

## Fifty Great Short Stories Milton Crane

This stunning collection of 60 stories—over a century's worth of the best Canadian literature by an extraordinary array of our finest writers—has been selected and is introduced by award-winning writer Jane Urquhart. Urquhart's selection includes stories by major literary figures such as Mavis Gallant, Carol Shields, Alistair MacLeod, and Margaret Atwood, and wonderful stories by younger writers, including Dennis Bock, Joseph Boyden, and Madeleine Thien. This collection is uniquely organized into five parts: the immigrant experience, urban life, family drama, fantasy and metaphor, and celebrating the past.

Beginning with well-known stories by Hawthorne, Melville, and Poe, this diverse and colorful collection includes tales by Mark Twain, Ambrose Bierce, Sherwood Anderson, Henry James, Edith Wharton, Willa Cather, Stephen Crane, and Mary Wilkins Freeman. From Sarah Orne Jewett's portraits of rural Maine to F. Scott Fitzgerald's brilliant tales from the Jazz Age, these stories span the breadth of the American experience. In addition to acknowledged masters of the short story form, such as O. Henry, Jack London, and Ernest Hemingway, this volume features stories by Charles W. Chesnutt, the first important African-American novelist, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman, a leading theorist of the early women's movement.

**\*\*An Angel named Conlan has one simple earthly assignment: grant one person one wish. It proves to be more complicated than he could ever have guessed. \*\*The town of Whompaton has a serious graffiti problem, the implications of which might just make it a nicer place to live.\*\* A struggling old woman and her ailing cat get a helping hand from beyond the grave, and it's clear the dead don't follow rules. \*\*After a financial setback a man devises a plan to rob banks and never get caught. But did he think of everything? \*\*Retirement should be a time for relaxation. Someone should tell that to Ernest Feldman. Just don't tell him it's Tuesday. \*\*With the internet, info is at our finger tips. For one man, making up his own facts could prove dangerous to his health. \*\*A man thinks he's discovered a way to reunite with his dead wife and the beautiful life they shared. His plan is so absurd it just might work. -You will find these stories and more inside.**

"In the linked and tightly thematic stories [in this collection], Kispert explores deception, performance, and the uneasiness of reconciling a queer identity with the wider world, with characters who try to navigate that dissonance by acting like another person for someone else"--

Following the best-selling *Everybody's Fool*, a new collection of short fiction that demonstrates that Richard Russo--winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Empire Falls*--is also a master of this genre. Russo's characters in these four expansive stories bear little similarity to the blue-collar citizens we're familiar with from many of his novels. In "Horseman," a professor confronts a young plagiarist as well as her own weaknesses as the Thanksgiving holiday looms closer and closer: "And after that, who knew?" In "Intervention," a realtor facing an ominous medical prognosis finds himself in his father's shadow while he presses forward--or not. In "Voice," a semiretired academic is conned by his increasingly estranged brother into coming along on a group tour of the Venice Biennale, fleeing a mortifying incident with a traumatized student back in Massachusetts but encountering further complications in the maze of Venice. And in

"Milton and Marcus," a lapsed novelist struggles with his wife's illness and tries to rekindle his screenwriting career, only to be stymied by the pratfalls of that trade when he's called to an aging, iconic star's mountaintop retreat in Wyoming.

Ben Marcus returns with a collection of timely dystopian visions of alienation in a modern world. Here a hapless, corporate drone finds love after being disfigured from testing his employer's newest nutrition supplement; a father starts to suspect that his son's precocity has turned sinister; and two architects in a failing marriage must consider the ethics of artificially inciting emotion as they construct a memorial to a terrorist attack. It's these characters and others that over the course of thirteen short stories showcase Marcus's compassion, imagination, and mordant humor. Never has existential catastrophe been so much fun.

By the time of his early death in 1988, Raymond Carver had established himself as one of the great practitioners of the American short story, a writer who had not only found his own voice but imprinted it in the imaginations of thousands of readers. *Where I'm Calling From*, his last collection, encompasses classic stories from *Cathedral*, *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love*, and earlier Carver volumes, along with seven new works previously unpublished in book form. Together, these 37 stories give us a superb overview of Carver's life work and show us why he was so widely imitated but never equaled.

With works by Henry James, Stephen Crane, John Cheever, James Joyce and many others, this outstanding collection of 35 American and British short pieces of fiction from the first half of the 20th century is one of the bestselling collections of our time.

Features 19 gems in the American short-story tradition, including "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe, "Bartleby" by Herman Melville, "To Build a Fire" by Jack London, plus stories by Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Hawthorne, Twain, others.

INSTANT NATIONAL BESTSELLER BRANDON TAYLOR IS: "A powerhouse."

—Newsweek "An extraordinary cartographer." —Esquire "A striking new voice with a vital perspective." —Harper's Bazaar "A brilliant writer." —Garth Greenwell Named a Most Anticipated Book of the Year by Time, Elle, Entertainment Weekly, Cosmopolitan, O: The Oprah Magazine, Harper's Bazaar, Marie Claire, BuzzFeed, Vulture, Thrillist, The Week, Lit Hub, The Rumpus, The Millions, and Paperback Paris A group portrait of young adults enmeshed in desire and violence, a hotly charged, deeply satisfying new work of fiction from the author of Booker Prize finalist *Real Life* In the series of linked stories at the heart of *Filthy Animals*, set among young creatives in the American Midwest, a young man treads delicate emotional waters as he navigates a series of sexually fraught encounters with two dancers in an open relationship, forcing him to weigh his vulnerabilities against his loneliness. In other stories, a young woman battles with the cancers draining her body and her family; menacing undercurrents among a group of teenagers explode in violence on a winter night; a little girl tears through a house like a tornado, driving her babysitter to the brink; and couples feel out the jagged edges of connection, comfort, and cruelty. One of the breakout literary stars of 2020, Brandon Taylor has been hailed by Roxane Gay as "a writer who wields his craft in absolutely unforgettable ways." With *Filthy Animals* he renews and expands on the promise made in *Real Life*, training his precise and unsentimental gaze on the tensions among friends and family, lovers and others. Psychologically taut and quietly devastating, *Filthy Animals* is a tender portrait of the fierce longing for intimacy, the

lingering presence of pain, and the desire for love in a world that seems, more often than not, to withhold it.

Gathers classic short stories by such authors as Washington Irving, Edgar Allen Poe, Edith Wharton, Mark Twain, Henry James, O. Henry, Jack London, Dorothy Parker, James Agee, and John Updike

With a new 1999 story added to the paperback volume, this collection of the best stories of the century includes some of the greatest names in literature as well as a few spectacular one-hit wonders. Reprint.

'It's impossible not to think of Lee Child's super-selling Jack Reacher' The Times John Milton is the man the government call when they want a problem to vanish . . . but what happens when he's the one that needs to disappear? After a botched job leaves a bloody trail, government assassin John Milton does the one thing he's never done before: he hides. Disappearing into London's bustling East End and holing up in a vacant flat, Milton becomes involved with single mother Sharon and her troubled son Elijah, who are caught in an increasingly bloody turf war between two rival gangs.

Unable to ignore the threat, Milton sets about protecting mother and son, meeting violence with violence. But his involvement puts him in the sights of the government's next best killer, and before long Milton is not just fighting to save a family and a home - he's fighting to stay alive . . .

If you like Lee Child's Jack Reacher, Vince Flynn's Mitch Rapp, and Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne, you won't be able to put down the compulsively addictive John Milton series. What critics are saying about The Cleaner:

'Mark Dawson has all the skills. A great thriller writer on the top of his game' Steve Cavanagh, Sunday Times bestselling author 'The Cleaner was the ultimate page-turner!'

Inky Tavern 'A literary sensation' Daily Telegraph 'Nerve-shreddingly tense. Utterly addictive' M.J. Arlidge, Sunday Times bestselling author 'I loved it. . . I found myself invested in the characters' Thriller Novel Nerd 'A terrific, fast-paced read. Mark Dawson knows how to tell a great story' Scott Mariani, Sunday Times bestselling author 'Once I

picked up the series, I couldn't stop. I bought each book' Mystery Sequel

Malachi Keogh finds himself in a job he neither wanted nor asked for when his father, boss of Sydney's postal service, sends him to the end of the business line, aka The Dead Letter Office. Malachi expects tedious and boring but instead discovers a

warehouse with a quirky bunch of misfit co-workers, including a stoic and nerdy boss, Julian Pollard. Malachi's intrigued by Julian at first, and he soon learns there's more to the man than his boring clothes of beige, tan, and brown; a far cry from Malachi's hot pink, lilac, and electric blue. Where Julian is calm and ordered, Malachi is chaos

personified, but despite their outward differences, there's an immediate chemistry between them that sends Malachi's head-and heart-into a spin. To keep his father happy, Malachi needs this job. He also needs to solve the mystery of the pile of old letters that sits in Julian's office and maybe get to the bottom of what makes Julian tick.

Like everything that goes through the mail centre, only time will tell if Malachi has found his intended destination or if he'll find himself returned to sender.

The author makes a compelling case for John Milton's relevance to both the eternal questions of his own era and to the important concerns of our time, in an insightful critical analysis that rediscovers and redefines Milton for a new generation.

A story collection, in the vein of Carmen Maria Machado, Kelly Link, and Nana

Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, spanning worlds and dimensions, using strange and speculative elements to tackle issues ranging from class differences to immigration to first-generation experiences to xenophobia. What does it mean to be other? What does it mean to love in a world determined to keep us apart? These questions murmur in the heart of each of Brenda Peynado's strange and singular stories. Threaded with magic, transcending time and place, these stories explore what it means to cross borders and break down walls, personally and politically. In one story, suburban families perform oblations to cattlelike angels who live on their roofs, believing that their "thoughts and prayers" will protect them from the world's violence. In another, inhabitants of an unnamed dictatorship slowly lose their own agency as pieces of their bodies go missing and, with them, the essential rights that those appendages serve. "The Great Escape" tells of an old woman who hides away in her apartment, reliving the past among beautiful objects she's hoarded, refusing all visitors, until she disappears completely. In the title story, children begin to levitate, flying away from their parents and their home country, leading them to eat rocks in order to stay grounded. With elements of science fiction and fantasy, fabulism and magical realism, Brenda Peynado uses her stories to reflect our flawed world, and the incredible, terrifying, and marvelous nature of humanity.

Inspiring and uplifting, "I Am" is a collection of short stories for teenage girls. It can be tough being the new kid at school or always feeling fat or having a sibling who is smarter and prettier than you. These are some of the issues that Arianna, Jasleen, Mia, and other characters in this collection of short stories find themselves dealing with. Complicating these issues is the fact that often parents just don't understand teenagers. And as one of the girls discovers, peer pressure can lead to negative or tragic consequences. How do teenage girls find answers to life's challenges? One way is to learn from others' experiences and mistakes. "I Am" provides nine unique stories that provide important life lessons filled with drama, angst and loss. Each of the stories has a different main character, and each faces their own unique struggles while learning important lessons about themselves and life. The stories are written with humor and powerful language, yet the messages are deep and inspiring. Every teenage girl will find a story that they can personally relate to. Some of the characters live in a city while others small towns. Some come from financially well off families, others middle class while others are much less fortunate. Some of the girls have strong family relationships, while others have to cope with their distant relationships. There is a light in every story that helps the characters discover important values and overcome their fears. A teenager herself, Author Ashleigh Morgan brings a welcomed authenticity and raw honesty to each story that always ends in resolution, inspiration, and insight, even if it takes some time for the characters in their struggles to get there. For the young adult trying to make sense of the world around them, "I Am" is filled with people and challenges they will recognize, offer solutions to complicated problems and is an important reminder that even when

we think we are alone, afraid or confused, there is an answer for every problem. In the fall of 2015, Barbara Sr. called her only child to ask for her help.

Unbeknownst to her family, Barbara Sr. was already in the grips of Alzheimer's. This book tells the story of Barbara Jr.'s journey as her mother's caregiver and shares insights into the physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual impacts of caregiving while fighting her own cancer. It also provides practical information to others who assume caregiving roles for their loved ones. Follow this mother and daughter's journey through resentments and regrets, forgiveness and faith, laughter and love. Barbara Jr. promised her mother on her deathbed that she would tell her story. Here it is.

"This is a wonderful collection of authors from America and around the world. Centuries are covered, making this a great resource for English teachers and any lover of literature." — Life Community Church This treasury of one hundred tales offers students and other readers of short fiction a splendid selection of stories by masters of the form. Contributors from around the world include Edgar Allan Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Guy de Maupassant, Charles Dickens, Anton Chekhov, Mark Twain, Saki, Luigi Pirandello, Kate Chopin, and Ring Lardner. The stories, which are arranged chronologically, begin with tales by Daniel Defoe ("The Apparition of Mrs. Veal," 1705), Benjamin Franklin ("Alice Addertongue," 1732), and Washington Irving ("The Devil and Tom Walker," 1824). Highlights from the nineteenth century include Ivan Turgenev's "The District Doctor" (1852), Sarah Orne Jewett's "A White Heron" (1886), Thomas Hardy's "Squire Petrick's Lady" (1891), and Rudyard Kipling's "Wee Willie Winkie" (1899). From the twentieth century come James Joyce's "Araby" (1914), Franz Kafka's "The Judgment" (1916), Virginia Woolf's "The Mark on the Wall" (1921), "The Broken Boot" (1923) by John Galsworthy, and many others. "A fabulous collections of stories sure to please any reader! The chronological layout is perfect for those looking to explore the development of stories over time and their relation to society." — Witchurch-Stouffville Public Library

From the winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature—and one of our most beloved writers—a new selection of her peerless short fiction, gathered from the collections of the last two decades, a companion volume to *Selected Stories* (1968-1994). *Family Furnishings* brings us twenty-four of Alice Munro's most accomplished, most powerfully affecting stories, many of them set in the territory she has so brilliantly made her own: the small towns and flatlands of southwestern Ontario. Subtly honed with her hallmark precision, grace, and compassion, these stories illuminate the quotidian yet extraordinary particularity in the lives of men and women, parents and children, friends and lovers as they discover sex, fall in love, part, quarrel, suffer defeat, set off into the unknown, or find a way to be in the world. Peopled with characters as real to us as we are to ourselves, Munro's stories encompass the fullness of human experience—from the wild exhilaration of first love, in "Passion," to the lengths a once-straying husband will go to make his wife happy as her memory fades, in "The Bear

Came Over the Mountain.” Other stories suggest the punishing consequences of leaving home (“Runaway”) or leaving a marriage (“The Children Stay”). The part romantic love plays in one’s existence is explored in “Too Much Happiness,” based on the life of the noted nineteenth-century mathematician, Sophia Kovalevsky. And in stories that Munro has described as “closer to the truth than usual”—“Dear Life,” “Working for a Living,” and “Home” among them—we glimpse the author’s own life. As the Nobel Prize presentation speech says in part: “Reading one of Alice Munro’s texts is like watching a cat walk across a laid dinner table. A brief short story can often cover decades, summarizing a life, as she moves deftly between different periods. No wonder Alice Munro is often able to say more in thirty pages than an ordinary novelist is capable of in three hundred. She is a virtuoso of the elliptical and the master of the contemporary short story.”

Driving extensively throughout the western end of the country in search of a good deal on wholesale typewriters, traveling salesman Bruce Stevens falls under the spells of his attractive former schoolteacher, a middle-aged paper salesman, and his own personal obsessions. 30,000 first printing.

"The fulfilled renown of Moby-Dick and of As I Lay Dying is augmented by Blood Meridian, since Cormac McCarthy is the worthy disciple both of Melville and Faulkner," writes esteemed literary scholar Harold Bloom in his Introduction to the Modern Library edition. "I venture that no other living American novelist, not even Pynchon, has given us a book as strong and memorable." Cormac McCarthy's masterwork, Blood Meridian, chronicles the brutal world of the Texas-Mexico borderlands in the mid-nineteenth century. Its wounded hero, the teenage Kid, must confront the extraordinary violence of the Glanton gang, a murderous cadre on an official mission to scalp Indians and sell those scalps. Loosely based on fact, the novel represents a genius vision of the historical West, one so fiercely realized that since its initial publication in 1985 the canon of American literature has welcomed Blood Meridian to its shelf. "A classic American novel of regeneration through violence," declares Michael Herr. "McCarthy can only be compared to our greatest writers."

Ranging from the 19th to the 20th centuries, this wonderfully wide-ranging and enjoyable anthology includes Poe, Chekhov, Joyce, Kafka, Faulkner, Pirandello, Mann, and other major writers of world literature.

"Riveting, gut ripping, and utterly, utterly beautiful." - Rod Burn In the small fishing village of the Baai, somewhere on the west coast of Africa, a boy's line cuts through the water. With scissoring strokes he hauls a creature from the deep. It kicks, and bucks, an animal he does not know. Intently he watches as it rises... Jono is a lonely fisherman who must work hard to pay the debt he owes. Uncle Mike is a factory owner trying desperately to stay above water. The Baai is a tiny town, peopled with those who have fished the same way for generations. And now there are no fish. When a race of foreigners arrive with ships that stagger the ways of the Baai's simple folk, it seems the village will be washed away by the tide of the turning world. But for one boy with an uncommon talent: he can hear the thoughts of fishes. For in the deep a secret lies buried, and through Jono's line it must come tumbling out. Author Milton Schorr was born in 1981 in Cape Town, South Africa. He attended the University of Cape Town as

a student of theatre, thereafter creating theatre works across South Africa. As a writer and actor he has received the Imbewu Scriptwriting award for his play *The Heroin Diaries*, and both the 'iDidTht Best of Reel for Direction Craft' and 'Vimeo Staff Pick' award for his short film *Surrender*, and has appeared in blockbuster Hollywood productions such as *Resident Evil: The Final Chapter*, *Outlander*, *Tomb Raider*, and *Redeeming Love*. He is a renowned travel and sports writer, with credits in many of South Africa's major publications. *Strange Fish* is his first novel.

Instant New York Times Bestseller "The Guest Book is monumental in a way that few novels dare attempt." —The Washington Post The thought-provoking new novel by New York Times bestselling author Sarah Blake *A lifetime of secrets. A history untold. No. It is a simple word, uttered on a summer porch in 1936. And it will haunt Kitty Milton for the rest of her life. Kitty and her husband, Ogden, are both from families considered the backbone of the country. But this refusal will come to be Kitty's defining moment, and its consequences will ripple through the Milton family for generations. For while they summer on their island in Maine, anchored as they are to the way things have always been, the winds of change are beginning to stir. In 1959 New York City, two strangers enter the Miltons' circle. One captures the attention of Kitty's daughter, while the other makes each of them question what the family stands for. This new generation insists the times are changing. And in one night, everything does. So much so that in the present day, the third generation of Miltons doesn't have enough money to keep the island in Maine. Evie Milton's mother has just died, and as Evie digs into her mother's and grandparents' history, what she finds is a story as unsettling as it is inescapable, the story that threatens the foundation of the Milton family myth. Moving through three generations and back and forth in time, *The Guest Book* asks how we remember and what we choose to forget. It shows the untold secrets we inherit and pass on, unknowingly echoing our parents and grandparents. Sarah Blake's triumphant novel tells the story of a family and a country that buries its past in quiet, until the present calls forth a reckoning.*

For the 100th anniversary of "The Best American Short Stories" series, a retrospective of stories selected by master of the form Lorrie Moore. The stories, along with one hundred years of behind-the-scenes anecdotes and decade-by-decade analysis, tell the history of American short fiction, showcasing representative moments in the series as well as literary moments in time.

Interested in journalism and creative writing and want to write a book? Read inspiring stories and practical advice from America's most respected journalists. The country's most prominent journalists and nonfiction authors gather each year at Harvard's Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism. *Telling True Stories* presents their best advice—covering everything from finding a good topic, to structuring narrative stories, to writing and selling your first book. More than fifty well-known writers offer their most powerful tips, including: • Tom Wolfe on the emotional core of the story • Gay Talese on writing about private lives • Malcolm Gladwell on the limits of profiles • Nora Ephron on narrative writing and screenwriters • Alma Guillermoprieto on telling the story and telling the truth • Dozens of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists from the *Atlantic Monthly*, *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post* and more . . . The essays contain important counsel for new and career journalists, as well as for freelance writers, radio producers, and memoirists. Packed with refreshingly candid and

insightful recommendations, *Telling True Stories* will show anyone fascinated by the art of writing nonfiction how to bring people, scenes, and ideas to life on the page.

*50 Greatest Short Stories* is a selection from the best of the world's short fiction, bringing together writings by great masters of the genre. Carefully picked for their timeless quality, readers are sure to be delighted by the inclusion of such favourites as 'The Gift of the Magi', 'The Lady with the Dog', 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button', 'Rain' and 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger', to name but a few. This outstanding and wide-ranging anthology of stories is a collector's item, designed for readers to refresh their acquaintance with some of the world's finest writing and for newer readers to be introduced to it. Anton Chekov, Charles Dickens, Katherine Mansfield, Guy de Maupassant, F. Scott Fitzgerald, H. Rider Haggard, O. Henry, Rudyard Kipling, W.W. Jacobs, Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, Saki, Jerome K. Jerome, H.G. Wells, Kate Chopin, Ambrose Bierce, Jack London, Frank Stockton, Edgar Allan Poe, Stephen Leacock, James Joyce, Bram Stoker, Joseph Conrad, M. R. James, W. Somerset Maugham, R. L. Stevenson.

John Milton put a twist on the story of Adam and Eve--in the process he created what some have called one of the greatest literary works in the English Language. It has inspired music, art, film, and even video games. But it's hundreds of years old and reading it today sometimes is a little tough. BookCaps is here to help! BookCaps puts a fresh spin on Milton's classic by using language modern readers won't struggle to make sense of. The original English text is also presented in the book, along with a comparable version of both text. We all need refreshers every now and then. Whether you are a student trying to cram for that big final, or someone just trying to understand a book more, BookCaps™ can help. We are a small, but growing company, and are adding titles every month.

The Canadian short story - widely recognized as a distinctive and unusually strong genre in the creative literature of the country - was celebrated in 1986 with the publication of *The Oxford Book of Canadian Short Stories in English*. Published to great acclaim, the original collection has been a great commercial success. It is here revised and updated to reflect the increasing diversity of the genre, and the growing reputation of a new generation of writers. Of the original inclusions, eight were dropped and thirteen replaced. Eighteen writers (among them Margaret Atwood, Matt Cohen, Timothy Findley, W.P. Kinsella, and Audrey Thomas) are represented by different stories. Writers appearing for the first time include Caroline Adderson, Ann Copeland, Bonnie Burnard, Cynthia Flood, Barbara Gowdy, Thomas King, Rohinton Mistry, Diane Schoemperlen, and Linda Svendsen.

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The City anthology is a unique creation. It's a concept anthology, a collection of stories where eighteen different authors share their vision of a single idea. It's Cyberfunk, cyberpunk stories that play with future concepts from an African/African American perspective. Most of all it's engaging, exciting, thought provoking and fun. Like the inhabitants, the City is perceived in various ways by the various writers. Some stories intersect, some diverge, but they all entertain. The result is a journey into a unique world described by unique and engaging voices. Reproducible pages of excerpts, exercises, and writing projects. Emphasizes writing and talking about literature through reading, role playing, cooperative learning, and other activities. Uses specific books, stories, poems, and plays to stimulate students' own writing.

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