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A brilliant exploration of architecture through ten of the world's great buildings

A thrilling, poignant, and bold memoir of the early years and accomplishments—both musical and sexual—of renowned contemporary composer Ned Rorem. Ned Rorem, arguably the greatest composer of art songs that America has produced in more than a hundred years, is also revered as a diarist and essayist whose unexpurgated writings are at once enthralling, enlightening, and provocative. In *Knowing When to Stop*, one of the most creative American artists of our time offers readers a colorful narrative of his first twenty-seven years, expertly unraveling the intriguing conundrum of who he truly is and how he came to be that way. As the author himself writes, “A memoir is not a diary. Diaries are written in the heat of battle, memoirs in the repose of retrospect.” But careful thought and consideration have not dulled the sharp point of Rorem’s pen as he writes openly of his life and loves, his missteps and triumphs, and offers frank and fascinating portraits of the luminaries in his circle: Aaron Copland, Truman Capote, Jean Cocteau, Martha Graham, Igor Stravinsky, Billie Holliday, Paul Bowles, and Alfred C. Kinsey, to name a few. The result is an early life story that is riveting, moving, and intimate—a magnificent self-portrait of one of the

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great minds of this age.

The Reformation's war against the saints and their miracles is well known. The story of the Protestant Reformers' embrace of natural wonders as miracles that could similarly spur piety and moral discipline is much less familiar. In *Miracles and the Protestant Imagination*, Philip M. Soergel examines the sixteenth-century Lutheran wonder books, works filled with accounts of monstrous births, celestial apparitions, natural disasters, plagues, and other seemingly aberrant events occurring in the natural world. Soergel traces the inspiration behind these books to a widespread appropriation of wonders that was taking place throughout late-medieval and early-modern Europe. As sixteenth-century rulers stocked their curiosity cabinets with all manner of strange and confounding bits of nature collected from the far corners of the globe, evangelical theologians, too, compiled enormous compendia filled with accounts of fantastic events long recorded in the natural world. Many embraced such tales to satisfy an innate curiosity about nature and its often incomprehensible processes, but Germany's devout evangelicals relied upon them to warn of imminent Apocalypse, to drive home the full scope of human depravity, and to encourage the repentant to keep the Law of an angry, Deuteronomic God. Luther had dismissed natural signs as inferior when compared against the testimony of the scriptures. Nevertheless, inspired by

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Melanchthon and other contemporaries who embraced history, natural philosophy, and rhetoric as proofs for Christian doctrine, the authors of late-Reformation wonder books fashioned natural signs into powerful defenses of treasured evangelical principles. In so doing, their works revealed the tensions as well as fears at play within a maturing Reformation movement as it faced mounting internal dissension and external pressures from Calvinism and resurgent Catholicism.

Fort du succès populaire de son précédent livre, *Jusqu'où va-t-on descendre ?* qui lui a valu un formidable courrier d'encouragements, Alain Soral prolonge son *Abécédaire de la bêtise ambiante* : Amérique, Art contemporain, Ben Laden, Chirac, Dandysme, Djihad, Droits de l'homme, Ecologie, Ecrivaine, Europe, France d'en bas, Gauche plus rien, Homophobie, Houellebecq, Intellectuel communautaire, Israël, Jeunisme, Le Pen, Manipulation médiatique, Multiculturalisme, Néomatriarcat, Pape, Papon, Pédophilie, Peuple élu, Racisme, Révolution, SDF, Sida, Sport de glisse, Totalitarisme, Travailleuse du sexe, Ultra-libéralisme... Soit 200 nouveaux textes tout aussi corrosifs, par lesquels l'auteur continue à nous démontrer - entre autres critiques du temps - qu'avec la montée Lies obscurantismes, c'est la raison universaliste qui est désormais en danger. Une raison universaliste laïque et égalitaire qui est le

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principal pilier de la démocratie.

Gloria Montacute is in Venice, having inherited a great collection of art treasures. Dealers gather and one of them sends a handsome young man to pursue her. Jake, her cousin, and Henry, a neighbour, also arrive. Gloria harbours her suspicions of all. The finale, however, is as much a surprise as we have come to expect from Stewart's novels.

"A provocative treatment of political martyrdom in the United States a well-crafted, thought-provoking book." —The Lincoln Herald "In the U.S., dead politicians and controversial reformers have frequently been called martyrs to a cause. But achieving martyrdom is more elusive than simply being jailed, murdered, or rejected in fighting for what one believes. This is the thrust of Naveh's argument, which traces the martyr motif in American political culture since the 1830s." —Choice "Drawing upon eulogies and obituaries, sermons and biographies, poems and public memorials, *Crown of Thorns* is most valuable in providing a taxonomy that helps suggest why some public figures sink into oblivion while a very few others belong to the ages." —The Journal of American History "Naveh makes admirable use of a wide range of primary sources, particularly those drawn from popular rather than elite culture well written . . . *Crown of Thorns* should be of some interest to all who are interested

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in the dynamics of cultural inertia and social change in the United States." —History

A modern-day Confessions of Saint Augustine, *The Seven Storey Mountain* is one of the most influential religious works of the twentieth century. This edition contains an introduction by Merton's editor, Robert Giroux, and a note to the reader by biographer William H. Shannon. It tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man whose search for peace and faith leads him, at the age of twenty-six, to take vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks. At the Abbey of Gethsemani, "the four walls of my new freedom," Thomas Merton struggles to withdraw from the world, but only after he has fully immersed himself in it. *The Seven Storey Mountain* has been a favorite of readers ranging from Graham Greene to Claire Booth Luce, Eldridge Cleaver, and Frank McCourt. Since its original publication this timeless spiritual tome has been published in over twenty languages and has touched millions of lives.

Les discours antimaçonniques recourent aujourd'hui, en plus de la rhétorique classique, à de nouveaux moyens de propagation par le biais d'Internet. Les contributions de cet ouvrage font le point sur ces nouvelles situations et thématiques, peu souvent envisagées jusqu'à présent. Le discours antimaçonnique connaît de nos jours une résurgence spectaculaire, en Europe, mais aussi dans le monde musulman, en Afrique subsaharienne ou encore en Amérique latine. Cet ouvrage offre un nouvel état de la question, à la lumière de ses évolutions les plus récentes. Cette équipe de chercheuses et chercheurs universitaires de haut niveau, coordonnée par Jean-Philippe Schreiber, présente une lecture kaléidoscopique des mouvements antimaçonniques qui prennent de l'ampleur partout dans le monde, réactivés par l'industrie de l'imaginaire et par les

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inquiétudes liées à la méconnaissance de ce mouvement. Un ouvrage utile et passionnant. EXTRAIT Force est de constater que les raisons invoquées pour justifier la résistance, la crainte ou la détestation qu'inspirent aux islamistes la maçonnerie et les maçons sont, d'un point de vue structurel, analogues à celles avancées par les catholiques traditionalistes. La franc-maçonnerie représente une concurrence spirituelle pour l'islam et y adhérer est incompatible avec la foi religieuse. Que ce soit dans la sphère spirituelle ou dans la sphère politique, on ne peut servir deux maîtres à la fois. L'antimaçonnisme islamiste se distingue toutefois de son homologue catholique en assimilant les loges à une importation coloniale et occidentale ; il a donc une dimension géopolitique plus marquée." CE QU'EN DIT LA CRITIQUE "C'est peut de dire que cet ouvrage collectif soit à la fois passionnant et utile. Comme disait Brecht en substance dans La résistible ascension d'Arturo Ui, « le ventre est encore fécond d'où a surgi la bête immonde ». La renaissance de l'anti-maçonnisme, souvent associé à l'antijudaïsme et arqué-bouté sur le mythe des Illuminati réactivé par l'industrie de l'imaginaire nous inquiétera moins si nous en connaissons finement les tenants et aboutissants, ce que cet ouvrage nous permet, avec un travail collectif dont nous ajouterons in fine, qu'il est d'une lecture fort agréable." Jean-Pierre Bacot sur Critica Masonica

The Brave New World of Sex We've seen in less than a generation a swift revolution in human sexual behavior, attitude, and consequences so dramatic that some people are left in a state of stunned dismay and the public at large in aimless confusion. Much of the trend, if you can call a revolution a trend, is fueled by, or at least made possible by, technological innovations dating back to the middle of the twentieth century. The birth control pill opened the gate to promiscuity with little fear of pregnancy; marriage became an

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annoyance; divorce became an opportunity; two working parents became a necessity; and teenage sex became nearly as socially acceptable as holding hands or going to the movies. The population explosion resulted in a spiraling epidemic of children giving birth to children, many of them on welfare. Girls seeking relief through abortions were sometimes forced to have their unwanted offspring despite the inevitability of some of them living in poverty and a desperate dead-end environment of squalor and crime. Some misguidedly wanted babies and ended up the same way. To top it all, discipline 2 A Sexual Odyssey became a lost art, leaving schools and neighborhoods infested with gun-toting, knife-wielding teenage delinquents-even in middle-class areas-who engaged in contests to see who could get the most girls knocked up. The chaotic state of fornication, mating, and birthing may be a throwback to the past.

The first four stories in The Misgivings of the Vampire Lucius Lafayette series. This four pack includes the following 4 stories: Leather Apron: Leather Apron is #1 in The Misgivings of the Vampire Lucius Lafayette series. Lucius Lafayette is not your mythological vampire. He's not your pasty face, sparkly, brooding vampire. He's real and he's a werewolf killer. Werewolves are his vermin and he's the exterminator. He enjoys garlic and sunbathing in Saint-Tropez. In his spare time he hunts werewolves and rips them apart, limb from limb. Jack the Ripper has been terrorizing Whitechapel, London for weeks now. People are scared and the police just can't get a break in the case. It's up to Lucius to travel back to 1888 and catch this killer. The killer is the alpha werewolf of the Vladik pack who has escaped Lucius' clutches for decades now. It's time for revenge and for the vampire to put an end to the werewolves terrorizing their herd of sheeple.

Mardi Gras: Mardi Gras is #2 in The Misgivings of the Vampire Lucius Lafayette series. Hot on the heels of Jack the

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Ripper, Lucius can taste the werewolf's flesh as he is called back to present times. To his home in New Orleans. Which pack of werewolves has the audacity to attack the Lafayette Killing in their very home. Nobody tries to murder Baron Lafayette's family in his own house. The Galvez pack is a notorious and dastardly violent pack of werewolves intent on doing nothing but savage humanity and eradicate vampires from Earth. But these beasts are vermin. Undisciplined vermin that vampires must eradicate. Still, can Lucius take on a pack of werewolves and come out alive to talk about it?

Hemlock Crescent: Hemlock Crescent is #3 in in The Misgivings of the Vampire Lucius Lafayette series. The vampire Lucius Lafayette has decided to visit Greece. Ancient Greece, where Socrates is a well established philosopher and general. But the vampire is not there so much for Socrates as he is for the werewolves. Athens is in a decades long war with Sparta, a war that looks like they'll be losing. Lucius and Socrates sail out to fight against the Spartans, but they're ambushed by Spartan fisherman and taken as prisoners. Socrates is released, a tired man, tired of an old war. His last days spent pontificating against the Athenian hegemony. Sentenced to death by werewolves. They're hell bent on eliminating the human race and creating anarchy. Lucius is hell bent on eradicating the vermin that the werewolves have become.

Hell's Disciples: Hell's Disciples is #4 in in The Misgivings of the Vampire Lucius Lafayette series. In the summer of 1976, Son of Sam starts his rampage. Many didn't believe him that it was his neighbor's dog who instructed him to go on his murderous shootings. Lucius Lafayette, vampire and werewolf slayer, does believe him. But he thinks it is not a dog so much as a pack of werewolves who go by the name of Hell's Disciples who are instructing David Berkowitz to go on a killing spree. Werewolves are hell bent on destroying humanity, and Lucius, though no saint is our only hope. But

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he can't even keep peace in his own family, almost killing his own son Cage. These Hell's Disciples' werewolves are violent, strong and unrepentant. Has Lucius bitten off more than he can chew going into a den of 13 Lobison?

Steve Shone's *American Anarchism* is a work of political theory that emphasizes the relevance of nineteenth century American Anarchism to contemporary politics. Thinkers discussed are Alexander Berkman, Voltairine de Cleyre, Samuel Fielden, Luigi Galleani, Peter Kropotkin, Lucy Parsons, Max Stirner, William Graham Sumner, and Benjamin Tucker.

Robert Lehman (1891{u2013}1969), one of the foremost art collectors of his generation, embraced the work of both traditional and modern masters. This volume catalogues 130 nineteenth- and twentieth-century paintings that are now part of the Robert Lehman Collection at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The majority of the works are by artists based in France, but there are also examples from the United States, Latin America, and India, reflecting Lehman{u2019}s global interests. The catalogue opens with outstanding paintings by Ingres, Théodore Rousseau, and Corot, among other early nineteenth-century artists. They are joined by an exemplary selection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works by Degas, Renoir, Sisley, Pissarro, Seurat, Signac, Van Gogh, Cézanne, and Gauguin. Twentieth-century masters represented here include Bonnard, Matisse, Rouault, Dalí, and Balthus. There are also newly researched modern works by Vicente do Rego Monteiro, Kees van Dongen, Dietz Edzard, and D. G. Kulkarni (dizi). Robert Lehman{u2019}s cultivated taste for nineteenth-century French academic practitioners and his intuitive eye for emerging young artists of his own time are documented and discussed. Three hundred comparative illustrations supplement the catalogue entries, as do extensively researched provenance

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information, exhibition histories, and references. The volume also includes a bibliography and indexes.

The story of Venice's "Unfinished Palazzo"—told through the lives of three of its most unconventional, passionate, and fascinating residents: Luisa Casati, Doris Castlerosse, and Peggy Guggenheim Commissioned in 1750, the Palazzo Venier was planned as a testimony to the power and wealth of a great Venetian family, but the fortunes of the Veniers waned midconstruction and the project was abandoned. Empty, unfinished, and decaying, the building was considered an eyesore until the early twentieth century when it attracted and inspired three women at key moments in their lives: Luisa Casati, Doris Castlerosse, and Peggy Guggenheim. Luisa Casati turned her home into an aesthete's fantasy where she hosted parties as extravagant and decadent as Renaissance court operas, spending small fortunes on her own costumes in her quest to become a "living work of art" and muse. Doris Castlerosse strove to make her mark in London and Venice during the glamorous, hedonistic interwar years, hosting film stars and royalty at glittering parties. In the postwar years, Peggy Guggenheim turned the Palazzo into a model of modernist simplicity that served as a home for her exquisite collection of modern art that today draws tourists and art lovers from around the world. Each vivid life story is accompanied by previously unseen materials from family archives, weaving an intricate history of these legendary art world eccentrics.

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When Anne Dufourmantelle drowned in a heroic attempt to save two children caught in rough seas, obituaries around the world rarely failed to recall that she was the author of a book entitled *In Praise of Risk*, implying that her death confirmed the ancient adage that to philosophize is to learn how to die. Now available in English, this magnificent and already much-discussed book indeed offers a trenchant critique of the psychic work the modern world devotes to avoiding risk. Yet this is not a book on how to die but on how to live. For Dufourmantelle, risk entails an encounter not with an external

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threat to life but with something hidden in life that conditions our approach to such ordinary risks as disobedience, passion, addiction, leaving family, and solitude Keeping jargon to a minimum, Dufourmantelle weaves philosophical reflections together with clinical case histories. The everyday fears, traumas, and resistances that therapy addresses brush up against such broader concerns as terrorism, insurance, addiction, artistic creation, and political revolution. Taking up a project than joins the work of many French thinkers, such as Jacques Lacan, Jacques Derrida, Jean-Luc Nancy, H el ene Cixous, Giorgio Agamben, and Catherine Malabou, Dufourmantelle works to dislodge Western philosophy, psychoanalysis, ethics, and politics from the redemptive logic of sacrifice. She discovers the kernel of a future beyond annihilation where one might least expect to find it, hidden in the unconscious. In an era defined by enhanced security measures, border walls, trigger warnings, and endless litigation, Dufourmantelle's masterwork provides a much-needed celebration of the risks that define what it means to live.

D edi es au peuple de France des petites gens, des braves gens, ces deux ab ec edaires, r unis en un seul volume, connurent   leur sortie un formidable succ es populaire. Constitu es de 370 textes pol miques et brefs, ils analysent le lent  croulement de notre Etat-Nation sous les coups conjugu es du march  et des Communautarisme. Exemples : D linquance, des banlieues rouges aux banlieues beurs ; Ecologie, l'arnaque des pistes cyclables ; F minisme, le ph nom ne Bridget Jones ; Gauchisme, comment passe-t-on de Mai 68 au Cac 40 ? ; Lib ralisme, de l'int r t d'avoir toujours une lutte antifasciste de retard ; Minorit s, pourquoi pas une Beauf Pride ? Et aussi : Am rique, Intellectuel communautaire, Isra el, Le Pen, Manipulation m diatique, N o-matriarcat, Ultra-lib ralisme... Une destruction de la fraternit 

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française sous l'impulsion des trotsko-libéraux, ces libéraux-libertaires devenus libéraux sécuritaires depuis l'élection de Sarkozy : libéraux avec les nantis et les délinquants, mais sécuritaires envers les classes moyennes et populaires, qui supportent de moins en moins une politique toujours menée à leurs dépens...

Paul Signac and Color in Neo-Impressionism is a groundbreaking examination of the artistic technique of "divisionism" in terms of modern scientific theory of color. Truly interdisciplinary in his approach, Floyd Ratliff treats the evolution of both color theory and artistic practice in an integrated way. Signac was the principal advocate for the new movement launched by Georges Seurat in the 1880s. The book is handsomely illustrated with both Neo-Impressionist paintings and scientific drawings and diagrams. Ratliff's five-part essay provides an extended introduction to a translation of Signac's monograph, From Eugene Delacroix to Neo-Impressionism, widely regarded as the basic document of the movement, but never before available in English. This will be an invaluable reference for scholars in art and design, as well as students of the psychology and neurophysiology of color vision and those interested in the relation between the arts and the sciences. Its clarity of style also makes it accessible to the general reader interested in art history, painting, or the perception of color, particularly with its glossary of technical and art terms, index, and bibliography. James B. Stewart, bestselling author of Den of Thieves, raves that *Fixers* "is a hugely entertaining novel that steps boldly into the most perplexing and enduring mystery of the financial crisis: why its perpetrators were not only not punished, but rewarded by the government." In *Fixers*, Michael M. Thomas, the New York Times bestselling novelist and longtime financial insider, has crafted an exhilarating thriller of a top conspiracy between Wall Street and the White House. On a

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winter's night, a well-heeled "cultural consultant" named Chauncey Suydam gets a call from the head of the world's most powerful investment bank, who says a financial crisis is brewing and has a plan to insulate Wall Street from the fallout—and keep people such as himself out of jail. His mission for Chauncey is simple: to help funnel millions of dollars to a presidential candidate espousing change, in exchange for a few Wall Street-friendly names in the resultant administration. Yet as Chauncey wends his way among the nation's political elite and becomes addicted to his masterful manipulations, he sees with greater clarity than ever how decisions really get made—on Wall Street and in Washington. And as the magnitude of the fix he's perpetrating begins to sink in, its poisonous affect on Main Street becomes apparent, and his addiction to his masterful manipulations evident, Chauncey starts to have second thoughts. Is it too late?

Henri Matisse was one of the most important and beloved artists of the twentieth century, rivalled only by his friend - and competitor - Pablo Picasso. Hilary Spurling's *The Unknown Matisse* and *Matisse the Master* were together heralded as the definitive biography of the artist, and *Matisse the Master* went on to win the Whitbread Book of the Year award in 2005. In this abridged, one-volume edition, Hilary Spurling reveals the origins of Matisse's astonishing talent, provides a unique insight into his life and work, and, by documenting the difficult path he took alone, clearly places him at the front rank of those who made art modern.

This book is about the love and hate relations that humans establish with their habitat, which have been coined by discerning modern thinkers as topophilia and

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topophobia. Whilst such affiliations with the topos, our manmade as well as natural habitat, have been traced back to antiquity, a wide range of twentieth-century cases are studied here and reflected upon by dwelling on this framework. The book provides a timely reminder that the qualitative aspects of the topos, sensual as well as intellectual, should not be disregarded in the face of rapid technological development and the mass of building that has occurred since the turn of the millennium. *Topophilia and Topophobia* offers speculative and historical reflections on the human habitat of the century that has just passed, authored by some of the world's leading scholars and architects, including Joseph Rykwert, Yi-Fu Tuan, Vittorio Gregotti and Jean-Louis Cohen. Human habitats, ranging broadly from the cities of the twentieth century, highbrow modern architecture both in Western countries and in Asia, to non-architect/planner designed vernacular settlements and landscapes are reviewed under the themes of topophilia and topophobia across the disciplines of architecture, landscape studies, philosophy, human geography and urban planning.

The absorbing, comprehensive story of an absolutely unique experiment in classical music, involving many key figures of the Dada and Surrealist movements *Les Six* were a group of talented composers who came together in a unique collaboration that has never been matched in classical music, and here their remarkable story is told for the first time. A musical experiment originally conceived by Erik Satie and then built upon by Jean Cocteau, *Les Six* were also born out of the shock of the

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German invasion of France in 1914—an avant-garde riposte to German romanticism and Wagnerism. Les Six were all—and still are—respected in music circles, but under the aegis of Cocteau, they found themselves moving among a whole new milieu: the likes of Picasso, René Clair, Blaise Cendrars, and Maurice Chevalier all appear in the story. But the story of Les Six goes on long after the heyday of Bohemian Paris—the group never officially disbanded and it was only in the last 20 years that the last member died; moreover, their spouses, descendents, and associates are still active, ensuring that the remarkable legacy of this unique group survives. In the earliest published diaries of Ned Rorem, the acclaimed American composer recalls a bygone era and its luminaries, celebrates the creative process, and examines the gay culture of Europe and the US during the 1950s One of America's most significant contemporary composers, Ned Rorem is also widely acclaimed as a diarist of unique insight and refreshing candor. Together, his *Paris Diary*, first published in 1966, and *The New York Diary*, which followed a year later, paint a colorful landscape of Rorem's world and its famous inhabitants, as well as a fascinating self-portrait of a footloose young artist unabashedly drinking deeply of life. In this amalgam of forthright personal reflections and cogent social commentary, unprecedented for its time, Rorem's anecdotal recollections of the decade from 1951 to 1961 represent Gay Liberation in its infancy as the author freely expresses his open sexuality not as a revelation but as a simple fact of life. At once blisteringly honest and exquisitely entertaining, Rorem's

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diaries expound brilliantly on the creative process, following their peripatetic author from Paris to Morocco to Italy and back home to America as he crosses paths with Picasso, Cocteau, Gide, Boulez, and other luminaries of the era. With consummate skill and unexpurgated insight, a younger, wilder Rorem reflects on a bygone time and culture and, in doing so, holds a revealing mirror to himself.

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