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In 2002, *The Ring* came to American silver screens and brought a whole new style of horror and suspense to the States. Based on a series of novels by Koji Suzuki, *The Ring* became a media franchise in Japan with its fascinatingly creepy, yet scientific and otherworldly subject matter. Not to mention its very scary "monster," the spirit of a girl whose body was dropped in a well many years past. As you'll find reading through Dark Horse's series of *Ring* manga, this story is rich with an undergrowth of science and hatred, of strong will behind the murderous ghost of Sadako. *Birthday*, the fourth in a series of five *Ring* manga, is a trilogy of stories, each enriching the main storyline of *The Ring* series. "The Casket Floating in the Sky" centers on Mai Takano, and how she becomes wrapped deeper into Sadako's grasp. "Lemon Heart" tells of one of Sadako's early loves, and eerily wraps itself back into the plotline of Mai Takano. The "Sadako" story goes into the depths of both Sadako's death and her rebirth. Slowly, the details of how *The Ring* truly works are trickling out into the daylight.

Shirane and Suzuki examine how the Japanese canon of "classics" (*The Tale of Genji*, *The Tale of the Heike*, Noh drama, Saikaku, Chikamatsu, and Basho) was constructed as part of the creation of Japan as a modern nation-state and as a result of Western influence. Told in the manner of scientific reports, this collection of science fiction stories explores the allegorical overtones about the precariousness of species. *Biogenesis and Other Stories* collects five stories by Tatsuaki Ishiguro. In *Biogenesis*, two professors research the rare winged mouse and how the genetic makeup of the creatures pointed to their eventual extinction. They discover that upon mating, both the male and female of the species died. The professors try to clone the winged mice without success, so they breed the remaining pair in captivity, noting the procedure, which includes a vibration of the creatures' wings, what appeared to be kissing, and the shedding of tears--composed of the same substance as their blood--until their eventual death.

Together for the first time, in ebook form, the stunning, cutting-edge thrillers with a chilling supernatural twist from the Japanese master of suspense. *THE RING* is the famous novel that spawned the big-budget blockbuster US horror movie of the same name.

Thirty years before the setting of the American blockbuster adaptation of *The Ring*, Sadako Yamamura was just a young girl, thrust from society because of her dangerous and fascinating psychic powers. It's hard to imagine, but the girl who would eventually climb out of your television set and kill you with pure fear was once a very pretty and confused girl. This is the story of Sadako, before she was a dead body in the well, the story of a scary power emerging from a nervous girl."

Newlywed Noriko begins to suspect that her new in-laws' charming eccentricities may in fact contain hints of something more sinister. As she probes deeper into their secrets and past, she begins to see shadows around every corner, in this stunning tour de force of psychological suspense.

The star-spanning story of humanity's colonization of other planets, Ursula K. Le Guin's visionary Hainish novels and stories redrew the map of modern science fiction, making it a rich field for literary explorations of "the nature of human nature," as Margaret Atwood has described Le Guin's subject. Now, for the first time, the complete Hainish novels and stories are collected in a definitive two-volume *Library of America* edition, with new introductions by the author. This second volume in a definitive two-volume edition gathers Le Guin's final two Hainish novels, *The Word for World Is Forest*, in which Earth enslaves another planet to strip its natural resources, and *The Telling*, the harrowing story of a society which has suppressed its own cultural heritage. Rounding out the volume are seven short stories and the story suite *Five Ways to Forgiveness*, published here in full for the first time. The endpapers feature a full-color chart of the known worlds of Hainish descent. *LIBRARY OF AMERICA* is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The *Library of America* series includes more than 300 volumes to date, authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.

Paradise is a love story told through three separate narratives. Each takes place in a different location and period of time - from the Mongolian desert to a tropical Pacific Island, and finally to modern-day America. It becomes clear that each couple from the three storylines is the reincarnation of the same man and woman, and that in spite of the odds and whatever tragedy might interfere, fate conspires to bring them together again and again in each successive life.

Trapped in the Mexican jungle, a group of friends stumble upon a creeping horror unlike anything they could ever imagine. Two young couples are on a lazy Mexican vacation--sun-drenched days, drunken nights, making friends with fellow tourists. When the brother of one of those friends disappears, they decide to venture into the jungle to look for him. What started out as a fun day-trip slowly spirals into a nightmare when they find an ancient ruins site . . . and the terrifying presence that lurks there.

Sadako is destined to bring death and despair to anyone who's fallen under her curse. One day, as Sadako goes to claim her next victim, she meets another girl named Sadako. Sadako-chan is a precocious young child who's eager to help Sadako-san adjust to the modern era--no more climbing out of TVs, it's all about Youtube now! With help from her new friend, can Sadako finally move on from her tragic past? A hilarious manga featuring one of horror's most iconic monsters!

An ancient prophecy divides two sisters- One good... One evil... Who will prevail? Twin sisters Lia and Alice Milthorpe have just become orphans. They have also become enemies. As they discover their roles in a prophecy that has turned generations of sisters against each other, the girls find themselves entangled in a mystery that involves a tattoo-like mark, their parents' deaths, a boy, a book, and a lifetime of secrets. Lia and Alice don't know whom they can trust. They just know they can't trust each other.

When Dr. Nagashima loses his wife in a mysterious car crash, he is overwhelmed with grief but also an eerie sense of purpose; he becomes obsessed with reincarnating his dead wife. Her donated kidney is transplanted into a young girl with a debilitating disorder, but the doctor also feels compelled to keep a small sample of her liver in his laboratory. When these cells start mutating rapidly, a consciousness bent on determining its own fate awakens, bent on becoming the new dominant species on earth.

Parasite Eve was the basis of the hugely popular videogame of the same name in the U.S. and has been cinematized in Japan. Twenty-one years after the legendary bestseller *Ring*, which spawned blockbuster films on both sides of the Pacific, and thirteen years after *Birthday*, the seeming last word on iconic villain Sadako and her containment, internationally acclaimed master of horror and Shirley Jackson Award-winner Koji Suzuki makes his much-awaited return to the famed trilogy's mind-blowing story world with a new novel, *S*. Takanori Ando, son of *Spiral* protagonist Mitsuo, works at a small CGI production company and hopes to become a filmmaker one day despite coming from a family of doctors. When he's tasked by his boss to examine a putatively live-streamed video of a suicide that's been floating around the internet, the aspiring director takes on more than he bargained for. His lover Akane, an orphan who grew up at a foster-care facility and is now a rookie high-school teacher, ends up watching the clip. She is pregnant, and she is...triggered. Sinking hooks into our unconscious from its very first pages with its creepy imagery, and rewarding curious fans of the series with clever self-references, here is a fitting sequel to a tale renowned for its ongoing mutations.

Stunning Japanese novel with a chilling twist – the follow-up to *Ring* and *Spiral*.

A novelization of the horror film *The Grudge*, based on the popular manga and film series, traces the experiences of a senior

citizen outreach volunteer who encounters a murderous deadly force involving the victims of a terrible curse. Original. In this searing polemic, Lee Edelman outlines a radically uncompromising new ethics of queer theory. His main target is the all-pervasive figure of the child, which he reads as the linchpin of our universal politics of "reproductive futurism." Edelman argues that the child, understood as innocence in need of protection, represents the possibility of the future against which the queer is positioned as the embodiment of a relentlessly narcissistic, antisocial, and future-negating drive. He boldly insists that the efficacy of queerness lies in its very willingness to embrace this refusal of the social and political order. In *No Future*, Edelman urges queers to abandon the stance of accommodation and accede to their status as figures for the force of a negativity that he links with irony, jouissance, and, ultimately, the death drive itself. Closely engaging with literary texts, Edelman makes a compelling case for imagining Scrooge without Tiny Tim and Silas Marner without little Eppie. Looking to Alfred Hitchcock's films, he embraces two of the director's most notorious creations: the sadistic Leonard of North by Northwest, who steps on the hand that holds the couple precariously above the abyss, and the terrifying title figures of *The Birds*, with their predilection for children. Edelman enlarges the reach of contemporary psychoanalytic theory as he brings it to bear not only on works of literature and film but also on such current political flashpoints as gay marriage and gay parenting. Throwing down the theoretical gauntlet, *No Future* reimagines queerness with a passion certain to spark an equally impassioned debate among its readers.

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Element* gives readers an inspirational and practical guide to self-improvement, happiness, creativity, and personal transformation. *You, Your Child, and School* is forthcoming from Viking. Sir Ken Robinson's TED talk video and groundbreaking book, *The Element*, introduced readers to a new concept of self-fulfillment through the convergence of natural talents and personal passions. *The Element* has inspired readers all over the world and has created for Robinson an intensely devoted following. Now comes the long-awaited companion, the practical guide that helps people find their own Element. Among the questions that this new book answers are: • How do I find out what my talents and passions are? • What if I love something I'm not good at? • What if I'm good at something I don't love? • What if I can't make a living from my Element? • How do I do help my children find their Element? *Finding Your Element* comes at a critical time as concerns about the economy, education and the environment continue to grow. The need to connect to our personal talents and passions has never been greater. As Robinson writes in his introduction, wherever you are, whatever you do, and no matter how old you are, if you're searching for your Element, this book is for you.

It's just before New Year, and Frank, an overweight American tourist, has hired Kenji to take him on a guided tour of Tokyo's nightlife. But Frank's behaviour is so odd that Kenji begins to entertain a horrible suspicion: his client may in fact have murderous desires. Although Kenji is far from innocent himself, he unwillingly descends with Frank into an inferno of evil, from which only his sixteen-year-old girlfriend, Jun, can possibly save him.

A discussion of director Takashi Shimizu's 2002 horror/ghost film *Ju-on*, the film's sequels, and its cultural influence.

A selection of deliciously spooky short stories from the Japanese master of suspense, the acclaimed author of *RING*. The film *DARK WATER* is based on the first story in the collection.

Presents a manga adaptation of the Japanese horror movie that centers on a home and the horrific events that happened there. Luka Kane has been inside hi-tech prison the Loop for over two years. A death sentence is hanging over his head but his day-to-day routine is mind-numbingly repetitive, broken only by the books brought to him by the sympathetic warden, Wren. Then everything starts to change: rumours of war are whispered in the courtyard and the government-issued rain stops falling. On Luka's last, desperate day, Wren issues him a terrifying warning: breaking out of the Loop might be Luka's only chance to save himself - and the world ... Book 1 in a dark, original, twisty and totally unputdownable new series.

Edge begins with a massive and catastrophic shifting of the San Andreas fault. The fears of California someday tumbling into the sea--that have become the stuff of parody--become real. But even the terror resulting from this catastrophe pales in comparison to the understanding behind its happening, a cataclysm extending beyond mankind's understanding of horror as it had previously been known. The world is falling apart because things are out of joint at the quantum level, about which of course there's never been any guarantee that everything has to remain stable. Koji Suzuki returns to the genre he's most famous for after many years of "not wanting to write any more horror." As expected from Suzuki, the chills are of a more cerebral, psychological sort, arguably more unsettling and scary than the slice-and-dice gore fests that horror has become known in the U.S. Never content to simply do "Suzuki"--as it were--but rather push the envelope on what horror is in general and for which readers have come to know him, *Edge City* borders on being cutting-edge science fiction. The author himself terms this novel, which he has worked on for some years, a work of "quantum horror."

The basis for the new Amazon Prime Original Series! Perfect for fans of *E.T.* and *Stranger Things*—the first narrative artbook from acclaimed author and artist Simon Stålenhag about a fictionalized suburban town in the 1980s inhabited by fantastic machines and strange, imaginative beasts. In 1954, the Swedish government ordered the construction of the world's largest particle accelerator. The facility was complete in 1969, located deep below the pastoral countryside of Mäläröarna. The local population called this marvel of technology *The Loop*. These are its strange tales. From the same author who wrote the imaginative artbook *The Electric State*, this "haunting," (The Verge) "sophisticated sci-fi" (The Nerdist) follows the bizarre stories from otherworldly creatures and is a page-turner you won't be able to put down.

From the author of *The Haunting of Hill House* and *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*, four classic novels of subtle psychological horror. Shirley Jackson--the beloved author of *The Lottery*, *The Haunting of Hill House*, and *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*--is more and more being recognized as one of the finest writers of the American gothic tradition, a true heir of Edgar Allan Poe and Henry James. Now, Jackson's award-winning biographer Ruth Franklin gathers the subtle, chilling, hypnotic novels with which she began her unique career. Her haunting debut tale *The Road Through the Wall* (1948) explores the secret desires, petty hatreds, and ultimate terrors that lurk beneath the picture-perfect domesticities of a suburban California neighborhood. In *Hangsaman* (1951)--inspired by the real-life disappearance of a Bennington College sophomore--the precocious but lonely Natalie Waite grows increasingly dependent on an imaginary friend. *The Bird's Nest* (1954) has not one but four protagonists: the shy, demure young Elizabeth and, revealed with a series of surprising twists, her other, multiple personalities. At the beginning of *The Sundial* (1958), the eccentric Halloran clan, gathered at the family manse for a funeral, becomes convinced that the world is about to end and that only those who remain in the house shall be saved. In what is perhaps her most unsettling novel, Jackson follows their crazed, violent preparations for the afterlife. Here is the perfect companion to Shirley Jackson: *Novels & Stories*, Library of America's edition of Jackson's landmark story collection, *The Lottery*, and her brilliant late novels *The Haunting of Hill House* and

We Have Always Lived in the Castle.

The Inspiration for the New Major Motion Picture RINGS A mysterious videotape warns that the viewer will die in one week unless a certain, unspecified act is performed. Exactly one week after watching the tape, four teenagers die one after another of heart failure. Asakawa, a hardworking journalist, is intrigued by his niece's inexplicable death. His investigation leads him from a metropolitan Tokyo teeming with modern society's fears to a rural Japan—a mountain resort, a volcanic island, and a countryside clinic—haunted by the past. His attempt to solve the tape's mystery before it's too late—for everyone—assumes an increasingly deadly urgency. Ring is a chillingly told horror story, a masterfully suspenseful mystery, and post-modern trip. The success of Koji Suzuki's novel the Ring has led to manga, television and film adaptations in Japan, Korea, and the U.S.

Stunning Japanese thriller with a chilling supernatural twist – the follow-up to Ring.

Journalist Kazuyuki Asakawa's investigation into the sudden deaths of four teenagers from heart failure leads to an isolated cabin containing a videotape warning of death in seven days unless certain, now missing, instructions are not followed.

Regan O'Riley has just about given up hope that she will ever find a woman into shy, geeky programmers. She yearns for a connection, but can't seem to make the first move. Mel Raines knows all about making moves. After a childhood under the thumb of her alcoholic father, she avoids intimacy by drowning herself in fiery, fleeting encounters with strangers. When Regan and Mel meet in a straight bar, of all places, their chemistry is unmistakable. Before they can begin to explore their new relationship, Mel's world is rocked when a close friend is a victim in a shooting. Regan suggests they take a road trip to escape reality for a little while, and Mel is only too ready to shake things up. Together they embark upon a physical and emotional journey where they discover that breaking free of old habits may be the only way to change your life.

In 1991, the publication of Koji Suzuki's Ring, the first novel of a bestselling trilogy, inaugurated a tremendous outpouring of cultural production in Japan, Korea, and the United States. Just as the subject of the book is the deadly viral reproduction of a VHS tape, so, too, is the vast proliferation of text and cinematic productions suggestive of an airborne contagion with a life of its own. Analyzing the extraordinary trans-cultural popularity of the Ring phenomenon, *The Scary Screen* locates much of its power in the ways in which the books and films astutely graft contemporary cultural preoccupations onto the generic elements of the ghost story—in particular, the Japanese ghost story. At the same time, the contributors demonstrate, these cultural concerns are themselves underwritten by a range of anxieties triggered by the advent of new communications and media technologies, perhaps most significantly, the shift from analog to digital. Mimicking the phenomenon it seeks to understand, the collection's power comes from its commitment to the full range of Ring-related output and its embrace of a wide variety of interpretive approaches, as the contributors chart the mutations of the Ring narrative from author to author, from medium to medium, and from Japan to Korea to the United States.

The Inspiration for the New Major Motion Picture RINGS Learn the final truth about the Ring! In this much-awaited conclusion of the Ring trilogy, everything you thought you knew about the story will have to be put aside. In *Loop*, the killer mimics both AIDS and cancer in a deadly new guise. Kaoru Futami, a youth mature beyond his years, must hope to find answers in the deserts of New Mexico and the Loop project, a virtual matrix created by scientists. The fate of more than just his loved ones depends on Kaoru's success. *Loop* is written as a stand-alone work though it is best enjoyed by fans of Ring and Spiral. The author's own favorite of the trilogy, this astounding finale is an emotionally resonant tale that scales conceptual heights from an angle all its own. Fiction about fiction has rarely been so gripping.

The "masterfully chilling" novel that inspired the hit AMC series (*Entertainment Weekly*). The men on board the HMS Terror — part of the 1845 Franklin Expedition, the first steam-powered vessels ever to search for the legendary Northwest Passage — are entering a second summer in the Arctic Circle without a thaw, stranded in a nightmarish landscape of encroaching ice and darkness. Endlessly cold, they struggle to survive with poisonous rations, a dwindling coal supply, and ships buckling in the grip of crushing ice. But their real enemy is even more terrifying. There is something out there in the frigid darkness: an unseen predator stalking their ship, a monstrous terror clawing to get in. "The best and most unusual historical novel I have read in years."

—Katherine A. Powers, *Boston Globe*

A family relocates to a small house on Ash Tree Lane and discovers that the inside of their new home seems to be without boundaries

Leave all the mundane and repetitions of the daily grind behind and all the drama that comes with it and join Devil James into the slow-descending trek of the doom and gloom of the dreaded Witchwood Forest. It grows like sinister, haunted old rusty railroad spikes shooting out of the back rural Illinois country roads, spreading over endless miles of sticks that clutter the hills. The same beer cans littered old haunting hills that hold Devils Creek in its cold hypnotizing hands. Lonely places of solitude that illuminate the spirit world are found out here in the mazes of the back country roads of Clinton and Madison County. Come venture out into these twisted old nightmares that cling onto your psyche like the stained sounds of the cicadas buzzing haunting songs over the caws of blackbirds and ravens. Join the Devil James cult and walk among us through the festering clouds of gnats and mosquitoes with the buzzing, croaking sounds of bullfrogs to a place where the stillness beckons you to test your courage. Leave your stress and bullshit all behind and dare to step into the beyond into an eerie solitude of the spirit world where all these sounds vanish into a still silence that holds only the whispering voices of those who reside within. Welcome to a head trip that will leave your poor tattered, battered mind and broken heart guessing every misplaced step along the stumbling path. The clumsy crooked left-hand path of Witchwood Forest will latch on to your every thought and pull it down into a dark descent of mystery, a mystery that will not only set your mind free to a new humility and dignity it so craves and endlessly searches for but a mystery within echoing mysteries that will also unlock the chains of your heart and hand you back the moral compass we all hold so dear.

Welcome my friends into the descending darkness of fallen angels who dream of becoming archangels but are too lost to find their way. Welcome to Devils Creek, welcome to the Witchwood Forest. We've been waiting for you so long; we all have missed you so much.

Stunning, cutting-edge thriller with a chilling supernatural twist from Japan's stylish new literary star. Asakawa is a hardworking journalist who has climbed his way up from local-news beat reporter to writer for his newspaper's weekly magazine. A chronic workaholic, he doesn't take much notice when his seventeen-year-old niece dies suddenly -- until a

chance conversation reveals that another healthy teenager died at exactly the same time, in chillingly similar circumstances. Sensing a story, Asakawa begins to investigate, and soon discovers that this strange simultaneous sudden-death syndrome also affected another two teenagers. Exactly one week before their mysterious deaths the four teenagers all spent the night at a leisure resort in the same log cabin. When Asakawa visits the resort, the mystery only deepens. particular videotape. When he watches it, instead of a movie he finds an odd collection of disparate images with a portentous message at the end: Those who have viewed these images are fated to die at this exact hour one week from now. Asakawa finds himself in a race against time -- he has only seven days to find the cause of the teenagers' deaths before it finds him. The hunt puts him on the trail of an apocalyptic power that will force Asakawa to choose between saving his family and saving civilization.

Originally published in 1971, *The Exorcist* remains one of the most controversial novels ever written and went on to become a literary phenomenon. Inspired by a true story of a child's demonic possession in the 1940s, William Peter Blatty created an iconic novel that focuses on Regan, the eleven-year-old daughter of a movie actress residing in Washington, D.C. A small group of overwhelmed yet determined individuals must rescue Regan from her unspeakable fate, and the drama that ensues is gripping and unfailingly terrifying. Two years after its publication, *The Exorcist* was, of course, turned into a wildly popular motion picture, garnering ten Academy Award nominations. On opening day of the film, lines of the novel's fans stretched around city blocks. In Chicago, frustrated moviegoers used a battering ram to gain entry through the double side doors of a theater. In Kansas City, police used tear gas to disperse an impatient crowd who tried to force their way into a cinema. The three major television networks carried footage of these events; CBS's Walter Cronkite devoted almost ten minutes to the story. *The Exorcist* was, and is, more than just a novel and a film: it is a true landmark. Purposefully raw and profane, *The Exorcist* still has the extraordinary ability to disturb readers and cause them to forget that it is "just a story." Published here in this beautiful fortieth anniversary edition, it remains an unforgettable reading experience and will continue to shock and frighten a new generation of readers.

Raymond "Red" Reddington voluntarily surrenders to the FBI after eluding capture for decades. He has a list of the most dangerous criminals in the world and is willing to guide FBI operations in exchange for immunity. However, he insists on exclusively working with a rookie profiler by the name of Elizabeth Keen. A tragic warehouse fire in Turkey, a mine collapse in South Africa, a capsized ferry disaster in Indonesia: devastating mishaps, or something more sinister? Red knows these were collateral damage in a highly lucrative and deadly game known as the Dead Ring—anything but accidental. The only way to stop the ring is to destroy it from within. Keen must go undercover and play the game, knowing that in the Dead Ring there can only be one survivor.

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Blending science fiction and the supernatural to chilling effect, 'The Ring' is one of the most influential horror films of the last decade. This book looks at the phenomenon of the film, examining the original novels, the big screen adaptations and its influence on other projects.

"Sutton's large-scale illustrations help children to visualize microorganisms and processes that are too small to see. . . . A handsome and rewarding picture book." — Booklist (starred review) All around the world—in the sea, in the soil, in the air, and in your body—there are living things so tiny that millions could fit on an ant's antenna. They're busy doing all sorts of things, from giving you a cold and making yogurt to eroding mountains and helping to make the air we breathe.

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