marries his lover's sister, a girl who disappears on a canoe trip haunts her friend many decades later. The richly layered stories in *Wilderness Tips* map interior landscapes shaped by time, regret, and lost chances, endowing even

the most unassuming of lives with a disquieting intensity.

Margaret Atwood Emblem Editions
With the publication of the best-selling *The Handmaid's Tale* in 1986, Margaret Atwood's place in North American letters was reconfirmed. Poet, short story writer, and novelist, she was acclaimed "one of the most intelligent and talented writers to set herself the task of deciphering life in the late twentieth century."* With *Bluebeard's Egg*, her second short story collection, Atwood covers a dramatic range of storytelling, her scope encompassing the many moods of her characters, from the desolate to the hilarious. The stories are set in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1980s and concern themselves with relationships of various sorts. There is the bond between

a political activist and his kidnapped cat, a woman and her dead psychiatrist, a potter and the group of poets who live with her and mythologize her, an artist and the strange men she picks up to use as models. There is a man who finds himself surrounded by women who are literally shrinking, and a woman whose life is dominated by a fear of nuclear warfare; there are telling relationships among parents and children. By turns humorous and warm, stark and frightening, *Bluebeard's Egg* explores and illuminates both the outer world in which we all live and the inner world that each of us creates. *Le Anne Schreiber, *Vogue*

Beloved Talon Books

Winner of the 2010 Margaret Atwood Society Best Book Prize. In *Engendering*

Genre, renowned Margaret Atwood scholar Reingard M. Nischik analyzes the relationship between gender and genre in Atwood's works. She approaches Atwood's oeuvre by genre – poetry, short fiction, novels, criticism, comics, and film – and examines them individually. She explores how Atwood has developed her genres to be gender-sensitive in both content and form and argues that gender and genre are inherently complicit in Atwood's work: they converge to critique the gender-biased designs of traditional genres. This combination of gender and genre results in the recognizable Atwoodian style that shakes and extends the boundaries of conventional genres and explores them in new ways. The book includes the first in-depth treatment of Atwood's cartoon

art as well as the first survey of her involvement with film, and concludes with an interview with Margaret Atwood on her career "From Survivalwoman to Literary Icon."

Margaret Atwood Anchor

By turns humorous and warm, stark and poignant, these stories from the bestselling author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Testaments* probe childhood memories, the reality of parents growing old, and the casual cruelty men and women can inflict on one another. A tenuous teenage love affair fails to survive a hurricane; a man notices the women around him becoming progressively paler and smaller; a surgeon who specializes in hearts seems oddly emotionally opaque to his wife; a middle-aged couple's

waning affection rekindles at the spectacle of rare Jamaican birds. In these exceptional short stories, Margaret Atwood proves herself once again a true master of the form.

Stone Mattress Univ. Press of Mississippi Introduction by Derek Brewer. The aim of this book is to discuss the characteristics of the traditional fairy tale in Europe and North America, and various theories of its development and interpretation. The book deals with the main collections - the Grimm brothers, Hans Andersen, Perrault and Afanes'ev - and with the development of tales in various regions of Europe, including Ireland, Wales, Scandinavia, Germany and Russia, as well as India, where it was once claimed that they originated. The subject of the fairy tale is a controversial one:

problems discussed here include the relationship between tales recorded from story-tellers and literary works, the importance of printed works for the spread of the tales, the growth of recent examples with a feminine approach, the spread of popular tales like Cinderella, special types like the cumulative tales, possible effects of TV, and the nature of traditional plots and characters. Above all, we have been concerned with the distribution and long survival of these tales, and the nature of their appeal. SHORTLISTED FOR THE KATHARINE BRIGGS FOLKLORE AWARD 2004. Contributors: GRAHAM ANDERSON, DAVID BLAMIRE, RUTH BOTTIGHEIMER, DEREK BREWER, MARY BROCKINGTON, ANNA CHAUDHRI, HILDA ELLIS DAVIDSON, ROBIN GWYNDAF, BENGT

HOLBEK, DAVID HUNT, REIMUND KVIDELAND, PATRICIA LYSAGHT, NEIL PHILIP, JAMES RIORDAN, PAT SCHAEFER, TOM SHIPPEY, JOYCE THOMAS. Engendering Genre Simon and Schuster Postmodern Fairy Tales seeks to understand the fairy tale not as children's literature but within the broader context of folklore and literary studies. It focuses on the narrative strategies through which women are portrayed in four classic stories: "Snow White," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Bluebeard." Bacchilega traces the oral sources of each tale, offers a provocative interpretation of contemporary versions by Angela Carter, Robert Coover, Donald Barthelme, Margaret Atwood, and Tanith Lee, and explores the ways in which the

tales are transformed in film, television, and musicals.

Wilderness Tips Boston, MA : G.K. Hall This project provides an in-depth study of narratives about Bluebeard and his wives, or narratives with identifiable Bluebeard motifs, and the intertextual and extratextual personal, political, literary, and sociocultural factors that have made the tale a particularly fertile ground for an author's adaptation of the story. Whereas Charles Dickens, for example, expresses a sympathetic identification with Bluebeard, and a discernable strain of misogyny emerges in his recreation of the tale and recurrent allusions to it, his contemporary, William Makepeace Thackeray, uses the tale as a springboard for his critique of avarice, hypocrisy, pretension, and the

subjugation of women in Victorian society.

Tales of Bluebeard and His Wives from Late Antiquity to Postmodern Times

Oxford University Press, USA
Davey offers a glossary" of recurrent Atwood images and symbols that unveil the hidden level in her writing.

Edinburgh Companion to the Short Story in English Boydell & Brewer

Postmodern revisions of fairy tales have influenced several discourses and disciplines especially during the second half of the twentieth century. In particular, during the course of postmodernism, the rewriting of classic fairy tales has contributed to the subversion of their stereotypical structures, thus advancing alternative re-readings. This work offers an

investigation into gender discourse in two postmodern re-writings of Bluebeard, namely Margaret Atwood's "Bluebeard's Egg" and Shirley Hazzard's *The Transit of Venus*, especially focusing on male/queer perspectives that have not yet been taken into consideration. Starting from an overview on the diverse conceptualisations of the terms "gender" and "sexuality" in modern and contemporary times, this book analyses the birth and evolution of male studies and, subsequently, explores the ways in which they have influenced the interpretation of classical tales. By means of an intertwined and shifting process, which enables the characters of these contemporary revisions to "disguise" their identities within the pages and beyond their texts, the figure

of Bluebeard reveals himself as the “in-between” pattern for contemporary gender conceptualisations.

Bluebeard Headline Review

This thought-provoking volume offers an overview of contemporary representations of prominent female characters as they appear in an array of moving-image narratives from a Jungian and post-Jungian perspective. Applying a theoretical frame that is richly informed by the Jungian and post-Jungian concepts of persona, individuation, and archetypes, works including *Fleabag* (2016-2019), *Ladybird* (2017), and *The Queen’s Gambit* (2020) as well as Disney productions such as *Brave* (2012), *Moana* (2016), and *Frozen* (2013), are contextualized and discussed alongside their non-screen precedents and

contemporaries, including myths, fairy tales, and works of literature, to closely examine new patterns of the female journey. This book identifies how young female characters rebel against the female persona of previous eras through the trickster, the shadow, and other archetypes, comparing the contemporary female protagonist with her predecessors to assess the new paths, roles, and milestones available to her. Examining the construction of the female persona across time periods and mediums in an accessibly written yet academic style, this book is the first of its kind. With a fulsome account of the progressive developments in entertainment media and Jungian thought, this book is essential reading for students and scholars of film, as well

as anyone with an interest in analytical psychology and wider feminist issues in contemporary culture.

Bluebeard's Egg and Other Stories

Boston : Houghton Mifflin

In these ten dazzling interrelated stories Atwood traces the course of a life and also the lives intertwined with it, while evoking the drama and the humour that colour common experiences—the birth of a baby, divorce and remarriage, old age and death. With settings ranging from Toronto, northern Quebec, and rural Ontario, the stories begin in the present, as a couple no longer young situate themselves in a larger world no longer safe. Then the narrative goes back in time to the forties and moves chronologically forward toward the present. In “The Art of Cooking and

Serving,” the twelve-year-old narrator does her best to accommodate the arrival of a baby sister. After she boldly declares her independence, we follow the narrator into young adulthood and then through a complex relationship. In “The Entities,” the story of two women haunted by the past unfolds. The magnificent last two stories reveal the heartbreaking old age of parents but circle back again to childhood, to complete the cycle. By turns funny, lyrical, incisive, tragic, earthy, shocking, and deeply personal, *Moral Disorder* displays Atwood’s celebrated storytelling gifts and unmistakable style to their best advantage. This is vintage Atwood, writing at the height of her powers. Strange Things Scarecrow Press Beginning in the 1890s, reaching its first

full realization by modernist writers in the 1920s, and brought to its heyday during the Canadian Renaissance starting in the 1960s, the short story has become Canada's flagship genre. It continues to attract the country's most accomplished and innovative writers today, among them Margaret Atwood, Mavis Gallant, Alice Munro, Carol Shields, and many others. Yet in contrast to the stature and popularity of the genre and the writers who partake in it, surprisingly little literary criticism and theory has been devoted to the Canadian short story. This collection redresses that imbalance by providing the first collection of critical interpretations of a range of thirty well-known and often-anthologized Canadian short stories from the genre's beginnings through the

twentieth century. A historical survey of the genre introduces the volume and a timeline comparing the genre's development in Canada, the US, and Great Britain via representative examples completes it. The collection is geared both to specialists in and to students of Canadian literature. For the latter it is of particular benefit that the volume provides not only a collection of interpretations, but a comprehensive introduction to the history of the Canadian short story. Reingard M. Nischik is professor and chair of American Literature at the University of Constance, Germany.

Sally on the Rocks Univ. Press of Mississippi

If a machine could predict how you would die, would you want to know? This

is the tantalizing premise of *This Is How You Die*, the brilliant follow-up anthology to the self-published bestseller, *Machine of Death*. **THIS IS HOW YOU DIE** Stories of the Inscrutable, Infallible, Inescapable *Machine of Death* The machines started popping up around the world. The offer was tempting: with a simple blood test, anyone could know how they would die. But the machines didn't give dates or specific circumstances—just a single word or phrase. **DROWNED, CANCER, OLD AGE, CHOKED ON A HANDFUL OF POPCORN.** And though the predictions were always accurate, they were also often frustratingly vague. **OLD AGE**, it turned out, could mean either dying of natural causes, or being shot by an elderly, bedridden man in a botched home invasion. The machines held onto

that old-world sense of irony in death: you can know how it's going to happen, but you'll still be surprised when it does. This addictive anthology—sinister, witty, existential, and fascinating—collects the best of the thousands of story submissions the editors received in the wake of the success of the first volume, and exceeds the first in every way.

Moral Disorder Hachette UK

A splendid collection of short stories from the author of the New York Times bestselling novel *The Handmaid's Tale*—the inspiration behind the award-winning Hulu original series. Margaret Atwood brings her singular voice to this unforgettable volume of short stories filled with rare intensity and exceptional intelligence. With brilliant flashes of fantasy, humor, and unexpected

violence, the stories reveal the complexities of human relationships and bring to life characters who touch us deeply, evoking terror, laughter, compassion and recognition—and dramatically demonstrate why Margaret Atwood is one of the most important writers in English today.

A Companion to the Fairy Tale

University of Ottawa Press

Bluebeard is the main character in one of the grisliest and most enduring fairy tales of all time. A serial wife murderer, he keeps a horror chamber in which remains of all his previous matrimonial victims are secreted from his latest bride. She is given all the keys but forbidden to open one door of the castle. Astonishingly, this fairy tale was a nursery room staple, one of the tales

translated into English from Charles Perrault's French *Mother Goose Tales*. *Bluebeard: A Reader's Guide to the English Tradition* is the first major study of the tale and its many variants (some, like "Mr. Fox," native to England and America) in English: from the eighteenth- and nineteenth-century chapbooks, children's toybooks, pantomimes, melodramas, and circus spectacles, through the twentieth century in music, literature, art, film, and theater. Chronicling the story's permutations, the book presents examples of English true-crime figures, male and female, called Bluebeards, from King Henry VIII to present-day examples. *Bluebeard* explores rare chapbooks and their illustrations and the English transformation of Bluebeard into a

scimitar-wielding Turkish tyrant in a massively influential melodramatic spectacle in 1798. Following the killer's trail over the years, Casie E.

Hermansson looks at the impact of nineteenth-century translations into English of the German fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm, and the particularly English story of how Bluebeard came to be known as a pirate. This book will provide readers and scholars an invaluable and thorough grasp on the many strands of this tale over centuries of telling.

The Heroine with 1001 Faces Hachette UK

From the author of the New York Times bestselling novels *The Handmaid's Tale*—now an Emmy Award-winning Hulu original series—and *Alias Grace*, now a

Netflix original series. Imprisoned by walls of their own construction, here are three people, each in midlife, in midcrisis, forced to make choices--after the rules have changed. Elizabeth, with her controlled sensuality, her suppressed rage, is married to the wrong man. She has just lost her latest lover to suicide. Nate, her gentle, indecisive husband, is planning to leave her for Lesje, a perennial innocent who prefers dinosaurs to men. Hanging over them all is the ghost of Elizabeth's dead lover...and the dizzying threat of three lives careening inevitably toward the same climax.

Murder in the Dark New Canadian Library

Exploring how Margaret Atwood's fiction reimagines the figure of the detective

and the nature of crime, Jackie Shead shows how the author radically reworks the crime fiction genre. Shead focuses on *Surfacing*, *Bodily Harm*, *Alias Grace*, *The Blind Assassin*, *Oryx and Crake* and selected short fiction, showing the ways in which Atwood's protagonists are confronted by their own collusion in hegemonic assumptions and thus are motivated to investigate and expose crimes of gender, class and colonialism. Shead begins with a discussion of how Atwood's treatment of crime fiction's generic elements, particularly those of the whodunit, clue puzzle and spy thriller, departs from convention. Through discussion of Atwood's metafictional strategies, Shead also examines Atwood's techniques for activating her readers as investigators

who are offered an educative process parallel to that experienced by some of the author's protagonists. This book also marks a significant intervention in an ongoing debate among Atwood critics that pits the author's postmodernism against her ethical and humanistic concerns.

Margaret Atwood Camden House
Maria Tatar analyses the many forms the tale of Bluebeard's wife has taken over time, showing how artists have taken the Bluebeard theme and revived it with their own signature twists.

Bluebeard's Egg Princeton University Press

The theme in this collection of stories concerns diverse relationships, such as the bond between a political activist and his cat, and the situation of a man who

finds himself surrounded by women who are shrinking.

Bodily Harm Routledge

Arranged chronologically with forty stories in all, the book provides an excellent survey of Canada's leading writers, including a story by Atwood herself ("The Sin Eater"), as well as

stories by Morley Callaghan ("Last Spring They Came Over"), Mordecai Richler ("The Summer My Grandmother Was Supposed to Die"), and Stephen Leacock ("The Marine Excursion of the Knights of Pythias"). The book features biographical notes and an index of authors.

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