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This handsome edition of McCarthy's completed Border Trilogy in one volume gives the reader one of the most important works of American fiction of the last decades. McCarthy's work is far more than a western, but crosses the borders between fiction and philosophy, the real and the world of dream. With influences ranging from the traditional western; the coming-of-age story; the courtly romance; classical tragedy; and magical realism, McCarthy's masterpiece is a work to be read and read again. This new

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volume containing all three of the novels, All the Pretty Horses, The Crossing, and Cities of the Plain, is a welcome addition to the canon of McCarthy's works in print.

In the 1930s, Billy and his family come to Hidalgo County, New Mexico, where he becomes obsessed with a wild wolf that lives a precarious existence threatened by the region's ranchers.

A startling encounter on a New York subway platform leads two strangers to a run-down tenement where a life or death decision must be made. In that small apartment, "Black" and "White," as the two men are known, begin a conversation that leads each back through his own history, mining the origins of two fundamentally opposing world views. White is

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a professor whose seemingly enviable existence of relative ease has left him nonetheless in despair. Black, an ex-con and ex-addict, is the more hopeful of the men—though he is just as desperate to convince White of the power of faith as White is desperate to deny it. Their aim is no less than this: to discover the meaning of life. Deft, spare, and full of artful tension, The Sunset Limited is a beautifully crafted, consistently thought-provoking, and deceptively intimate work by one of the most insightful writers of our time. This title was published by Bloodaxe in hardback only in 1985. A paperback edition was sublicensed to Penguin Books and published by them in 1986 under the title Theatre Works, 1973-1985.

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The Stonemason

Blood Meridian

A Play in Five Acts

Intertextual and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cormac McCarthy

In a Vision of the Night

The Crossing

Set in Louisville, Kentucky, in the 1970s, *The Stonemason* is a multi-generational drama about black men struggling to maintain their dignity. The drama evokes the subtleties of Grecian tragedy with the mastery of character, plot, and pathos that

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distinguishes the acclaimed fiction of this recent National Book Award winner.

Novelist Cormac McCarthy's brilliant and challenging work demands deep engagement from his readers. In Cormac McCarthy's House, author, painter, photographer, and actor-director Peter Josyph draws on a wide range of experience to pose provocative, unexpected questions about McCarthy's work, how it is achieved, and how it is interpreted. As a visual artist, Josyph wrestles with the challenge of rendering McCarthy's former home in El Paso as a symbol of a great writer's workshop. As an actor and filmmaker, he

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analyzes the high art of Tommy Lee Jones in *The Sunset Limited* and *No Country for Old Men*. Invoking the recent suicide of a troubled friend, he grapples with the issue of “our brother’s keeper” in *The Crossing* and *The Sunset Limited*. But for Josyph, reading the finest prose-poet of our day is a project into which he invites many voices, and his investigations include a talk with Mark Morrow about photographing McCarthy while he was writing *Blood Meridian*; an in-depth conversation with director Tom Cornford on the challenges of staging *The Sunset Limited* and *The Stonemason*; a walk through the

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streets, waterfronts, and hidden haunts of Suttree with McCarthy scholar and Knoxville resident Wesley Morgan; insights from the cast of *The Gardener's Son* about a controversial scene in that film; actress Miriam Colon's perspective on portraying the Dueña Alfonsa opposite Matt Damon in *All the Pretty Horses*; and a harsh critique of Josyph's views on *The Crossing* by McCarthy scholar Marty Priola, which leads to a sometimes heated debate. Illustrated with thirty-one photographs, Josyph's unconventional journeys into the genius of Cormac McCarthy form a new, highly personal

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way of appreciating literary greatness. Cormac McCarthy is renowned as the author of popular and acclaimed novels such as Blood Meridian, All the Pretty Horses, and The Road. Throughout his career, however, McCarthy has also invested deeply in writing for film and theater, an engagement with other forms of storytelling that is often overlooked. He is the author of five screenplays and two plays, and he has been significantly involved with three of the seven film adaptations of his work. In this book, Stacey Peebles offers the first extensive overview of this relatively unknown

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aspect of McCarthy's writing life, including the ways in which other artists have interpreted his work for the stage and screen. Drawing on many primary sources in McCarthy's recently opened archive, as well as interviews, Peebles covers the 1977 televised film *The Gardener's Son*; McCarthy's unpublished screenplays from the 1980s that became the foundation for his *Border Trilogy* novels and *No Country for Old Men*; various successful and unsuccessful productions of his two plays; and all seven film adaptations of his work, including John Hillcoat's *The Road* (2009) and the Coen brothers' Oscar-

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winning No Country for Old Men (2007).

Emerging from this narrative is the central importance of tragedy—the rich and varied portrayals of violence and suffering and the human responses to them—in all of McCarthy's work, but especially his writing for theater and film.

The conclusion of the Border trilogy describes the friendship of John Grady Cole and Billy Parham, two cowboys working on a New Mexico ranch in the 1950s

Child of God

Cormac McCarthy and Performance

No Country for Old Men

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(And Other Letters Left Unsaid)

Book 1 of The Border Trilogy

Spatial Constraint and Character Flight in the Novels of Cormac McCarthy

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER • NATIONAL

BESTSELLER • The first volume in the Border Trilogy, from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Road* and *All the Pretty Horses* is the tale of John Grady Cole, who at sixteen finds himself at the end of a long line of Texas ranchers, cut off from the only life he has ever imagined for himself. With two companions, he sets off for Mexico on a sometimes idyllic, sometimes comic journey to a place where dreams are paid for in blood.

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This collection offers a fresh approach to the work of Cormac McCarthy, one of the most important contemporary American authors. Essays focus on his work across the genres and/or in constellation with other writers and artists, presenting not only a different "angle" on the work, but setting him within a broader literary and artistic context. Such an approach offers a view of McCarthy that is strikingly different to previous collections that have dealt with the work in an almost exclusively "single author" and/or "single genre" mode. McCarthy's novels are increasingly regarded as amongst the most rich, the most complex, and the most insightful of all recent literary responses to prevailing conditions in both the USA and

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beyond, and this collection recognizes the intertextual and interdisciplinary nature of his work. Contributors draw back the curtain on some of McCarthy's literary ancestors, revealing and analyzing some of the fiction's key contemporary intertexts, and showing a complex and previously underestimated hinterland of influence. In addition, they look beyond the novel both to other genres in McCarthy's oeuvre, and to the way these genres have influenced McCarthy's writing.

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PULITZER PRIZE • A searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive, this "tale of survival and the miracle of goodness only adds to

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McCarthy's stature as a living master. It's gripping, frightening and, ultimately, beautiful" (San Francisco Chronicle). A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stone and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father

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and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation.

«Come gli autori da lui ammirati - Dostoevskij, Faulkner, Melville - Cormac McCarthy ha dato vita a un universo letterario piú grande e profondo dei singoli libri che lo compongono. Questi sono gli scrittori che lottano corpo a corpo con gli déi». The Washington Post Book World
Dramatic Verse, 1973-1985
American Canticles

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Cormac McCarthy in Context

Books Are Made Out of Books

Job, Cormac McCarthy, and the Challenge of Chaos
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When the New York Times published the first print interview with Cormac McCarthy in 1992, the author was barely known outside a small group of academics, writers, and devoted readers. None of his previous books sold more than five thousand copies in hardcover. But that same year McCarthy's All the Pretty Horses made the best-seller lists, and over the next two decades, with the publications of such books as No Country for Old Men and The Road, McCarthy

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became a house hold name. In Cormac McCarthy's Literary Evolutions, Daniel Robert King traces McCarthy's journey form cult figure to literary icon. Drawing extensively on McCarthy's papers and those of Albert Erskine, his editor and devoted advocate at Random House, King investigates the changes that McCarthy's work as a novelist, his writing methods, and the reception of his novels have undergone over the course of his career. Taking several of McCarthy's major novels as case studies, King explores the lengthy process of their composition through multiple drafts and revisions, the signal contributions of the author's agents and publishers, and McCarthy's growing confidence as a writer.

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This work also reveals the wide range of McCarthy's reading and research as well as key intertextual connections between the novels. Part literary biography, part archival investigation, and part study of print culture, this book is particularly revealing of how one talented writer, properly nurtured by dedicate allies, went on to gain a huge measure of recognition and respect. Book jacket.

Presents a critical introduction to the fiction and drama of the American author, discussing his novels, plays, characters, language, and the major themes of his work.

Del autor de La carretera, una obra sobre el significado de la vida y de la muerte En una habitación cerrada, un

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hombre negro y otro blanco mantienen una dura batalla dialéctica. El hombre blanco, un profesor de humanidades de vida acomodada, atenazado por sus propias dudas acerca de la condición humana, considera que la única salida a la miserable situación en la que se halla el ser humano es arrojarse a las vías del Sunset Limited. Ha llegado a creer que la experiencia de la felicidad es pernicioso para la condición humana. El hombre negro, sin embargo, se encuentra en el polo opuesto y ha llevado una vida marcada por la violencia, la adicción a las drogas y la cárcel. Pero a pesar de todo no ha perdido su fe. Encerrados en un debate filosófico, los dos contrincantes

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defienden de manera apasionada sus credos personales y tratan de convertir al otro. Ambas visiones, fundamentalmente contrarias, confluyen en esta conversación que ahonda en el vacío que se abre entre el silencio de Dios y lo inevitable de la muerte.

Who needs Hope when you can have Rage... I'm a girl. I'm nineteen. And I'm a killer. This life is all I know. It's all I want to know. Until him. It all changes when an ordinary boy becomes my next target. And my first love. I have to choose. The only life I've ever known has to die, or he does. Either way, I'll be the one pulling the trigger... All the Rage is a STANDALONE.

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Allegory and Realism in Cormac McCarthy's The Sunset Limited

No Place for Home

A Guide to Cormac McCarthy's Literary Influences

The Cambridge Companion to Cormac McCarthy

Or the Evening Redness in the West

Outer Dark

Cormac McCarthy both embodies and redefines the notion of the artist as outsider. His fiction draws on recognizable American themes and employs dense philosophical and theological subtexts, challenging readers by depicting the familiar as inscrutably foreign. The essays in this Companion

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offer a sophisticated yet concise introduction to McCarthy's difficult and provocative work. The contributors, an international team of McCarthy scholars, analyze some of the most well-known and commonly taught novels - Outer Dark, Blood Meridian, All the Pretty Horses and The Road - while providing detailed treatments of McCarthy's work in cinema, including the many adaptations of his novels to film. Designed for scholars, teachers and general readers, and complete with a chronology and bibliography for further reading, this Companion is an essential reference for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of one of America's most celebrated living novelists.

The Counsellor is the story of a lawyer whose desire to get

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rich, in order to impress his fiancée, leads him to become involved in a risky drug-smuggling venture. His contacts in the high-stakes cocaine trade are the mysterious Reiner and the seductive Malkina. As the action crosses the Mexican border, things become darker, more violent and more sexually disturbing than he could ever have imagined. 'It's hard to think of a contemporary writer more worth reading'

INDEPENDENT

*In this taut, chilling novel from the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Road*, Lester Ballard—a violent, dispossessed man falsely accused of rape—haunts the hill country of East Tennessee when he is released from jail. While telling his story, Cormac McCarthy depicts the most sordid*

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aspects of life with dignity, humor, and characteristic lyrical brilliance. "Like the novelists he admires-Melville, Dostoyevsky, Faulkner-Cormac McCarthy has created an imaginative oeuvre greater and deeper than any single book. Such writers wrestle with the gods themselves." —Washington Post

*This blistering novel—from the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Road*—returns to the Texas-Mexico border, setting of the famed *Border Trilogy*. The time is our own, when rustlers have given way to drug-runners and small towns have become free-fire zones. One day, a good old boy named Llewellyn Moss finds a pickup truck surrounded by a bodyguard of dead men. A load of heroin and two million*

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dollars in cash are still in the back. When Moss takes the money, he sets off a chain reaction of catastrophic violence that not even the law—in the person of aging, disillusioned Sheriff Bell—can contain. As Moss tries to evade his pursuers—in particular a mysterious mastermind who flips coins for human lives—McCarthy simultaneously strips down the American crime novel and broadens its concerns to encompass themes as ancient as the Bible and as bloodily contemporary as this morning's headlines. No Country for Old Men is a triumph.

The Gardener's Son

Feed Hope, Starve Despair

Borders and Crossings

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The Border Trilogy

All the Rage

Cities of the Plain

A man tells his sister that the child she bore him is dead, but learning it is alive, she searches the woods for her lost son Full of rich dialogue, Cormac McCarthy's insightful and philosophical play, *The Sunset Limited*, probes the deepest questions of human existence. A startling encounter on a New York subway platform leads two strangers to a run-down tenement where a life or death decision must be made. In that small apartment, 'Black' and 'White', as the two men are known, begin a conversation that leads each back through his own history - mining the origins of two diametrically opposing

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Cormac McCarthy is a writer informed by an intense curiosity. His interests range from the natural world, to philosophy and

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religion, to history and culture. Cormac McCarthy in Context offers readers the opportunity to understand how various influences inform his rich body of work. The collection explores the relationship McCarthy has with his favourite authors, writers such as Herman Melville, William Faulkner, and Ernest Hemingway. Other contexts are tremendously informative, including the American Romance tradition of the nineteenth century as well as modernity and the modernist literary movement. Influence and context are of absolute importance in understanding McCarthy, who is now being understood as one of the most significant authors of the contemporary period.

This book was written to venture beyond interpretations of

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Cormac McCarthy's characters as simple, antinomian, and non-psychological; and of his landscapes as unrelated to the violent arcs of often orphaned and always emotionally isolated and socially detached characters. As McCarthy usually eschews direct indications of psychology, his landscapes allow us to infer much about their motivations. The relationship of ambivalent nostalgia for domesticity to McCarthy's descriptions of space remains relatively unexamined at book length, and through less theoretical application than close reading. By including McCarthy's latest book, this study offer the only complete study of all nine novels. Within McCarthy studies, this book extends and complicates a growing interest in space and domesticity in his work. The author combines a

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high regard for McCarthy's stylistic prowess with a provocative reading of how his own psychological habits around gender issues and family relations power books that only appear to be stories of masculine heroics, expressions of misogynistic fear, or antinomian rejections of civilized life.

Adventures in Reading Cormac McCarthy

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Cormac McCarthy's Literary Evolution

The Road

Cormac McCarthy's House

All the Pretty Horses

25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION • An epic novel of the violence and depravity that attended America's westward expansion, Blood

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Meridian brilliantly subverts the conventions of the Western novel and the mythology of the Wild West—from the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Road* Based on historical events that took place on the Texas-Mexico border in the 1850s, it traces the fortunes of the Kid, a fourteen-year-old Tennessean who stumbles into the nightmarish world where Indians are being murdered and the market for their scalps is thriving.

A “comprehensive and enlightening” study of Cormac McCarthy’s literary influences, based on newly acquired archival materials (*Times Literary Supplement*). Though Cormac McCarthy once told an interviewer for the *New York Times Magazine* that “books are made out of books,” he has been famously unwilling to discuss how his own writing draws on the works of other writers. Yet his novels and plays masterfully appropriate and allude to an extensive range of

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literary works, demonstrating that McCarthy is well aware of literary tradition, respectful of the canon, and deliberately situating himself in a knowing relationship to precursors. The Wittliff Collection at Texas State University acquired McCarthy's literary archive in 2007. In *Books Are Made Out of Books*, Michael Lynn Crews thoroughly mines the archive to identify nearly 150 writers and thinkers that McCarthy himself references in early drafts, marginalia, notes, and correspondence. Crews organizes the references into chapters devoted to McCarthy's published works, the unpublished screenplay *Whales and Men*, and McCarthy's correspondence. For each work, Crews identifies the authors, artists, or other cultural figures that McCarthy references; gives the source of the reference in McCarthy's papers; provides context for the reference as it appears in the archives; and explains the significance of the reference to the

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novel or play that McCarthy was working on. This groundbreaking exploration of McCarthy's literary influences—impossible to undertake before the opening of the archive—vastly expands our understanding of how one of America's foremost authors has engaged with the ideas, images, metaphors, and language of other thinkers and made them his own.

The magnificent second novel from the legendary author of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* Following the astonishing success of his first novel, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Ken Kesey wrote what Charles Bowden calls "one of the few essential books written by an American in the last half century." This wild-spirited tale tells of a bitter strike that rages through a small lumber town along the Oregon coast. Bucking that strike out of sheer cussedness are the Stampers. Out of the Stamper family's rivalries and betrayals Ken

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Kesey has crafted a novel with the mythic impact of Greek tragedy. 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.

How is life possible in a world of evil, suffering, and chaos? Christians have historically been inept at offering adequate answers as to why people's lives are derailed by sudden chaos and, even worse, at equipping people to live in the throes, or aftermath, of that same chaos. Underlying this confusion is an assumption that evil is a

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formidable chink in the armor of God's creation. The book of Job challenges such thinking, but its meaning often remains hidden because of a long-standing belief in Christian hermeneutics that the book is about why bad things happen to good people, or about why suffering happens. This is not the case. With *In a Vision of the Night* Philip Thomas offers a fresh perspective into the book of Job by reading it alongside the fiction of Cormac McCarthy. While some critics have previously identified Joban overtones in McCarthy's work, Thomas argues for something far stronger: a recurrent Joban resonance throughout McCarthy's works. McCarthy's rejection of philosophical theodicy, his anti-anthropocentric vision of the world, his assumed presence of chaotic figures, and the quietly persistent note of hope that runs throughout his books reveal the Joban influence. Thomas contends that knowledge of the book of Job gives

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insight into McCarthy's literary output; conversely, reading Job through a McCarthyite lens enables proper apprehension of the scriptural text. Through a thematically based theological reading of McCarthy and Job, *In a Vision of the Night* draws out often overlooked aspects of the book of Job. Further, it reveals that McCarthy, like the Joban author, constructs a theodicy that both rejects the easy stance of a detached and generalized answer to the question of why chaos comes and advances the more pressing question of how life continues in the face of chaos.

Suttree

My White Best Friend

Reading McCarthy Without Walls

Page, Stage, Screen

Editors, Agents, and the Crafting of a Prolific American Author

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Cormac McCarthy

From one of our most preeminent writers, a tale that captures the shifting meanings of the past and how our experience colors those meanings, now alongside four previously uncollected stories In Antiquities, Lloyd Wilkinson Petrie, one of the seven elderly trustees of the now-defunct (for thirty-four years) Temple Academy for Boys, is preparing a memoir of his days at the school, intertwined with the troubling distractions of present events. As he navigates, with faltering recall, between the subtle anti-Semitism that pervaded the school's ethos and his fascination with his own family's heritage--in particular, his illustrious cousin, the renowned archaeologist Sir William Matthew Flinders Petrie--he

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reconstructs the passions of a childhood encounter with the oddly named Ben-Zion Elefantin, a mystifying older pupil who claims descent from Egypt's Elephantine Island. Included alongside this wondrous tale, touched by unsettling irony and with the elusive flavor of a Kafka parable, are four additional stories in Cynthia Ozick's brilliant, distinctive voice, weaving myth and mania, history and illusion: The Coast of New Zealand, The Bloodline of the Alkanas, Sin, and A Hebrew Sibyl. "Could you put your white best friend on stage and remind them that they're part of the problem? Even if you love them? Even if you never want anyone to feel for even a moment how you feel living in this world every day? Would - could - a white person finally hear what you

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have to say?" Originally commissioned by The Bunker Theatre as a critically-acclaimed festival that ran in 2019, My White Best Friend collects 23 letters that engage with a range of topics, from racial tensions, microaggressions and emotional labour, to queer desire, prejudice and otherness. Expressing feelings and thoughts often stifled or ignored, the pieces here transform letter writing into a provocative act of candour. Funny, heartfelt, wry and heart-breaking, whether a letter to their younger self or an ode to the writer's tongue, this anthology of exceptional writing is always engaging and thought-provoking. Featuring different letters from some of the most exciting voices in the UK and beyond, My White Best Friend (And Other Letters Left Unsaid) includes

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work from: Zia Ahmed, Travis Alabanza, Fatimah Asghar, Nathan Bryon, Matilda Ibin, Jammz, Iman Qureshi, Anya Reiss, Somalia Seaton, Nina Segal, Tolani Shoneye, Lena Dunham, Inua Ellams, Rabiah Hussain, Mika Johnson, Jasmine Lee-Jones, Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan, Shireen Mula, Ash Sarkar, Jack Thorne and Joel Tan.

From the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Road, here is the story of Cornelius Suttree, who has forsaken a life of privilege with his prominent family to live in a dilapidated houseboat on the Tennessee River near Knoxville. Remaining on the margins of the outcast community there—a brilliantly imagined collection of eccentrics, criminals, and squatters—he rises above the physical and human squalor with detachment, humor,

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and dignity.

From the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize–winning author of The Road • A novel at once fabular and starkly evocative, set in an unspecified place in Appalachia, sometime around the turn of the century. A woman bears her brother's child, a boy; he leaves the baby in the woods and tells her he died of natural causes. Discovering her brother's lie, she sets forth alone to find her son. Both brother and sister wander separately through a countryside being scourged by three terrifying and elusive strangers, headlong toward an eerie, apocalyptic resolution.

*A Novel in Dramatic Form
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Antiquities and Other Stories

The Orchard Keeper

Sometimes a Great Notion

The Sunset Limited

Regarded by many as one of America's finest-living writers, Cormac McCarthy has produced some of the most compelling novels of the last 40 years. Through the increasing number of cinematic adaptations of his work, including the Oscar-winning *No Country for Old Men*, and the Pulitzer Prize for *The Road*, McCarthy is entering the mainstream of cultural consciousness, both in the United States and abroad. In *Adventures in Reading Cormac McCarthy*,

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Peter Josyph considers, at length, the author's two masterworks *Blood Meridian* and *Suttree*, as well as the novel and film of *All the Pretty Horses*, McCarthy's play *The Stonemason*, and his film *The Gardener's Son*. The book also includes extended conversations with critic Harold Bloom about *Blood Meridian*; novelist and poet Robert Morgan about *The Gardener's Son*; critic Rick Wallach about *Blood Meridian*; and Oscar-winning screenwriter Ted Tally about his film adaptation of *All the Pretty Horses*. Drawing on multiple resources of an unconventional nature, this book examines McCarthy's work from original and sometimes provocative perspectives.

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Proposing a new notion of criticism, *Adventures in Reading Cormac McCarthy* will become a useful tool for critics, students, and general readers about one of the great literary talents of the day.

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With a thirteen major works over a fifty-year career, one that includes a 2007 Pulitzer Prize, selection for Oprah's Book Club, and Oscar-winning film

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adaptations of his novels, Cormac McCarthy is one of America's best-selling novelists of the South and Southwest. Cormac McCarthy offers a shrewd chapter-by-chapter reading, exploring concepts such as the Southern Gothic novel, the Southwest border, faith and suicide, and father-son relationships. Respected scholar Kenneth Lincoln shows how McCarthy's canticles of praise, grief, and warning mix classic, biblical, and ballad genres and cross the lyrical with the narrative. Lincoln makes a compelling case that McCarthy is our greatest millennial novelist in a time of heroic challenge and high global stakes.

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The screenplay for McCarthy's classic film, bearing in full measure his gift—the ability to fit complex and universal emotions into ordinary lives and still preserve all of their power and significance In the spring of 1975 the film director Richard Pearce approached Cormac McCarthy with a screenplay idea. Though already a widely acclaimed novelist, the author of such modern classics as *The Orchard Keeper* and *Child of God*, McCarthy had never before written a screenplay. Using a few photographs in the footnotes to a 1928 biography of a famous pre-Civil War industrialist as inspiration, McCarthy and Pearce roamed the mill towns of the South

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researching their subject. A year later McCarthy finished *The Gardener's Son*, a taut, riveting drama of impotence, rage, and violence spanning two generations of mill owners and workers, fathers and sons, during the rise and fall of one of America's most bizarre utopian industrial experiments.

Produced as a two-hour film and broadcast on PBS in 1976, *The Gardener's Son* received two Emmy Award nominations and was shown at the Berlin and Edinburgh Film Festivals. Set in Graniteville, South Carolina, *The Gardener's Son* is the tale of two families: the wealthy Greggs, who own and operate the local cotton mill, and the McEvoy's, a family of

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mill workers beset by misfortune. The action opens as Robert McEvoy, a young mill worker, is having his leg amputated after an accident rumored to have been caused by James Gregg, the son of the mill's founder. Crippled and consumed by bitterness, McEvoy deserts both his job and his family.

Returning two years later at the news of his mother's terminal illness, McEvoy arrives only to confront the grave diggers preparing her final resting place. His father, the mill's gardener, is now working on the factory line, the gardens forgotten. These proceedings stoke the slow-burning rage McEvoy carries within him, a fury that will ultimately

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consume both families.

Reading Cormac McCarthy

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A young boy, an old man, and the outlaw who has unknowingly killed the boy's father, all try to resist the changes brought about during the period between the wars