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Acknowledging no god but the corporate good, the shoshamen—high-powered professionals within Japan's integrated trading companies—serve as the unrelenting cogs of an economic machine. Or do they? Shoshaman takes us inside the world of Japan Inc. to explore the daily lives of the people who inhabit it. Written by a senior executive in a major sogo shosha, this absorbing novel reveals, as no textbook can, the strategies required to win the race to the top. It also makes painfully clear the ethical and psychological choices that such a race demands. The cast of characters is as varied as the corporate world itself, from the devoted Ojima, who has been passed over by the company, to the spirited Masako, who strikes out on her own. The hero, Nakasato Michio, finds that the road to success is long and perilous, as he tries to satisfy his ambitions while remaining faithful to his values. First published as *Kigyoka sarariman* in 1986 and made into a prize-winning television miniseries in 1988, the book has been acclaimed in Japan for the verisimilitude of its characters and situations. It offers a clear understanding of what it is like—in human terms—to survive and perhaps succeed within the confines of the Japanese corporation.

This volume provides an introduction to an important and timely topic, namely the study of complicity and the politics of representation. It elaborates on recent work on complicity and applies recent research on complicity to critical whiteness studies,

critical memory studies, critical psychology and psychiatry.

NYRB Classics Original Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature In the Café of Lost Youth is vintage Patrick Modiano, an absorbing evocation of a particular Paris of the 1950s, shadowy and shady, a secret world of writers, criminals, drinkers, and drifters. The novel, inspired in part by the circle (depicted in the photographs of Ed van der Elsken) of the notorious and charismatic Guy Debord, centers on the enigmatic, waiflike figure of Louki, who catches everyone's attention even as she eludes possession or comprehension. Through the eyes of four very different narrators, including Louki herself, we contemplate her character and her fate, while Modiano explores the themes of identity, memory, time, and forgetting that are at the heart of his spellbinding and deeply moving art.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the bestselling master espionage writer, hailed by Vince Flynn as “the best in the business,” comes a riveting novel about the French Resistance in Nazi-occupied Paris. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST 1941.** The City of Light is dark and silent at night. But in Paris and in the farmhouses, barns, and churches of the French countryside, small groups of ordinary men and women are determined to take down the occupying forces of Adolf Hitler. Mathieu, a leader of the French Resistance, leads one such cell, helping downed British airmen escape back to England. Alan Furst's suspenseful, fast-paced thriller captures this dangerous time as no one ever has

before. He brings Paris and occupied France to life, along with courageous citizens who outmaneuver collaborators, informers, blackmailers, and spies, risking everything to fulfill perilous clandestine missions. Aiding Mathieu as part of his covert network are Lisette, a seventeen-year-old student and courier; Max de Lyon, an arms dealer turned nightclub owner; Chantal, a woman of class and confidence; Daniel, a Jewish teacher fueled by revenge; Joëlle, who falls in love with Mathieu; and Annemarie, a willful aristocrat with deep roots in France, and a desire to act. As the German military police heighten surveillance, Mathieu and his team face a new threat, dispatched by the Reich to destroy them all. Shot through with the author's trademark fine writing, breathtaking suspense, and intense scenes of seduction and passion, Alan Furst's *A Hero of France* is at once one of the finest novels written about the French Resistance and the most gripping novel yet by the living master of the spy thriller.

Originally published as *Un Pedigree*. Paris: Editions Gallimard, 2005.

Nobel laureate Patrick Modiano's spellbinding tale of adolescent schoolmates and the vicissitudes of fate As a boarding school student in the early 1960s, Patrick Modiano lived among the troubled teenage sons of wealthy but self-involved parents. In this mesmerizing novel, Modiano weaves together a series of exquisitely crafted stories about such jettisoned boys at the exclusive Valvert School on the outskirts of Paris: abandoned children of privilege, left to create new family ties among themselves. Misfits and heroes, sports champions and good-hearted chums, the boys of Valvert

misbehave, run away, get expelled, and engage in various forms of delinquency and disappearance. They emerge into adulthood tragically damaged, still tethered to their adolescent selves, powerless to escape the central loneliness of their lives in an ever-darkening spiral of self-delusion and grim consequence. A meditation on nostalgia, the pitfalls of privilege, and the vicissitudes of fate, this book fully demonstrates the powerful mix of sadness, mystery, wonder, and ominous danger that characterizes Modiano's most rewarding fiction. Special feature: J. M. G. Le Clézio's foreword, here in English for the first time, provides a rare and insightful appreciation of one Nobel laureate by another.

This novel explores human relationships in a Los Angeles of the future, where rich and poor are deeply polarized and where water, food, gas and education cannot be taken for granted.

Review: "This encyclopedia offers an authoritative and comprehensive survey of the important writers and works that form the literature about the Holocaust and its consequences. The collection is alphabetically arranged and consists of high-quality biocritical essays on 309 writers who are first-, second-, and third-generation survivors or important thinkers and spokespersons on the Holocaust. An essential literary reference work, this publication is an important addition to the genre and a solid value for public and academic libraries."--"The Top 20 Reference Titles of the Year," American Libraries, May 2004.

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE, 2014 Haunted by the fate of Dora Bruder – a fifteen-year-old girl listed as missing in an old December 1941 issue of *Paris Soir* – Nobel Prize-winning author Patrick Modiano sets out to find all he can about her. From her name on a list of deportees to Auschwitz to the fragments he is able to uncover about the Bruder family, Modiano delivers a moving survey of a decade-long investigation that revived for him the sights, sounds and sorrowful rhythms of occupied Paris. And in seeking to exhume Dora Bruder's fate, he in turn faces his own family history. Translated by Joanna Kilmartin 'Absolutely magnificent' *Le Monde*

An amnesiac searches for his identity, from Polynesia to Rome, in this novel by the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Dora Bruder*. Guy Roland is in pursuit of the identity he lost in the murky days of the Paris Occupation. For ten years, he has lived without a past. His current life and name were given to him by his recently retired boss, Hutte, who welcomed him, a onetime client, into his detective agency. Guy makes full use of Hutte's files—directories, yearbooks, and papers of all kinds going back half a century—but his leads are few. Could he really be the person in that photograph, a young man remembered by some as a South American attaché? Or was he someone else, perhaps the disappeared scion of a prominent local family? He interviews strangers and is tantalized by half-clues until, at last, he grasps a thread that leads him through the maze of his own repressed experience. Published in France as *Rue des Boutiques obscures*, this is both a detective mystery and a haunting meditation on the

nature of the self, Patrick Modiano's spare, hypnotic prose, superbly translated by Daniel Weissbort, draws readers into the intoxication of a rare literary experience. Praise for *Missing Persons* "[An] elliptical, engrossing rumination on the essence of identity and the search for self." —Frank Sennet, *Booklist* "A fine introduction to his work. . . . Beautifully written and perfectly noirish, as though the world were being seen through a haze of Gauloise smoke. Be warned, though: after reading this, a sensitive soul may well seize up the next time a stranger waves." —*Kirkus Reviews*

The Holocaust in Vichy France in 1944 is the culmination of this study. For readers of *World War II*.

A young Frenchman's romance with a woman who lives off men. After stealing some money from a dentist, they go to London where she sleeps with various characters while he writes his first novel. One day she disappears for fifteen years. A study in character.

Conceived as a second edition to Kawakami's acclaimed *A Self-Conscious Art*, which was the first full-length study in English of Patrick Modiano's work, this book has been comprehensively updated with two new chapters, notably discussing the author's recent work and his Nobel Prize win. Kawakami shows how by parodying precursors such as Proust or the *nouveau romanciers*, Modiano's narratives are built around a profound lack of faith in the ability of writing to retrieve the past through memory, and this failure is acknowledged in the discreet playfulness that characterises his novels. This welcome

update on the work of one of the most successful modern French novelists will be essential reading for scholars working on contemporary French writing.

“[A] spirited and deeply researched project.... [Benkemoun’s] affection for her subject is infectious. This book gives a satisfying treatment to a woman who has been confined for decades to a Cubist’s limited interpretation.” — Joumana Khatib, *The New York Times* Merging biography, memoir, and cultural history, this compelling book, a bestseller in France, traces the life of Dora Maar through a serendipitous encounter with the artist’s address book. In search of a replacement for his lost Hermès agenda, Brigitte Benkemoun’s husband buys a vintage diary on eBay. When it arrives, she opens it and finds inside private notes dating back to 1951—twenty pages of phone numbers and addresses for Balthus, Brassai, André Breton, Jean Cocteau, Paul Éluard, Leonor Fini, Jacqueline Lamba, and other artistic luminaries of the European avant-garde. After realizing that the address book belonged to Dora Maar—Picasso’s famous “Weeping Woman” and a brilliant artist in her own right—Benkemoun embarks on a two-year voyage of discovery to learn more about this provocative, passionate, and enigmatic woman, and the role that each of these figures played in her life.

Longlisted for the prestigious literary award Prix Renaudot, *Finding Dora Maar* is a fascinating and breathtaking portrait of the artist. This work received support from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States through their publishing assistance program.

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Patrick Modiano explores the boundaries of recollection in a "mesmerizing, enigmatic novel" (Publishers Weekly) "Nobel Prize winner Modiano's title smartly ties together the theme, plot, and ambience of his latest book . . . The past overlaps and memories half-emerge in classic Modiano fashion, just as a message in invisible ink tentatively reveals itself in the right light."--Library Journal "An enchanting read."--Ploughshares The latest work from Nobel laureate Patrick Modiano, *Invisible Ink* is a spellbinding tale of memory and its illusions. Private detective Jean Eyben receives an assignment to locate a missing woman, the mysterious Noëlle Lefebvre. While the case proves fruitless, the clues Jean discovers along the way continue to haunt him. Three decades later, he resumes the investigation for himself, revisiting old sites and tracking down witnesses, compelled by reasons he can't explain to follow the cold trail and discover the shocking truth once and for all. A number one best seller in France, hailed by critics as "breathhtakingly beautiful" (*Les Inrockuptibles*) and "refined and dazzling" (*Le Journal du Dimanche*), *Invisible Ink* is Modiano's most thrilling and revelatory work to date.

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Toward the end of the Algerian war, the FLN, an Algerian nationalist party, organised a demonstration in Paris to oppose a curfew imposed upon Algerians in France. The protest was brutally suppressed by the Paris police. This incident provides an intimate look at the history of violence between France and Algeria.

Joseph Skibell's magical tale about the Holocaust—a fable inspired by fact—received

unanimous nationwide acclaim when first published in 1997. At the center of *A Blessing on the Moon* is Chaim Skibelski. Death is merely the beginning of Chaim's troubles. In the opening pages, he is shot along with the other Jews of his small Polish village. But instead of resting peacefully in the World to Come, Chaim, for reasons unclear to him, is left to wander the earth, accompanied by his rabbi, who has taken the form of a talking crow. Chaim's afterlife journey is filled with extraordinary encounters whose consequences are far greater than he realizes. Not since art Spiegelman's *Maus* has a work so powerfully evoked one of the darkest moments of the twentieth century with such daring originality.

Expands the definition of second-generation literature to include texts written from the point of view of the children of Nazi perpetrators.

A writer discovers a set of notes in his notebook and sets off on a journey through the Paris of his past, in search of the woman he loved forty years previously. Set in the Montparnasse district of Paris, the author, Jean, retraces his nocturnal footsteps around the left bank during France's period of decolonisation during the 1960's. He tries to remember what brought him into contact with a gang that frequented the hotel Unic in the area. His quest through seedy cafés and cheap hotels becomes an enquiry into a woman, Dannie, whom Jean loved and who once tried to admit to a terrible crime. Over the course of several voyages between past and present, we meet various shady characters, and discover that Dannie may have killed "someone". As his memories

overlap with the discovery of an old vice squad dossier, Jean reinvestigates the closed case of a crime where he could well be the last remaining witness. Translated from the French by Mark Polizzotti

This book provides a wide-ranging analysis of French Jewish authors born after the Shoah and traces the development of the rich agenda of *jeune littérature juive* (young Jewish writing) from its beginnings in the late 1970s, into the 1980s and 1990s, when it gained intense momentum. Thomas Nolden uses a wealth of biographical information to expound on his central thesis: the abrupt interruption of transmission of the Jewish heritage by assimilation, migration, and near-extirpation required these writers to reinvent themselves, their past, and their memories as Jews. Nolden provides concise readings of the fiction of more than two dozen writers of both Sephardic and Ashkenazi background living in present-day France. He demonstrates how contemporary Jewish writing has responded historically, culturally, politically, and aesthetically to developments in French society and in Jewish culture. His critical analysis of the major themes, concerns, and stylistic features of the authors' work connects Jewish writing in France to the traditions of Jewish writing both during the Diaspora and in Israel.

This is the first in-depth study of the twelve Modiano texts specifically concerned with life-writing in autobiographical and biographical-cum-historiographical projects. The texts covered range from *La Place de l'étoile* (1968) through to *La Petite Bijou* (2001). Close textual analysis is combined with a theoretical approach based on current

thinking in autobiography, biography, and reader-response. Modiano's use of autofiction and biofiction is analysed in the light of his continuing obsession with both personal trauma and History, as well as his problematic relationship with his paternally-inherited Jewish links. His view of identity (of self and other) is thus discussed in relation to a particular literary and socio-historical context— French, postmodern, post-World War II, and post-Holocaust.

“Modiano is an ideal writer to gorge on . . . A moody, delectable noir.” — The New Yorker “The best kind of mystery, the kind that never stops haunting you.” — Entertainment Weekly “A work of melancholic beauty . . . Sincere, shattering, magnificent.” — L’Express In the stillness of his Paris apartment, Jean Daragane has built a life of total solitude. Then a surprising phone call shatters the silence of an unusually hot September, and the threatening voice on the other end of the line leaves Daragane wary but irresistibly curious. Almost at once, he finds himself entangled with a shady gambler and a beautiful, fragile young woman, who draw Daragane into the mystery of a decades-old murder. The investigation will force him to confront the memory of a trauma he had all but buried. This masterly novel penetrates the deepest enigmas of identity and compels us to ask whether we ever know who we truly are.

“Moody . . . Lyrical . . . A pleasure.” — Kirkus Reviews “A writer unlike any other and a worthy recipient of the Nobel.” — Wall Street Journal

An emotionally charged story of courage and love on the home front during WWII, by

the acclaimed author of *Winterchill*. The small town of San Bruno, California, is transformed, when it becomes the site of an assembly camp for Japanese-Americans--and a liberty town for 25,000 sailors.

While his preoccupation with the period of the Occupation remains a permanent theme, Patrick Modiano is increasingly interested in the exploration of time and memory, and the attendant problem of reconstituting the past. This volume explores all these features. It casts new light on Modiano's earliest novels, examines afresh his more recent work including his stories for children, situates it in the context of contemporary writing and unravels the intricacies and subtleties of his style. It underlines Modiano's position as one of France's major writers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and will be of interest to all who are interested in the modern French novel and the complex interactions between fiction and history.

Wer war Dora Bruder? Eine Zeitungsanzeige im *Paris Soir* vom 31. Dezember 1941 läßt Patrick Modiano nicht mehr los: »Gesucht wird ein junges Mädchen, Dora Bruder, 15 Jahre, ovales Gesicht, graubraune Augen... « Seit diesem Tag folgt er den Spuren der jungen Jüdin im Paris während der deutschen Besatzung. Von der Flucht aus einem katholischen Mädchenpensionat, über ihre Verhaftung und Deportation nach Drancy bis nach Auschwitz, rekonstruiert Modiano ein zerstörtes Leben. »In seiner moralischen und künstlerischen Eindringlichkeit ist Dora Bruder nicht nur große Literatur, sondern auch ein wichtiges Buch, eine Parabel gegen den Terror damals wie

heute.« Günther Freitag, DER STANDARD

"Translation of Pasos bajo el agua, with brief introductory notes (dated 1987 and 1996) by author and foreword by Sosnowski, who describes the military dictatorship under which Kozameh lived and was imprisoned. A powerful, moving book in both languages; however, bilingual readers no doubt will miss Kozameh's drawings done during her imprisonment, and may regret the alterations to the original intended to make the book more attractive and accessible to readers in English"--Handbook of Latin American Studies, v. 58.

Friedrich Reck might seem an unlikely rebel against Nazism. Not just a conservative but a rock-ribbed reactionary, he played the part of a landed gentleman, deplored democracy, and rejected the modern world outright. To Reck the Nazis were ruthless revolutionaries in Gothic drag, and helpless as he was to counter the spell they had cast on the German people, he felt compelled to record the corruptions of their rule. The result is less a diary than a sequence of stark and astonishing snapshots of life in Germany between 1936 and 1944. We see the Nazis at the peak of power, and the murderous panic with which they respond to approaching defeat; their travesty of traditional folkways in the name of the Volk; and the author's own missed opportunity to shoot Hitler. This riveting book is not only, as Hannah Arendt proclaimed it, "one of the most important documents of the Hitler period" but a moving testament of a decent man struggling to do the right thing in a depraved world.

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An enthralling reflection on the ways that family history influences identity, from the 2014 Nobel laureate for literature A mix of autobiography and lucid invention, this highly personal work offers a deeply affecting exploration of the meaning of identity and pedigree. With his signature blend of candor, mystery, and bewitching elusiveness, Patrick Modiano weaves together a series of interlocking stories from his family history: his parents' courtship in occupied Paris; a sinister hunting trip with his father; a chance friendship with the deposed King Farouk; a wistful affair with the daughter of a nightclub singer; and the author's life as a new parent. Modiano's riveting vignettes, filled with a coterie of dubious characters--Nazi informants, collaborationist refugees, and black-market hustlers--capture the drama that consumed Paris during World War II and its aftermath. Written in tones ranging from tender nostalgia to the blunt cruelty of youth, this is a personal and revealing book that brings the enduring significance of a complicated past to life.

Using a process-writing approach, this third-year composition text will help students master their writing skills in order to become confident authors, who have found their voice in written French. The text is set up in a workbook format and is written entirely in French, except for the first chapter. Each chapter begins and ends with a creative writing exercise. In between these book-ends, students will broaden their repertoire of related speech acts, vocabulary, grammatical structures and stylistic elements as illustrated by their usage a literary piece, journalistic selection, or informal writing,

drawn from the rich repertoire of Francophone (written) production (expression).

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After twenty years, Odysseus finally returns to Ithaca, but instead of receiving the homecoming he had hoped for finds himself caught in an intense battle of wills with his faithful and long-suffering wife Penelope. When Penelope recognizes him under the guise of a beggar, she becomes furious with him for not trusting her enough to include her in his plans for ridding the palace of the Suitors. As a result, she plays her own game of fictions to make him suffer for this lack of faith, inspiring jealousy, self-doubt, and misgivings in her husband, the legendary Homeric hero. In this captivating retelling of the Odyssey, Penelope rises as a major force with whom to be reckoned. Shifting between first-person reflections, *Ithaca Forever* reveals the deeply personal and powerful perspectives of both wife and husband as they struggle for respect and supremacy within a marriage that has been on hold for twenty years. Translated by PEN award-winner Douglas Grant Heise, Luigi Malerba's novel gives us a remarkable version of this greatest work of western literature: Odysseus as a man full of doubts and Penelope as a woman of great depth and strength.

Patrick Modiano opens *Dora Bruder* by telling how in 1988 he stumbled across an ad in the personal columns of the New Year's Eve 1941 edition of *Paris Soir*. Placed by the parents of a 15-year-old Jewish girl, Dora Bruder, who had run away from her Catholic

boarding school, the ad sets Modiano off on a quest to find out everything he can about Dora and why, at the height of German reprisals, she ran away on a bitterly cold day from the people hiding her. He finds only one other official mention of her name on a list of Jews deported from Paris to Auschwitz in September 1942. With no knowledge of Dora Bruder aside from these two records, Modiano continues to dig for fragments from Dora's past. What little he discovers in official records and through remaining family members, becomes a meditation on the immense losses of the period—lost people, lost stories, and lost history. Modiano delivers a moving account of the ten-year investigation that took him back to the sights and sounds of Paris under the Nazi Occupation and the paranoia of the Pétain regime as he tries to find connections to Dora. In his efforts to exhume her from the past, Modiano realizes that he must come to terms with the specters of his own troubled adolescence. The result, a montage of creative and historical material, is Modiano's personal rumination on loss, both memoir and memorial.

This English translation of Arthur Schnitzler's "Der Weg ins Freie" (1908) was first published in 1913 and is one of only two novels—the other being "Therese" (1928)—by the Viennese author, who was better known for his short stories and plays, including "Reigen" ("Round Dance"), known to most English-speaking readers as "La Ronde." "The Road to the Open" tells the story of the aristocratic young composer Georg von Wergenthin-Recco who has talent but lacks the drive to get down to work and spends most of his time socializing with members of the assimilationist, artistically sensitive Jewish bourgeoisie of Vienna and other non-Jews

like himself who enjoy their company. A love affair with a Catholic lower middle class girl, combined with the author's authentic descriptions of the milieu, the arts, the psychology of love, and the anti-Semitism that was coming to dominate so much of life and politics in the Austria-Hungary of the time, make this novel a classic. "One of the most important, representative, revelatory works of Austria at the turn of the century....The best English version of the novel."—Marc A. Weiner, Indiana University "In Arthur Schnitzler the two strands of Austrian fin-de-siècle culture, the moralistic and the aesthetic, were present in almost equal proportions. Small wonder that Freud hailed Schnitzler as a 'colleague' in the investigation of the 'underestimated and much-maligned erotic.'"—Carl Schorske, author of *Fin-de-Siècle Vienna*

Nobel Prize winner Patrick Modiano's first three novels, about Paris under Nazi occupation, now in a single volume; the earliest--*La Place de l'Étoile*--in English for the first time. Born at the close of World War II, 2014 Nobel Prize winner Patrick Modiano was a young man in his twenties when he burst onto the Parisian literary scene with these three brilliant, angry novels about the wartime Occupation of Paris. The epigraph to his first novel, among the first to seriously question Nazi collaboration in France, reads: "In June 1942 a German officer goes up to a young man and says: 'Excuse me, monsieur, where is La Place de l'Étoile?' The young man points to the star on his chest." The second novel, *The Night Watch*, tells the story of a young man caught between his work for the French Gestapo, his work for a Resistance cell, and the black marketeers whose milieu he shares. *Ring Roads* recounts a son's search for his Jewish father who disappeared ten years earlier, whom he finds trying to weather the war in service to unsavory characters. Together these three brilliant, almost hallucinatory evocations

of the Occupation attempt to exorcise the past by exploring the morally ambiguous worlds of collaboration and resistance. Award-winning translator Frank Wynne has revised the translations of *The Night Watch* and *Ring Roads*--long out of print--for our current day, and brings *La Place de l'Étoile* into English for the first time. The *Occupation Trilogy* provides the perfect introduction to one of the world's greatest writers.

PREMIO NOBEL PER LA LETTERATURA 2014. «Questo libro nasce da uno scacco: si muove nel vuoto, si agita nel vuoto, attraversa il vuoto, interroga il vuoto, viene deluso dal vuoto; ma da questo scacco nasce la sua bellezza.» Pietro Citati «Un racconto esemplare cui fa da sfondo la sinistra Parigi dell'occupazione e da primo piano il ritratto di un'adolescente tenera e misteriosa come Anna Frank.» Corrado Augias «Un grande libro... ecco uno scrittore contemporaneo che tenta un'impresa impossibile ma indispensabile: tenere vivo il legame con l'orrore del nostro passato recente.» *Le Monde* 31 dicembre 1941. Sul «*Paris-Soir*» appare un annuncio: si cercano notizie di una ragazza di quindici anni, il suo nome è Dora Bruder. A denunciarne la scomparsa sono i genitori, ebrei emigrati da tempo in Francia. Quasi cinquant'anni dopo Patrick Modiano si imbatte in quelle poche righe di giornale, in quella richiesta d'aiuto rimasta sospesa. Non sa niente di Dora, ma ne è ugualmente attratto: cerca di ricostruirne la vita, i motivi che l'hanno fatta scappare, cerca di immaginare le sue giornate nel periodo della fuga. A poco a poco ricomponne la storia dei Bruder: la nascita della ragazza, le origini dei genitori, i loro trasferimenti, l'ultimo domicilio della famiglia. Modiano segue l'ombra di Dora per le vie di una città che conosce e ama, la Parigi dei quartieri periferici, degli hotel ormai chiusi da tempo, dei cinema che non esistono più. Sono luoghi che hanno vissuto la guerra e conosciuto l'atmosfera sinistra dell'occupazione. L'atmosfera in cui vive la stessa

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Dora fino a quando, otto mesi dopo la fuga, verrà deportata ad Auschwitz insieme al padre. Qui, dove comincia la Storia degli uomini, si chiude per sempre la storia privata di Dora in mezzo a quella di milioni di altre vittime. Dora Bruder è fuggita, poi è riapparsa, ma sin dall'inizio ha mantenuto il segreto su quel breve periodo. Forse la sua è stata una fuga d'amore, o forse no, non lo sapremo mai con certezza. E proprio grazie a questo atto di disobbedienza, a questo scatto di libertà, la sua memoria non è caduta nell'oblio e rivive ora nel ritratto intenso e commovente che Modiano lascia di lei per sempre.

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE, 2014 Haunted by the fate of Dora Bruder - a fifteen-year-old girl listed as missing in an old December 1941 issue of Paris Soir - Nobel Prize-winning author Patrick Modiano sets out to find all he can about her. From her name on a list of deportees to Auschwitz to the fragments he is able to uncover about the Bruder family, Modiano delivers a moving survey of a decade-long investigation that revived for him the sights, sounds and sorrowful rhythms of occupied Paris. And in seeking to exhume Dora Bruder's fate, he in turn faces his own family history. Translated by Joanna Kilmartin
'Absolutely magnificent' Le Monde

Nawal El Saadawi's books are known for their powerful denunciation of patriarchy in its many forms: social, political, and religious. Set in an insane asylum, *The Innocence of the Devil* is a complex and chilling novel that recasts the relationships of God and Satan, of good and evil. Intertwining the lives of two young women as they discover their sexual and emotional powers, Saadawi weaves a dreamlike narrative that reveals how the patriarchal structures of Christianity and Islam are strikingly similar: physical violation of women is not simply a social or political phenomenon, it is a religious one as well. While more measured in tone than Salman

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Rushdie's *Satanic Verses*, Saadawi's novel is similar in its linguistic, literary, and philosophical richness. Evoking a world of pain and survival that may be unfamiliar to many readers, it speaks in a universal voice that reaches across cultures and is the author's most potent weapon.

Enter the mind of French literary giant Honoré de Balzac through a study of nine of his greatest characters and the novels they inhabit. *Balzac's Lives* illuminates the writer's life, era, and work in a completely original way. Balzac, more than anyone, invented the nineteenth-century novel, and Oscar Wilde went so far as to say that Balzac had invented the nineteenth century. But it was above all through the wonderful, unforgettable, extravagant characters that Balzac dreamed up and made flesh—entrepreneurs, bankers, inventors, industrialists, poets, artists, bohemians of both sexes, journalists, aristocrats, politicians, prostitutes—that he brought to life the dynamic forces of an era that ushered in our own. Peter Brooks's *Balzac's Lives* is a vivid and searching portrait of a great novelist as revealed through the fictional lives he imagined.

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