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*A career-spanning
collection of essays by
Nobel laureate Peter
Handke, featuring two new*

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*works never before
published in English Quiet
Places brings together
Peter Handke's forays into
the border regions of life
and story, upending the
distinction between*

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*literature and the
literary essay. Proceeding
from the specificity of
place (the mountains of
Carinthia and Spain, the
hinterlands of Paris) to
specific objects (the*

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*jukebox, the boletus
mushroom) to the
irreducible particularity
of our moods and mental
impressions, these
works—each a novella in
its own right—offer rare*

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*insight into the
affinities that can
develop between a
storyteller and the
unlikeliest of subjects.
Here, Handke does for
European letters what Joan*

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Didion did for American journalism, positing a reevaluation of the possibilities and proper concerns of literature in a style unmistakably his own. This collection

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Mushroom Maniac," the
story of a friend's
descent to and ascent from
the depths of obsession,*

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*and "Essay on Quiet
Places," a memoiristic
tour d'horizon of
bathrooms and their place
in Handke's life and work.
Featuring masterful
translations by Krishna*

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*Winston and Ralph Manheim,
this collection
encapsulates the oeuvre of
one of our greatest living
writers.*

*By Nobel Prize Winner
Peter Handke Short Letter,*

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Long Farewell is one the most inventive and exhilarating of the great Peter Handke's novels. Full of seedy noir atmospherics and boasting an air of generalized

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delirium, the book starts by introducing us to a nameless young German who has just arrived in America, where he hopes to get over the collapse of his marriage. No sooner

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*has he arrived, however,
than he discovers that his
ex-wife is pursuing him.
He flees, she follows, and
soon the couple is running
circles around each other
across the length of*

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*America—from Philadelphia
to St. Louis to the
Arizona desert, and from
Portland, Oregon, to L.A.
Is it love or vengeance
that they want from each
other? Everything's*

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spectacularly unclear in a book that is travelogue, suspense story, domestic comedy, and Western showdown, with a totally unexpected Hollywood twist at the end. Above all,

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*Short Letter, Long
Farewell is a love letter
to America, its landscapes
and popular culture, the
invitation and the threat
of its newness and
wildness and emptiness,*

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*with the promise of a new
life—or the corpse of an
old one—lying just around
the corner.*

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translations of Gogol's
greatest short stories*

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*collected in a beautiful
edition Admired by writers
from Nabokov to Bulgakov
to George Saunders, Gogol
is considered one of the
more enigmatic of the
Russian greats. He only*

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wrote one novel, Dead Souls, and destroyed much of his later work, so his stories constitute his major output. In this collection, beautifully and skilfully translated

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*by Oliver Ready, Gogol's
three greatest St
Petersburg stories - 'The
Nose', 'The Overcoat' and
'The Diary of a Madman' -
are presented alongside
three masterworks set in*

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the Ukrainian and Russian provinces, demonstrating the breadth of Gogol's work. Gogol's extraordinary work is characterised by his idiosyncratic and often

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*very funny sensibility,
and these stories offer us
his unique, original and
marvellously skewed
perspective on the world.*

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detail and passionate energy.
Experience the Bible in a
beautiful new way!

A combination of professional
notebook and personal diary that
records -- both in short, informal
jottings and through more formal,

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extended meditations -- the details of Handke's daily life in Paris from November 1975 through March 1977. Along with references to such mentors as Truffaut, John Cowper Powys, Robert DeNiro and Goethe, the

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journal recounts Handke's passing impressions of strangers; the deep and delicate nature of his relationship with his daughter; and a brief hospital stay which stirs his ever-present fear of death.

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A young woman faces loneliness and alienation on a journey to find her own life outside of being a wife and mother in Nobel Prize-winning author Peter Handke 's The Left-Handed Woman. One evening, when Marianne and her

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husband, Bruno, are dining out together to celebrate his return from a business trip, Marianne listens to him speak and realizes suddenly yet finally that Bruno will leave her. Whether at that moment, or in years to come,

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she will be deserted. And instinctively Marianne knows she must fend for herself and her young son now, before that time comes. She sends Bruno away and settles down to a life alone, at first experiencing moments of

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panic, restlessly wandering in rooms grown stifling. The stillness of the house wears her down, and she starts taking long walks, or visiting with her close friend, Franziska. Gradually, what began as a selfish escape

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from the prospects of the future becomes in fact liberation. The environment she'd always hated--a no man's land of identical houses, with all curtains drawn--recedes; her relationships with those dear to

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her become less threatening, less necessary; and Marianne finds a new pattern for her life and the strength to go on alone. A “challenging and rewarding novel” * from Nobel Prize-winning author Peter Handke. The time is

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an unspecified modernity, the place possibly Europe. Absence follows four nameless people -- the old man, the woman, the soldier, and the gambler -- as they journey to a desolate wasteland beyond the limits of

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an unnamed city. “ In this smoothly written fable, Handke forcefully summons readers to the recognition that the essence of human life lies in the striving for self-expression even though its perfect realization must

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always remain
elusive.” —*Publishers Weekly "A
remarkably abstract book even
for the very abstract Handke...
Slippery but engrossing work,
silkiy translated." - Kirkus
Reviews

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A Novel

The Afternoon of a Writer

My Family's Story in Nazi Europe

- A Memoir, A History, A

Warning

The Still Point of the Turning

World

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Stories

Don Juan: His Own Version

This book presents two plays, both of which are translated into English for the first time.

In Voyage to the Sonorous Land, or The Art of Asking, a

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cockeyed optimist and a spoilsport lead a group of characters to the hinterland of their imaginations, where they search not for the right answers but for the questions. The Hour We

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Knew Nothing of Each Other
takes place in a city square
where more than four
hundred characters pass by
one another without speaking
a single word.

An Austrian writer looks back

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on his failed relationships, from his tenuous connection to his son to an abortive love affair with a onetime Miss Yugoslavia, struggling to do justice to their complexity in his next novel.

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An odyssey through the mind and memory of a washed-up writer, from one of Europe's most provocative novelists

Mysteriously summoned to a houseboat on the Morava River, a few friends,

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associates, and collaborators of an old writer listen as he tells a story that will last until dawn: the tale of the once well-known writer ' s recent odyssey across Europe. As his story unfolds, it visits

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places that represent stages of the narrator ' s and the continent ' s past, many now lost or irrecoverably changed through war, death, and the subtler erosions of time. His wanderings take him from the

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Balkans to Spain, Germany, and Austria, from a congress of experts on noise sickness to a clandestine international gathering of jew ' s-harp virtuosos. His story and its telling are haunted by a

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beautiful stranger, a woman who has a preternatural hold over the writer and appears sometimes as a demon, sometimes as the longed-for destination of his travels.

Powerfully alive, honest, and

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at times deliciously satirical,
The Moravian Night explores
the mind and memory of an
aging writer, tracking the
anxieties, angers, fears, and
pleasures of a life inseparable
from the recent history of

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Central Europe. In crystalline prose, Peter Handke traces and interrogates his own thoughts and perceptions while endowing the world with a mythic dimension. As Jeffrey Eugenides writes,

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“ Handke ’ s sharp eye is always finding a strange beauty amid this colorless world. ” The Moravian Night is at once an elegy for the lost and forgotten and a novel of self-examination and uneasy

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discovery, from one of world literature ' s great voices. On a Dark Night I Left My Silent House is Nobel Prize winner Peter Handke's evocative, moving, often fantastic, short novel about

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one man's conflict with himself and his journey toward resolution. During one night shift, an unnamed, middle-aged pharmacist in Taxham, an isolated suburb of Salzburg, tells his story to a

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narrator. The pharmacist is known and well-respected, but lonely and estranged from his wife. He feels most comfortable wandering about in nature, collecting and eating hallucinogenic

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mushrooms. One day he receives a blow to the head that leaves him unable to speak, and the narrative is transformed from ironic description into a collection of sensual impressions,

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observations and reflections. The pharmacist, who is now called the driver, sets out on a quest, travelling into the Alps with two companions—a former Olympic skiing champion and a formerly

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famous poet--where he is beaten and later stalked by a woman. He drives through a tunnel and has a premonition of death, then finds himself in a surreal, foreign land. In a final series of bizarre,

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cathartic events, the driver regains his speech and is taken back to his pharmacy—back to his former life, but forever changed. A powerful, poetic exploration of language, longing and

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dislocation in the human
experience, On a Dark Night I
Left My Silent House reveals
Handke at his magical best.

Absence

The Weight of the World

And the Earth Will Sit on the

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Moon

A Life Story

An Oral History as Told by

Jon Stewart, the

Correspondents, Staff and

Guests

A Moment of True Feeling

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[At the] Marymount Manhattan Theatre, the Phoenix Theatre, twenty-fourth season, T. Edward Hambleton, managing director, Marilyn S. Miller, executive director, Daniel Freudenberger, producing

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director presents 'A sorrow
beyond dreams' by Peter
Handke, translated by Ralph
Manheim with Len Cariou ...
adapted and directed by
Daniel Freudenberger.
A major new novel from the
Nobel laureate Peter

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Handke—one of his most inventive and dazzlingly original works On a summer day under a blue sky a man is stung on his foot by a bee. "The sting signaled that the time had come to set out, to hit the road.

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Off with you. The hour of departure has arrived." The man boards a train to Paris, crosses the city by Métro, then boards another, disembarking in a small town on the plains to the north. He is searching for a young

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woman he calls the Fruit Thief, who, like him, has set off on a journey to the Vexin plateau. What follows is a vivid but dreamlike exploration of topography both physical and affective, charting the Fruit Thief's

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perambulations across
France's internal
borderlands: alongside
rivers and through ravines,
beside highways and to a
bolt-hole under the stairs
of an empty hotel. Chance
encounters—with a man

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scrambling through the underbrush in search of his lost cat, and with a delivery boy who abandons his scooter to become a fellow traveler for a day—are like so many throws of the dice, each exposing

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new facets of this
mysterious individual in the
manner of a cubist portrait.
In prose of unrivaled
precision, lucidly rendered
into English by Krishna
Winston, *The Fruit Thief*
elevates the terrain of

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everyday life to epic status, and situates the microgeography of an individual at the center of a book like few others. This is one of Nobel laureate Peter Handke's most significant and original

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achievements.

In this visionary novel, Nobel Prize winner Peter Handke offers descriptions of objects, relationships, and events that teach readers a renewed way of seeing; he creates a wealth

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of images to replace those lost to convention and conformity. On the outskirts of a northwestern European river port city lives a powerful woman banker, a public figure admired and hated in equal measure, who

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has decided to turn from the worlds of high finance and modern life to embark on a quest. Having commissioned a famous writer to undertake her "authentic" biography, she journeys through the Spanish Sierra de Gredos and

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the region of La Mancha to meet him. As she travels by all-terrain vehicle, bus, and finally on foot, the nameless protagonist encounters five way stations that become the stuff of her biography and the biography

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of the modern world, a world in which genuine images and unmediated experiences have been exploited and falsified by commercialization and by the voracious mass media.

Crossing the Sierra de Gredos is a very human book

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of yearning and the ancient quest for love, peopled with memorable characters (from multiple historical periods) and imbued with Handke's inimitable ability to portray universal, inner-worldly adventures that

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blend past, future, present,
and dreamtime.

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Penalty Kick

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The Great Fire
Ban en Banlieue
Senselessness

An evocative exploration
of body and politics by
one of our most exciting
innovative writers. Bhanu

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Kapil's Ban en Banlieue follows a brown (black) girl as she walks home from school in the first moments of a riot. An April night in London, in 1979, is the axis of this

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startling work of overlapping arcs and varying approaches. By the end of the night, Ban moves into an incarnate and untethered presence, becoming all matter--

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soot, meat, diesel oil and
force--as she loops the
city with the energy of
global weather. Derived
from performances in
India, England and
throughout the U.S., Ban

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en Banlieue is written at the limit of somatic and civic aims.

Set in 1960, Nobel Prize winner Peter Handke's Repetition tells of Filib Kobal's journey from his

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home in Carinthia to Slovenia on the trail of his missing brother, Gregor. He is armed only with two of Gregor's books: a copy book from agricultural school, and a

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Slovenian - German dictionary, in which Gregor has marked certain words. The resulting investigation of the laws of language and naming becomes a transformative

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investigation of himself
and the world around him.
"Handke's eminence,
displayed in a substantial
oeuvre of plays, novels
and poems, is reaffirmed
brilliantly by

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[Repetition]." -
Publishers Weekly
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
The complete, uncensored
history of the award-
winning The Daily Show
with Jon Stewart, as told

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by its correspondents,
writers, and host. For
almost seventeen years,
The Daily Show with Jon
Stewart brilliantly
redefined the borders
between television comedy,

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political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the

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powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary

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host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent

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guests and adversaries:
John and Cindy McCain,
Glenn Beck, Tucker
Carlson, and many more.
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the reader behind the
curtain for all the show's

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highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news

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cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics—a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to

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effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly

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and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal

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moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of

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America's most groundbreaking shows.
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Essays on Storytelling

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Days in the Caucasus
Crossing the Sierra de
Gredos

Three by Peter Handke

A collection of three superb essays from a renowned prose stylist attempts to explore how language can work its magic on us, as

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the author meditates on subjects ranging from his Austrian boyhood to the music of the Beatles.

Winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize for Literature "My mother has been dead for almost seven weeks: I had better go to work before the need to write about her, which I felt so strongly at her funeral, dies

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Essays by an Austrian writer which magnify routine events. One is on snow in Japan as it falls and melts, another is on a shoe shine man in the Balkans, a third is on tidal waters, flowing and receding on the coast of Spain.

Three stories deal with the breakdown of language, a man's search for his missing

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wife, and a mother's suicide

Repetition

Quiet Places

A novel

Selected Stories

or, One-Way Journey into the Interior: A
Novel

Short Letter, Long Farewell

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A Rainmaker Translation Grant Winner from the Black Mountain Institute: Senselessness, acclaimed Salvadoran author Horacio Castallanos Moya's astounding debut in English, explores horror with hilarity and

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electrifying panache. A boozing, sex-obsessed writer finds himself employed by the Catholic Church (an institution he loathes) to proofread a 1,100 page report on the army's massacre and torture of thousands of indigenous

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villagers a decade earlier, including the testimonies of the survivors. The writer's job is to tidy it up: he rants, "that was what my work was all about, cleaning up and giving a manicure to the Catholic hands

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that were piously getting ready to squeeze the balls of the military tiger." Mesmerized by the strange Vallejo-like poetry of the Indians' phrases ("the houses they were sad because no people were inside them"), the

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increasingly agitated and frightened writer is endangered twice over: by the spell the strangely beautiful heart-rending voices exert over his tenuous sanity, and by real danger—after all, the murderers are the very

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generals who still run this unnamed Latin American country.

Like all mothers, Emily Rapp had ambitious plans for her first and only child, Ronan. He would be smart, loyal, physically fearless,

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and level-headed, but fun. He would be good at crossword puzzles like his father. He would be an avid skier like his mother. Rapp would speak to him in foreign languages and give him the best education. But all of

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these plans changed when Ronan was diagnosed at nine months old with Tay-Sachs disease, a rare and always-fatal degenerative disorder. Ronan was not expected to live beyond the age of three; he would be

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permanently stalled at a developmental level of six months. Rapp and her husband were forced to re-evaluate everything they thought they knew about parenting. They would have to learn to live with

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their child in the moment; to find happiness in the midst of sorrow; to parent without a future. *The Still Point of the Turning World* is the story of a mother's journey through grief and beyond it. Rapp's response to her son's

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diagnosis was a belief that she needed to “make my world big”—to make sense of her family’s situation through art, literature, philosophy, theology and myth. Drawing on a broad range of thinkers and writers,

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from C.S. Lewis to Sylvia Plath, Hegel to Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, Rapp learns what wisdom there is to be gained from parenting a terminally ill child. In luminous, exquisitely moving prose she re-examines

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our most fundamental assumptions about what it means to be a good parent, to be a success, and to live a meaningful life.

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for Fiction. A great writer's sweeping story of men and women struggling to reclaim their lives in the aftermath of world conflict The Great Fire is Shirley Hazzard's first novel since The Transit of Venus, which won the

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National Book Critics Circle Award in 1981. The conflagration of her title is the Second World War. In war-torn Asia and stricken Europe, men and women, still young but veterans of harsh experience, must

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reinvent their lives and expectations, and learn, from their past, to dream again. Some will fulfill their destinies, others will falter. At the center of the story, Aldred Leith, a brave and brilliant soldier, finds that survival

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and worldly achievement are not enough. Helen Driscoll, a young girl living in occupied Japan and tending her dying brother, falls in love, and in the process discovers herself. In the looming shadow of world enmities

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resumed, and of Asia's coming centrality in world affairs, a man and a woman seek to recover self-reliance, balance, and tenderness, struggling to reclaim their humanity.

Nobel Prize winner Peter

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Handke offers a wry and entertaining take on history's most famous seducer as he takes a respite from his stressful existence Don Juan's story—"his own version"—is filtered through the consciousness of an

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anonymous narrator, a failed innkeeper and chef, into whose solitude Don Juan bursts one day. On each day of the week that follows, Don Juan describes the adventures he experienced on that same day a week earlier.

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The adventures are erotic, but Handke's Don Juan is more pursued than pursuer. What makes his accounts riveting are the remarkable evocations of places and people, and the nature of his narration. Don

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Juan: His Own Version is, above all, a book about storytelling and its ability to burst the ordinary boundaries of time and space. In this brief and wry volume, Peter Handke conjures images and depicts the subtleties of human

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interaction with an unforgettable vividness. Along the way, he offers a sharp commentary on many features of contemporary life.

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Women, the Family and Nazi
Politics

I Would Prefer Not To

On a Dark Night I Left My Silent
House

Once Again for Thucydides

In Nobel Prize-winning author Peter

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Handke's The Afternoon of a Writer, a writer, fearful of losing his abilities and hence his connection with the world, takes an afternoon walk and has several encounters that reaffirm his confidence...

The first of Nobel Prize winner Peter
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Handke's novels to be published in English, The Goalie's Anxiety at the Penalty Kick is a true modern classic that "portrays the...breakdown of a murderer in ways that recall Camus's The Stranger" (The New York Times). The self-destruction of a soccer

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goalie turned construction worker who wanders aimlessly around a stifling Austrian border town after pursuing and then murdering, almost unthinkingly, a female movie cashier is mirrored by Handke's use of direct, sometimes fractured prose that

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conveys "at its best a seamless blend of lyricism and horror seen in the runes of a disintegrating world" (Boston Sunday Globe).

Sait Faik Abasiyanik was born in Adapazari in 1906 and died of cirrhosis in Istanbul in 1954. He

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wrote twelve books of short stories, two novels, and a book of poetry. His stories celebrate the natural world and trace the plight of iconic characters in society: ancient coffeehouse proprietors and priests, dream-addled fishermen and poets of

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estate to the Darușafaka foundation for orphans, and this foundation has since been committed to promoting his work. His former family home on Burgazada was recently restored, and now functions as a museum honoring his life and work. He is still greatly

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