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Our fates lie in our genes and not in the stars, said James Watson, co-discoverer of the structure of DNA. But Watson could not have predicted the scale of the industry now dedicated to this new frontier. Since the launch of the multibillion-dollar Human Genome Project, the biosciences have promised miraculous cures and radical new ways of understanding who we are. But where is the new world we were promised? Now updated with a new afterword, *Genes, Cells and Brains* asks why the promised cornucopia of health benefits has failed to emerge and reveals the questionable enterprise that has grown out of bioethics. The authors, feminist sociologist Hilary Rose and neuroscientist Steven Rose, examine the establishment of biobanks, the rivalries between public and private gene sequencers, and the rise of stem cell research. The human body is becoming a commodity, and the unfulfilled promises of the science behind this revolution suggest profound

failings in genomics itself.

To the End of the Land Random House Australia

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anne Tyler gives us a wise, haunting, and deeply moving new novel about loss and recovery, pierced throughout with her humor, wisdom, and always penetrating look at human foibles. Crippled in his right arm and leg, Aaron grew up fending off a sister who constantly wanted to manage him. So when he meets Dorothy, an outspoken, independent young woman, she's like a breath of fresh air. He marries her without hesitation, and they have a relatively happy, unremarkable marriage. Aaron works at his family's vanity-publishing business, turning out titles that presume to guide beginners through the trials of life. But when a tree crashes into their house and Dorothy is killed, Aaron feels as though he has been erased forever. Only Dorothy's unexpected appearances from the dead—in their house, on the roadway, in the market—help him to live in the moment and to find some peace. Gradually, Aaron discovers that maybe for this beginner there is indeed a way to say goodbye. "Like a modern Jane Austen, Tyler creates small worlds [depicting] the intimate bonds of friendship and family."—USA Today "An

absolute charmer of a novel . . . With sparkling prose . . . [Anne] Tyler gets at the beating heart of what it means to lose someone, to say goodbye."—The Boston Globe "Classic Tyler . . . The wonder of Anne Tyler is how consistently clear-eyed and truthful she remains about the nature of families and especially marriage."—Los Angeles Times "Beautifully intricate . . . By the exquisitely romantic emotional climax [an] ordinary life has bloomed into an opera."—Entertainment Weekly

The Extra Penguin Group Australia

Novel telling the story of Esther Zepler, a modern woman who is happily married to Sean, an artist. She is mother to Zachary, Zelda and Kate, and lives in a New York loft. She enjoys long lunches with her pregnant friend Sonia, and writes obituaries for a living. She struggles with the issues of pathos and tragedy in her own life, and at the same time is reminded of who she is and where she comes from through her communication with her father Edek, an Auschwitz survivor, who lives in Australia. Presents humour and information through the one-liners pervading the story. The author has two other novels to her credit as well as five collections of poetry.

Genes, Cells, and Brains Simon and Schuster

Lola Bensky ist neunzehn, als Keith Moon von The Who vor ihren Augen die Hosen runterlässt und Cher sich ihre falschen Wimpern borgt. Es sind die Sixties, und Lola ist als Reporterin in London und New York unterwegs, um Interviews mit Musikern zu führen. Sie unterhält sich mit Mick Jagger über Sex und Diäten, mit Jimi Hendrix über Mütter, Gott - und Lockenwickler. Ihre Leser sind vermutlich eher an Tratsch interessiert, aber Lola war schon immer etwas unkonventionell. Zum Glück ahnen ihre Eltern nichts davon, dass sie mit Menschen zu tun hat, die mit freier Liebe und Drogen experimentieren. Sie haben das Konzentrationslager überlebt, aber das würde sie ins Grab bringen. Und Lola fühlt sich schon schuldig genug, dass sie Übergewicht hat und keine Anwältin geworden ist. Doch sie ist fest entschlossen, ihr Leben in die eigenen Hände zu nehmen. "Lola Bensky" ist ein hinreißend komischer und herzerreißend menschlicher Roman über Neurosen und die Last der Vergangenheit. Und eine fulminante Hommage an die großen, verrückten Heldinnen und Helden der Sixties.

One Hundred Poems from the Chinese Pan Macmillan Australia

Reissue of an autobiographical account of a writer's journeys to Mexico, New York and Poland. First published 2002. Relates her experiences in Mexico as she tries to write a novel, the devastation of losing her New York home, and researching a novel in Poland. Author was born in Germany and emigrated to Melbourne in 1948. Her first book, 'The Auschwitz Poems', won the 1987 Victorian Premier's Award for Poetry, and 'Just Like That' received the 1995 NSW Premier Awards for Fiction. She currently lives in New York with her husband, Australian painter David Rankin.

What God Wants Harper Perennial

Lola BenskyCatapult

America, Israel, and the Ordeals of Divine Election Penguin Group Australia

'I loved every page of this funny, warm, delightful novel!' LIANE MORIARTY You can marry into them, but can you ever really be one of them? A novel about marriage, love and family. Things haven't gone well for Simon Larsen lately. He adores his wife, Tansy, and his children, but since his business failed and he lost the family home, he can't seem to get off the couch. His larger-than-life in-laws, the Schnabels - Tansy's mother, sister and brother - won't get off his case. To keep everyone happy, Simon needs to do one little job: he has a week to landscape a friend's backyard for an important Schnabel family event. But as the week progresses, Simon is derailed by the arrival of an unexpected house guest. Then he discovers Tansy is harbouring a secret. As his world spins out of control, who can Simon really count on when the chips are down? Life with the Schnabels is messy, chaotic and joyful, and Dinner with the Schnabels is as heartwarming as it is outrageously funny. Praise for Dinner with the Schnabels: 'Told with great humour and pathos. It is a tonic and a delight.' PIP WILLIAMS, author of The Dictionary of Lost Words 'Toni Jordan at her finest - brilliantly observed and highly entertaining. I inhaled her words then snorted them out laughing!' JOANNA NELL 'Smart, tender, wise and hilarious. This is a dinner I didn't want to leave.' KATHRYN HEYMAN Praise for Toni Jordan: 'Laugh-out-loud funny' The Australian Women's Weekly 'Crisp and clever' Saturday Paper 'A moving comedy' Who Weekly 'An emotionally rich domestic drama' The Australian 'Pitch-perfect blend of intelligence, compassion and humour' The Guardian *In Full View* UQP

An experiment is under way in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem: a woman, recently widowed, is starting a trial period in assisted living, mainly to placate her over-anxious son, whilst in Jerusalem her daughter Noga, a young harpist, returns from her job with a Dutch orchestra to look after the family apartment. To enliven her stay, Noga's brother finds work for her - playing roles as an extra in film, TV, and in the opera Carmen. The random roles Noga is thrust into resonate strangely with her own life which she begins to re-evaluate. Central to her past is the fact that she refused to have children, resulting in the break-up of her marriage. No-one in her family understood her motives for not wanting children and everyone has a different explanation for it. Now, a chance encounter with her former husband reveals his continuing powerful, love as well as a shocking deed she committed during their marriage. But Noga is a free spirit neither tied to the past nor defined by it, and always keen to push boundaries. She lives for her music and is willing to go wherever it takes her. The three-month experiment proves as much of a test for her as for her mother and both are radically transformed by the end. A.B. Yehoshua is as creative, humorous and provocative as ever in The Extra, exploring themes familiar to him of love, family relationships and artistic ambitions, set mainly in an ever-changing Jerusalem.

Just Like that Hachette Australia

An award-winning collection of interrelated stories, first published in Australia, brings together middle-class men and women who share a community and the same terrible childhood memory--

their parents were all Holocaust survivors.

Lola Bensky Vintage

Ruth Rothwax, a successful woman with her own business, Rothwax Correspondence, can find order and meaning in writing words for other people—condolence letters, thank-you letters, even you-were-great-in-bed letters. But as the daughter of Edek Rothwax, an Auschwitz survivor with a somewhat idiosyncratic approach to the English language, Ruth can find no words to understand the loss of her family experienced during World War II. Ruth is obsessed with the idea of returning to Poland with her father, but she doesn't quite understand why she feels this so intensely. To make sense of her family's past, yes. To visit the places where her beloved mother and father lived and almost died, certainly. But she knows there's more to this trip. By facing Poland, and the past, she can finally confront her own future.

Operation Jungle Text Publishing

Essay by Harold Bloom. Foreword by St. John Perse. Introduction by Ealan Wingate.

A Mother's Suggestions Harper Collins

Alarmed by the increasingly marginal status of Australian literature in the academy, Williamson has set out to reintroduce us to those key writers whose works we may have forgotten or missed altogether. His focus is on fiction that gives pleasure, and he is ardent in defence of books that for whatever reason sit uneasily in the present moment.

A Novel Halban Publishers

A mother who invented her past, a father who was often absent, a son who wondered if this could really be his family. Richard Glover's favourite dinner party game is called 'Who's Got the Weirdest Parents?'. It's a game he always thinks he'll win. There was his mother, a deluded snob, who made up large swathes of her past and who ran away with Richard's English teacher, a Tolkien devotee, nudist and stuffed-toy collector. There was his father, a distant alcoholic, who ran through a gamut of wives, yachts and failed dreams. And there was Richard himself, a confused teenager, vulnerable to strange men, trying to find a family he could belong to. As he eventually accepted, the only way to make sense of the present was to go back to the past - but beware of what you might find there. Truth can leave wounds - even if they are only flesh wounds. Part poignant family memoir, part rollicking venture into a 1970s Australia, this is a book for anyone who's wondered if their family is the oddest one on the planet. The answer: 'No'. There is always something stranger out there. PRAISE FOR FLESH WOUNDS 'Both poignant and wildly entertaining' - SYDNEY MORNING HERALD 'A new classic ... a breathtaking accomplishment in style and empathy' - THE AUSTRALIAN 'Heartbreaking and hilarious ... I couldn't put it down' - SUN-HERALD 'Engrossing and extremely funny' THE SATURDAY PAPER 'Not since UNRELIABLE MEMOIRS by Clive James has there been a funnier, more poignant portrait of an Australian childhood.' - AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW 'Richard Glover has done the miraculous he's made ordinary family life extraordinarily entertaining' - AUGUSTEN BURROUGHS 'Sad, funny, revealing, optimistic and hopeful' - Jeanette Winterson

A Solitary Walk on the Moon Random House

The perfect Mother's Day gift: A collection of witty one-line advice New Yorker writer Patricia Marx heard from her mother, accompanied by full-color illustrations by New Yorker staff cartoonist Roz Chast. Every mother knows best, but New Yorker writer Patty Marx's knows better. Patty has never been able to shake her mother's one-line witticisms from her brain, so she's collected them into a book, accompanied by full color illustrations by New Yorker staff cartoonist Roz Chast. These snappy maternal cautions include: If you feel guilty about throwing away leftovers, put them in the back of your refrigerator for five days and then throw them out. If you run out of food at your dinner party, the world will end. When traveling, call the hotel from the airport to say there aren't enough towels in your room and, by the way, you'd like a room with a better view. Why don't you write my eulogy now so I can correct it? Every child will want to buy this for mom on Mother's Day! Things Could be Worse Pale Fire Press

A "heroic" biography of John Cage and his "awakening through Zen Buddhism"—"a kind of love story" about a brilliant American pioneer of the creative arts who transformed himself and his culture (The New York Times) Composer John Cage sought the silence of a mind at peace with itself—and found it in Zen Buddhism, a spiritual path that changed both his music and his view of the universe. "Remarkably researched, exquisitely written," Where the Heart Beats weaves together "a great many threads of cultural history" (Maria Popova, Brain Pickings) to illuminate Cage's struggle to accept himself and his relationship with choreographer Merce Cunningham. Freed to be his own man, Cage originated exciting experiments that set him at the epicenter of a

new avant-garde forming in the 1950s. Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol, Yoko Ono, Allan Kaprow, Morton Feldman, and Leo Castelli were among those influenced by his 'teaching' and 'preaching.' Where the Heart Beats shows the blossoming of Zen in the very heart of American culture.

The Beginner's Goodbye Picador

Americans and Israelis have often thought that their nations were chosen, in perpetuity, to do God's work. This belief in divine election is a potent, living force, one that has guided and shaped both peoples and nations throughout their history and continues to do so to this day. Through great adversity and despite serious challenges, Americans and Jews, leaders and followers, have repeatedly faced the world fortified by a sense that their nation has a providential destiny. As Todd Gitlin and Liel Leibovitz argue in this original and provocative book, what unites the two allies in a "special friendship" is less common strategic interests than this deep-seated and lasting theological belief that they were chosen by God. The United States and Israel each has understood itself as a nation placed on earth to deliver a singular message of enlightenment to a benighted world. Each has stumbled through history wrestling with this strange concept of chosenness, trying both to grasp the meaning of divine election and to bear the burden it placed them under. It was this idea that provided an indispensable justification when the Americans made a revolution against Britain, went to war with and expelled the Indians, expanded westward, built an overseas empire, and most recently waged war in Iraq. The equivalent idea gave rise to the Jewish people in the first place, sustained them in exodus and exile, and later animated the Zionist movement, inspiring the Israelis to vanquish their enemies and conquer the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Everywhere you look in American and Israeli history, the idea of chosenness is there. The Chosen Peoples delivers a bold new take on both nations' histories. It shows how deeply the idea of chosenness has affected not only their enthusiasts but also their antagonists. It digs deeply beneath the superficialities of headlines, the details of negotiations, the excuses and justifications that keep cropping up for both nations' successes and failures. It shows how deeply ingrained is the idea of a chosen people in both nations' histories—and yet how complicated that idea really is. And it offers interpretations of chosenness that both nations dearly need in confronting their present-day quandaries. Weaving together history, theology, and politics, The Chosen Peoples vividly retells the dramatic story of two nations bound together by a wild and sacred idea, takes unorthodox perspectives on some of our time's most searing conflicts, and offers an unexpected conclusion: only by taking the idea of chosenness seriously, wrestling with its meaning, and assuming its responsibilities can both nations thrive.

Notes Open Road Media

In the sequel to Too Many Men, Ruth Rothwax, owner of a successful letter-writing business, finds her new enterprise, a greeting card line, undermined by her zany father Edek, her female employees, and Zofia, a recent Polish immigrant with a talent for making meatballs and for persuading Edek to get his daughter to help fund her new restaurant.

Lola Bensky Hamish Hamilton

It is said that during his abortive campaign to invade Britannia, the infamous Roman emperor Caligula ordered his legions into the surf to attack Poseidon and claim seashells as trophies of war. Cees Nootboom is considerably more thoughtful in his relationship with the god of the sea. As autumn falls each year, Nootboom writes Poseidon a letter requesting permission to return to his home in Minorca the following spring. Of course, it would be the height of discourtesy if Nootboom's letters were no more than a series of demands. So Cees takes the opportunity to seek the wisdom of the trident-wielding deity, and to offer the god updates about his own life and thoughts. At once playful and poignant, beautiful and at times slightly bizarre, this masterful exploration of humankind's relationship with the sea uses the minutiae of everyday life to illuminate the broadest questions of human existence, all couched in the lapidary prose of one of Europe's outstanding stylists.

A Novel MacLehose Press

In the final weeks of 1938, in the shadow of Kristallnacht and imminent war, a heartsick Italian maestro wrote a love song called "Tu Solamente Tu." Its lyrics lamented his forced separation from his wife, the Hungarian ballerina Margit Wolf, in the wake of Mussolini's edict banishing foreign Jews from Italy. The song, first recorded by Vittorio de Sica in 1939, catapulted to the top of the Hit Parade and earned its composer the moniker "the Italian Cole Porter." The German version, "Du Immer Wieder Du," would be performed by Zarah Leander, the foremost film star of the German Reich, and its English counterpart, "You, Fascinating You," by the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band.

Twenty-two years would pass before the maestro and his ballerina again met face-to-face. You, Fascinating You begins as a backstage romance and ends as an epic triumph of the human spirit. Editor's Choice, Historical Novel Society: "FAULTLESS."

Flesh Wounds New Directions Publishing

From Jeff VanderMeer, the author of *Borne* and *Annihilation*, comes the paperback reissue of his

cult classic *City of Saints and Madmen*. In this reinvention of the literature of the fantastic, you hold in your hands an invitation to a place unlike any you've ever visited—an invitation delivered by one of our most audacious and astonishing literary magicians. City of elegance and squalor. Of religious fervor and wanton lusts. And everywhere, on the walls of courtyards and churches, an incandescent fungus of mysterious and ominous origin. In *Ambergris*, a would-be suitor discovers that a sunlit street can become a killing ground in the blink of an eye. An artist receives an

invitation to a beheading—and finds himself enchanted. And a patient in a mental institution is convinced that he's made up a city called *Ambergris*, imagined its every last detail, and that he's really from a place called Chicago . . . By turns sensuous and terrifying, filled with exotica and eroticism, this interwoven collection of stories, histories, and "eyewitness" reports invokes a universe within a puzzle box where you can lose—and find—yourself again.

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