

## *Racconti Del Terrore (Classici Chrysalide)*

Translated here into English for the first time is a monumental work of literary history and criticism comparable in scope and achievement to Eric Auerbach's *Mimesis*. Italian critic Francesco Orlando explores Western literature's obsession with outmoded and nonfunctional objects (ruins, obsolete machinery, broken things, trash, etc.). Combining the insights of psychoanalysis and literary-political history, Orlando traces this obsession to a turning point in history, at the end of eighteenth-century industrialization, when the functional becomes the dominant value of Western culture. Roaming through every genre and much of the history of Western literature, the author identifies distinct categories into which obsolete images can be classified and provides myriad examples. The function of literature, he concludes, is to remind us of what we have lost and what we are losing as we rush toward the future.

Would the real Wade Wilson please stand up? Deadpool returns to America, but he's not coming home alone! When a collection of Deadpool's discarded body parts meld to form an evil clone, the Merc With a Mouth faces off against himself for the crown of most hated former mercenary turned super hero turned pirate turned intergalactic bounty hunter. But their explosive confrontation brings the NYPD, Interpol and even Captain America bearing down on Deadpool, and he'll have to convince them all there's an even crazier, less principled version of himself on the loose! Plus: *Deadpool: The Musical!* Collecting *DEADPOOL (2008) #45-49* and *#49.1*.

A semiautobiographical coming-of-age story, framed by the harrowing 1975 Circeo massacre Edoardo Albinati's *The Catholic School*, the winner of Italy's most prestigious award, The Strega Prize, is a powerful investigation of the heart and soul of contemporary Italy. Three well-off young men—former students at Rome's prestigious all-boys Catholic high school San Leone Magno—brutally tortured, raped, and murdered two young women in 1975. The event, which came to be known as the Circeo massacre, shocked and captivated the country, exposing the violence and dark underbelly of the upper middle class at a moment when the traditional structures of family and religion were seen as under threat. It is this environment, the halls of San Leone Magno in the late 1960s and the 1970s, that Edoardo Albinati takes as his subject. His experience at the school, reflections on his adolescence, and thoughts on the forces that produced contemporary Italy are painstakingly and thoughtfully rendered, producing a remarkable blend of memoir, coming-of-age novel, and true-crime story. Along with indelible portraits of his teachers and fellow classmates—the charming Arbus, the literature teacher Cosmos, and his only Fascist friend, Max—Albinati also gives us his nuanced reflections on the legacy of abuse, the Italian bourgeoisie, and the relationship between sex, violence, and masculinity.

Meet the women of Mysteria—and the creatures they fall for—in four stories of paranormal passion from four New York Times bestselling authors. Located in the picturesque mountains of Colorado, Mysteria is a place where the supernatural co-exists with the natural. It's a town of bewitching seduction, dark magic, and sensual demons... In MaryJanice Davidson's "Alone Wolf," Charlene Houtenan is the voluptuous local realtor, who knows a hot property when she sees one. And when a new werewolf appears in town, she's going to make a move he can't resist... In P. C. Cast's "Candy Cox and the Big Bad (Were) Wolf," Candice Cox may be Mysteria High's sexiest teacher, but after five husbands, she's burnt out on romance. Until a former student—a drool-worthy werewolf—makes her howl at the moon... In Gena Showalter's "The Witches of Mysteria and the Dead Who Love Them," Genevieve Tawdry is a witch with a bad case of unrequited love for the owner of the local bar. But is his sudden change of heart the result of a love potion—or a literally breathtaking passion? In Susan Grant's "Mortal in Mysteria," Harmony Faithfull is the new minister in town. She's having a crisis of faith—in herself—until she finds a buck-naked man in her garden, a former demon who unleashes the devil inside her...

### **River Boy**

A New Dictionary of the Italian and English Languages, Based Upon that of Baretti, and Containing, Among Other Additions and Improvements, Numerous Neologisms ... and a Copious List of Geographical and Proper Names ...

### **The Bird's Nest**

### **A Small Town Romance Collection**

### **Almost an Evening**

Racconti del terrore Enders Delacorte Press

Based on the phenomenal growth of Quinn's popularity, and her four-week stint on the New York Times bestseller list with *Romancing Mr Bridgerton*, it's the perfect time to revisit Ms Quinn's 'splendid' storytelling. American heiress Emma Dunster has always been fun-loving and independent with no wish to settle into marriage. She plans to enjoy her Season in London in more unconventional ways than husband-hunting. But this time Emma's high-jinks lead her into dangerous temptation... Alexander Ridgely, the Duke of Ashbourne, is a notorious rake who carefully avoids the risk of love...until he plants one reckless kiss on the sensuous lips of this high-spirited innocent...and condemns himself to delicious torment. Little does he know that his passion has touched the very soul of the lovely enchantress...and committed them both to a lifetime of splendid ecstasy.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the villagers of the Carpathian mountains lead a simple life, much as they have always done. The modern world has yet to reach the inhabitants of this remote region of the Habsburg Empire. Among them is Piotr, a bandy-legged peasant, who wants nothing more from life than an official railway cap, a cottage, and a bride with a dowry. But then the war reaches the mountains and Piotr is drafted into the army. All the weight of imperial authority is used to mould him into an unthinking fighting machine, forced to fight a war he does not understand, for interests other than his own. *The Salt of the Earth* is a classic war novel and a powerfully pacifist tale about the consequences of war for ordinary men.--

What happens when an eccentric captain (who says "Poppycock!" all the time) gets tired of not having any more wars to fight and decides to create his own? It's a special day in a small village on the hills. It's the day of the mayor's daughter wedding, and

everyone is ready to celebrate. But suddenly ... A war submarine appears in the central square! Where did it come from?! How did it get there ... without any water?! It'll take a while to understand that the culprit is the eccentric captain who decided to declare war on the small hilltop village. What will this crazy situation lead to? What will happen when the captain (left alone in the depths of the sea for such a long time) starts to acquaint himself with the villagers? A humorous story with a pacifist background about the discovery of ourselves and the world around us. Funny, tender, surreal. A story to make you smile and reflect, talking about friendship, pastries, kisses and smiles. Because another life (... another way) is always possible. For all readers aged 6 to ... 100! (Nobody is too old to dream.) A fairy tale for everyone, with 13 watercolour and pastel illustrations. "He couldn't actually fish, but he found it quite relaxing to sit there listening to the sound of the water flowing. He had always seen the water from below the surface. What a surprise it was to look at it from above, with the reflection of the sun, the scents in the air and the sounds of the countryside." Also available in Italian and paperback. Note for the reader: this book is written in British English.

R. Crumb Sketchbook

Exile's Song

A Farmer's Journey in Search of Real Food and the People Who Grow It

Talbott's Cove

Know Fortnite: Battle Royale well, but want to play like a real pro? Look no further. The 100% UnofficialFortnite Pro Guide will help you take your building to the next level. And if you want to look great on the battlefield, this book includes a showcase of some of the best skins available, and plenty of emotes to pair with them. There's even a rundown of some of the cutest pets available in the game, for that extra fancy back bling. With colorful graphics and awesome pro tips, this is the definitive guide to Fortnite. First, gain in-depth knowledge on how to best to play on mobile devices. Then, discover methods to play your way to pro-level status with better weapons to pick up, new items to score, tactical traps to trick enemies, and faster—and more creative—builds that go way beyond the basics. If your noob days are over and you're ready to level up, this guide will show you all the ways you can master multiple areas of game-play. Personalizing your game is key as a Fortnite pro, and this guide helps you express yourself in fun new ways. New emotes that go way beyond the Floss? Cool new skins that will frighten and delight? 100% Unofficial Fortnite Pro Guide details them all to show you the best way to throw shade, show excitement, and even distract competitors with cosmic cosmetics to boost your game. You can even bring pet bling to the battlefield! This backpack companion offers great company as you venture into battle. Next, learn to play your way and add finesse to your game-play style with Limited-Time Modes that prove there's more to game types than Squads and Solo play. From what not to do to teamwork tips, it's all in a day's work as a Fortnite pro and now you can become an expert in how to be faster, stronger, and smarter on the battlefield. Finally, see how the Fortnite landscape has evolved and changed with an all-new map and a countdown of the top 10 most epic moments in the game so far. So fire up your PC, Mac, Xbox, PS4, Nintendo Switch, or iOS device, lock 'n' load and prepare to battle like the pros...in style!

Shirley Jackson's third novel, a chilling descent into multiple personalities Elizabeth is a demure twenty-three-year-old wiling her life away at a dull museum job, living with her neurotic aunt, and subsisting off her dead mother ' s inheritance. When Elizabeth begins to suffer terrible migraines and backaches, her aunt takes her to the doctor, then to a psychiatrist. But slowly, and with Jackson ' s characteristic chill, we learn that Elizabeth is not just one girl—but four separate, self-destructive personalities. The Bird ' s Nest, Jackson ' s third novel, develops hallmarks of the horror master ' s most unsettling work: tormented heroines, riveting familial mysteries, and a disquieting vision inside the human mind. 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.

Fourteen terrifying ghost stories chosen by the master of the macabre, Roald Dahl. 'Spookiness is the real purpose of the ghost story. It should give you the creeps and disturb your thoughts . . .' Who better to choose the ultimate in spine-chillers than Roald Dahl, whose own sinister stories have teased and twisted the imagination of millions? Here are fourteen of his favourite ghost stories, including Sheridan Le Fanu's The Ghost of a Hand, Edith Wharton's Afterward, Cynthia Asquith's The Corner Shop and Mary Treadgold's The Telephone. Roald Dahl, the brilliant and worldwide acclaimed author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, and many more classics for children, also wrote scores of short stories for adults. These delightfully disturbing tales have often been filmed and were most recently the inspiration for the West End play, Roald Dahl's Twisted Tales by Jeremy Dyson. Roald Dahl's stories continue to make readers shiver today.

Haunted by fleeting, nightmarish memories of her childhood on Darkover, Margaret Alton flees her home with her uncommunicative, brooding father to take a job as assistant to musicologist Ivor Davidson, a career that takes her back to Darkover and a terrifying confrontation with the past.

A Submarine in the Village

The Return: Odysseus 2

Mysteria

Ruins, Relics, Rarities, Rubbish, Uninhabited Places, and Hidden Treasures

The Catholic School

**Theo's domain has expanded and his partnership with Siluca has deepened, but will it be enough to keep their enemies at bay? Siluca's renegade political maneuvering results in brutal consequences as they are forced to defend their territory against ally and enemy alike. Siluca's ready to continue her master plan, but it may be much too late for diplomacy to have any effect. -- VIZ Media**

**The riveting conclusion to the international bestselling sci-fi thriller STARTERS! Would you rent out your body to the elderly so they could be young again? Someone is after Starters like Callie and Michael—teens with chips in their brains. They want to experiment on anyone left over from Prime Destinations—Starters who can be controlled and manipulated. With the body bank destroyed, Callie no longer has to rent herself out to creepy Enders. But Enders can still get inside her mind and make her do things she doesn't want to do. Like hurt someone she loves. Having the chip removed could save her life—but it could also silence the voice in her head that might belong to her father. Callie has flashes of her ex-renter Helena's memories, too . . . and the Old Man is back, filling her with fear. Who is real and who is masquerading in a teen body? No one is ever who they appear to be, not even the Old Man. Determined to find out who he really is and grasping at the hope of a normal life for herself and her younger brother, Callie is ready to fight for the truth. Even if it kills her. Praise for ENDERS: "Adrenaline-fueled . . . Fans of Starters will gobble this up."—Booklist "Delightfully disturbing."—Kirkus Reviews "A thrilling post-apocalyptic story that will keep readers on the edge of their seats from start to finish." --Children's Literature**

**Collection of cartoons, caricatures and some comic strips by R. Crumb.**

**Emperor Palpatine has a new weapon -- one that can annihilate a planet. But he's not targeting a planet -- he's targeting the future of the Jedi, Leia's children. It looks like a hopeless situation for Luke Skywalker, who has the critical task of protecting the children. But it's not the first time Luke has found hope where none existed. The finale to the Dark Empire trilogy is collected here.**

**Starving Anonymous 7**

**The Eternal Enemy**

**Racconti del terrore**

**Skybound X #5**

**Batman/Fortnite: Zero Point (2021-) #4**

*Batman has broken free from the Loop and the endless cycle of combat. Now free to explore the Island without limitation, the World's Greatest Detective will discover secrets about the world of Fortnite never before revealed in the game or anywhere else. Just one thing...he's not alone. Not only is he met by a rogue faction of Fortnite bandits who have ALSO escaped the Loop-Eternal Voyager! Bandolette! Magnus! Fishstick! And a few others-there's someone else trapped, someone who is trying to get free from the world of Fortnite...someone deadly. Will Batman recognize this familiar hunter-for-hire, and even more importantly, will he trust him? Just because Batman's out of the Loop doesn't mean the fighting is over... Please note: This digital comic purchase DOES NOT include any redeemable code for Fortnite in-game bonus rewards.*

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*The extraordinary story of a legendary hero continues ... After ten years of uninterrupted war, blood and agony, the Trojans have finally been defeated. Odysseus and his men begin the epic journey to return to Ithaca. Along the way, terrifying enemies await them: the cyclops Polyphemus, the lotus eaters, who feast on narcotic flowers that give only oblivion, the sorceress who turns men into swine, and the deadly, enthralling sirens. In this stunning new novel, Valerio Massimo Manfredi gives a new voice to one of the most adventurous and fascinating heroes of all time.*

*Having survived a camping trip with the Photography Club, a group whose main extracurricular activity is offering its sexual services to the student body, Takashi Tono is suddenly thrust into the club's next group excursion—a summer hot springs retreat! Meanwhile, even the club's veterans of debauchery can't escape the worst fate of all—true love! -- VIZ Media*

*It was the final, flaming days of the Ages of Chaos. Beneath its Bloody Sun, Darkover was divided into a hundred warring kingdoms, and civilization teetered on the brink of oblivion. This is the story of Bard di Asturien, the ambitious soldier-outlaw they called the Wolf of the Kilghard Hills; of Varzil, whom history was to dub The Good - and of the alien from distant Terra who was the exact double of Varzil's enemy.*

*Unruly Women of Paris*

*Oh, Freedom!*

*Attack on Titan*

*Two To Conquer*

*Yarichin Bitch Club, Vol. 4 (Yaoi Manga)*

**Welcome to Talbott's Cove, Maine, a place where everyone deserves second chances and happy ever afters. Included in this collection: Fresh Catch Take a vacation, they said. Get away from Silicon Valley's back-stabbing and power-grabbing. Recharge the innovative batteries. Unwind, then come back stronger than ever. Instead, I got lost at sea and fell in love with an anti-social lobsterman. There's one small issue: Owen Bartlett doesn't know who I am. Who I really am. \*\*\* I don't like people. I avoid small talk and socializing, and I kick my companions out of bed before the sun rises. No strings, no promises, no problems. Until Cole McClish's boat drifts into Talbott's Cove, and I bend all my rules for the sexy sailor. I don't know Cole's story or**

what he's running from, but one thing is certain: I'm not letting him run away from me. Hard Pressed Dear Jackson, I'm leaving you this note because I know you're very busy and I don't want to waste the town sheriff's time. Lord knows I've already wasted enough of it. Thank you for taking me home last night and...everything else. I made you a basket of wild blueberry muffins for your trouble. That seemed like the appropriate baked good for getting naked in your living room. I wasn't myself last night. I didn't mean to kiss you or fondle your backside or ask all those intimate questions. Thank you for pretending to enjoy it. It was very noble of you to sleep on the couch while I was starfished on your bed. I couldn't help but notice it's quite large. The bed, that is. I swear, I didn't notice anything else when I let myself out this morning. As you know, Talbott's Cove is a ridiculously small town and there's no chance we can avoid each other. Not that I'd want to avoid you, of course, but I'm not sure I can look at you without thinking of the forty different ways I made a fool of myself. Instead of avoidance, let's try to be friends. We'll forget all about last night...if that's what you want. Please burn this note after you read it- Annette p.s. I whipped up some cinnamon buns, too. Please enjoy them. I'm not sure why, but I couldn't get buns out of my mind today. Far Cry Brooke Markham needs a man. A real good man. But she's not looking for a keeper. She's too busy kicking ass, running an empire, and caring for her ailing father to spend time with men who want annoying things like relationships and commitment and...conversation. Brooke knows what she wants and it's not a future with the growly barkeep. JJ Harniczek needs money. A whole lot of money. He's determined to launch his distillery, expand his tavern, and put Talbott's Cove on the foodie tourism map. But there's no way he's asking Brooke for a dime. Not before he takes her to bed and definitely not after. JJ knows where he's headed and the blonde bombshell isn't about to change that. Not until she changes his entire world. Rough Sketch Smart, successful, and sitting pretty at the top of her game, Neera Malik has it all figured out. Save for the small issue of Gustavo Guillmand. The artist with a cult-and Instagram-following has a problem and it's not his preference for shirtless selfies. No, he has an attitude problem, a minding his own business problem, an infuriatingly sexy problem. They can't stand each other and they can't stay away from each other.

In this vividly written and amply illustrated book, Gay L. Gullickson analyzes the representations of women who were part of the insurrection known as the Paris Commune. The uprising and its bloody suppression by the French army is still one of the most hotly debated episodes in modern history. Especially controversial was the role played by women, whose prominent place among the Communards shocked many commentators and spawned the legend of the pétroleuses, women who were accused of burning the city during the battle that ended the Commune. In the midst of the turmoil that shook Paris, the media distinguished women for their cruelty and rage. The Paris-Journal, for example, raved: "Madness seems to possess them; one sees them, their hair down like furies, throwing boiling oil, furniture, paving stones, on the soldiers." Gullickson explores the significance of the images created by journalists, memoirists, and political commentators, and elaborated by latter-day historians and political thinkers. The pétroleuse is the most notorious figure to emerge from the Commune, but the literature depicts the Communardes in other guises, too: the innocent victim, the scandalous orator, the Amazon warrior, and the ministering angel, among others. Gullickson argues that these caricatures played an important role in conveying and evoking moral condemnation of the Commune. More important, they reveal the gender conceptualizations that structured, limited, and assigned meaning to women as political actors for the balance of the nineteenth and well into the twentieth century.

Now get going. Do justice. Thanks to finally landing a job-and also infiltrating the villainous Special Ability Liberation Front-Chiaki feels he's seen enough excitement to last a lifetime. But when he finds a gorgeous woman he just met passed out in public, Chiaki decides the responsible thing to do is carry her back to his place! A thrilling night awaits him, but can he last until morning...or will the experience make Chiaki forget that he has a heroic new mission to complete?

Collecting Deadpool: Assassin #1-6. Cullen Bunn, master of the Deadpool limited series, joins comics legend Mark Bagley to set the sassin' assassin against his own kind! The Assassins Guild, that is! They're gunning for Deadpool and anybody he cares about, and Wade's healing factor is about to be put to the ultimate test by the knife-wielding speedster called Harvester! And even if Deadpool is lucky enough to survive that encounter, the nefarious ne'er-do-wells lining up to take their shot will make that showdown look like a walk in the park! But the Guild picked the wrong Merc to mess with. And soon Deadpool and his pals will take the fight to the assassins and hit them where they live - literally! But in an all-out assault on the Assassins Guild's HQ, not everybody will make it out in one piece!

A Darkover Book

Empire's End

100% Unofficial Fortnite Pro Guide

Straight White Male

RaW Hero, Vol. 2

ERWIN'S GREATEST GAMBLE Commander Erwin has finally come to a decision: Putting their own wealth and position ahead of the survival of humanity, the royal government is no longer fit to lead. To execute their leader's most audacious plan yet, Eren and Krista will have to put themselves in peril yet again, and Armin, Mikasa, and the rest of the Survey Corps will have to turn from humanity's guardians into traitors. If they fail this time, they'll face not a Titan's gaping mouth, but the gallows...

From the bestselling author of Kill Your Friends, a wildly funny look at the midlife crisis of a loveable rogue. "A high-octane novel of excess" (Ian Rankin). Irish novelist Kennedy Marr is a first rate bad boy. When he is not earning a fortune as one of Hollywood's most sought after scriptwriters, he is drinking, insulting and philandering his way through Los Angeles, 'successfully debunking the myth that men are unable to multitask.' He is loved by many women, but loathed by even more including ex-wives on both sides of the pond. Kennedy's appetite for trouble is insatiable, but when he discovers

*that he owes 1.4 million dollars in back taxes, it seems his outrageous, hedonistic lifestyle may not be as sustainable as he thought. Forced to accept a teaching position at sleepy Deeping University, where his ex-wife and teenaged daughter now reside, Kennedy returns to England with a paper trail of tabloid headlines and scorned starlets hot on his bespoke heels. However, as he acclimatizes to the quaint campus Kennedy is forced to reconsider his laddish lifestyle. Incredible as it may seem, there might actually be a father and a teacher lurking inside this 'preening, narcissistic, priapic sociopath'. "A sharp and knowing satire of the film industry, publishing and academia." —The Guardian*

*Did you ever wonder "man, I wonder what happened on that Cronenberg dimension?" The one where Rick and Morty turned everyone into Cronenbergs and then Jerry and Summer and Beth like survived a terrible body-horror apocalypse? Did you wonder that? You did? Bruh, this is the issue for you then.*

*Illustrated with evocative color photographs of the land and the people who work it organically, and accompanied by a bountiful selection of recipes, this beautifully written memoir reveals the power of food as a personal and cultural force.*

*Deadpool Volume 10*

*Rick and Morty #45*

*Roald Dahl's Book of Ghost Stories*

*A Novel*

*The Dark Unwinding*

**From the award-winning author of Rook comes a delicious and twisty tale, filled with spine-tingling intrigue, juicy romance, and dangerous family secrets. When a rumor that her uncle is squandering away the family fortune surfaces, Katharine Tulman is sent to his estate to have him committed to an asylum. But instead of a lunatic, Katharine discovers a genius inventor with his own set of childlike rules, who is employing a village of nine hundred people rescued from the workhouses of London. Katharine becomes torn between protecting her own livelihood and preserving the peculiar community she grows to care for deeply -- a conflict made more complicated by her developing feelings for her uncle's handsome apprentice. As the mysteries of the estate begin to unravel, it is clear that not only is her uncle's world at stake, but also the state of England as Katharine knows it. With twists and turns at every corner, this extraordinary adventure will captivate readers with its thrills and romance.**

**She didn't know how fast the current was moving her. It could take many more hours yet, perhaps more hours than she had the strength for. But she must not stop. She must keep going. She must try to catch the river boy, even though she was frightened at the thought of what he was. Jess's beloved grandfather has just had a serious heart attack, but he insists that the family travel as planned to his boyhood home on the river so that he can finish his painting, River Boy. As Jess helps her ailing grandpa with his work, she becomes entranced by the scene he is painting. Then she becomes aware of a strange presence in the river -- a boy who asks for her help and issues a challenge that will stretch her swimming talents to their very limit. Jess knows that Grandpa and the river boy are connected, but how? Can she take up the river boy's challenge before it's too late for Grandpa? Tim Bowler's gripping narrative flows like a river itself -- gentle and calm at times, turbulent and deep at others, always fluid, always alive. Readers will be swept along by the magic of the river and the mysterious river boy -- and changed forever by Jess's unforgettable journey.**

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**RICK GRIMES 2000 concludes! Plus, new THE SIX SIDEKICKS OF TRIGGER KEATON and GASOLINA stories! ALSO, something COMPLETELY NEW from ROBERT KIRKMAN and JASON HOWARD! SECRETS!**

**Exile According to Julia**

**Record of Grancrest War, Vol. 3**

**Deadpool: Assassin**

**Sept. 1968-Jan. 1975**

**Enders**

**Berthe Turiansky always seemed artistically gifted. A young violinist caught in the upheavals of 1917, she fled Russia with her new husband, Alexander Bisk, a poet from a wealthy Belgian family. For years the couple and their young son - the narrator of this book - are buffeted from country to country. As Berthe's absorption in the arts gradually shifts to her only child, she becomes the object of his rage and contempt, his love and attraction, and not even the physical remove afforded by the young man's departure for war, not even his marriage and success as a writer, can relieve the tension between them. A gripping story of geographical and psychological displacement emerges as mother and son are tantalized and tormented - in each other's company, in letters, and in their dreams. In this unforgettable novel the dissonance between Berthe and her son gradually intensifies to reveal a relationship so disturbing and complex, so brutally and delicately delineated, as to seem wholly familiar and enigmatic at the same time. At the core of A Russian Mother lies the profound ambivalence of two people who are chillingly remote yet obsessively attached. This painful symbiosis between a mother and son takes shape in fragments, as the narrative jumps back and forth in time until the late 1970s. The narrator provides the psychological threads that unify the haphazard chronology, the chaotic uprootings, and the conflicting emotions as he tries to come to terms with his mother - as blood relative and fictional character.**

**This exciting adventure story follows a family of slaves in the USA in 1860 as they escape from a cotton plantation via the legendary Underground Railroad. An enthralling story of courage and resilience, centring on 10-year-old Tommy, it will fascinate children who might not know much about this secret escape route**

into Canada that was used by as many as 100,000 people. Ten-year-old Tommy roams the cotton fields of Alabama owned by the notorious Captain Archer. Intimidating guards with fierce dogs protect the land to prevent any slaves from leaving. That is until a supernatural spirit visits Tommy offering a way out. With his banjo slung over his shoulder, Peg Leg Joe guides Tommy, his family and other slaves out of Southern USA, and into Canada through the legendary Underground Railroads. Stretched for miles across the country's vastness, the network famously facilitated more than 100,000 slaves to a new life. For Tommy and his family, the escape is far from an easy ride. The young boy is forced to mature through this testing period and allow his strong will to guide himself and others to safety under the guidance of Peg Leg Joe. Set in the 19th century, D'Adamo's well-constructed novel tells a story distant in time, remains grounded in a reality that still exists today. Millions of people across the globe continue to be enslaved, including children.

Three satiric plays by Oscar-winning screenwriter Ethan Coen Raising Arizona, Fargo, No Country for Old Men, Burn After Reading – the Coen brothers' films are some of the most critically acclaimed and iconic of our time. Now, one half of the duo, Ethan Coen, adds playwriting to his eclectic bio. In these three short plays that ran to sold-out audiences Off-Broadway in 2008, the theme is hell – both on earth and in the hereafter. In “Waiting,” a man faces an uncertain future in an uncertain location that seems to be some kind of waiting room. The anxiety and despair hark back to dramas of the fifties – Sartre, Beckett, Pinter. “Four Benches” depicts an unlikely meeting in a steam room between a straight-talking Texan and an uptight Brit. Both men learn from the encounter, though only one survives it. In “Debate,” the cantankerous god of the Old Testament roundly abuses the mealymouthed god of the New. His profanity and ill humor receive a startling comeuppance, and further reversals and changes of point of view lead to a denouement that is no more preposterous than anything else in the play. Clever, provocative, and as engaging as the best fiction, these plays showcase yet another talent of one of our most celebrated contemporary writers.

Rela discovers that she can watch next week's news with her new VCR, but when she sees herself on the news, she realizes that she may not have long to live.

Obsolete Objects in the Literary Imagination

A Russian Mother

Evil Deadpool

Splendid

Fields of Plenty

The final and dramatic conclusion... Can they turn their back on Natsune-kun to give him what he wants...? The group comes to a decision and splits up, leaving the dark world behind them.

Hopefully, life will find a way in the final volume of Starving Anonymous...

Dragon Tales

Salt of the Earth

Images of the Commune

The Insect