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Diary of a Tuscan Bookshop

\"Alba Donati was used to her hectic life working as a book publicist in Italy, a life that made her happy and allowed her to meet prominent international authors, but she was ready to make a change. One day she decided to return to Lucignana, the small village in the Tuscan hills where she was born. There she opened a tiny but enchanting bookshop in a lovely little cottage on a hill, surrounded by gardens filled with roses and peonies. With fewer than 200 year-round residents, Alba's shop seemed unlikely to succeed, but it soon sparked the enthusiasm of book lovers both nearby and across Italy. After surviving a fire and pandemic restrictions, the 'Bookshop on the Hill' soon became a refuge and destination for an ever-growing community. The locals took pride in the bookshop, from Alba's centenarian mother to her childhood friends and the many volunteers who help in the day-to-day running of the shop. And in short time it has become a literary destination, with many devoted readers coming from afar to browse, enjoy a cup of tea, and find comfort in the knowledge that Alba will find the perfect read for them\"--

Riformismo mancato

Il primo governo organico di centrosinistra (4 dicembre 1963), con l'ingresso del Psi nella "stanza dei bottoni", è l'emblema delle occasioni mancate dalla classe dirigente italiana. Quella che si attuerà, alla fine, sarà una "riforma riformata", nata nella testa dei socialisti e finita nelle mani dei democristiani. Massimiliano Amato e Marcello Ravveduto, con questo libro, non si fermano però solo ai palazzi del Potere e ai difficili equilibri interni tra le forze che appoggiano il Centrosinistra, ma cercano di scorgere il volto dell'Italia del Miracolo celato dietro il racconto del conflitto politico: l'urbanesimo della speculazione edilizia; le auto che mutano il paesaggio; la famiglia che modifica usi e costumi; i giovani e le donne che pretendono di essere protagonisti della modernità; i braccianti che sciamano verso le città; gli operai che agognano il possesso della casa, dell'utilitaria, della televisione e degli elettrodomestici. Si coglie con nettezza una distanza tra i desideri degli italiani e le prospettive dei partiti. Mentre i politici discutono, interpretando il Miracolo come una crisi di crescita, i cittadini sono attratti da un'unica grande meta: il ceto medio come conquista sociale. Un'aspirazione che, tra luci e ombre, unifica la formazione dell'immaginario collettivo – musica, letteratura, cinema, televisione e filmini in Super 8, prezioso occhio meccanico che ci mostra un Paese che cambia – con il susseguirsi di luoghi comuni e stereotipi: gli italiani, più che giurare fedeltà al cattolicesimo, sono conquistati dalla "religione dei consumi", fulcro e sostanza della "mutazione antropologica" pasoliniana.

La librería en la colina

La inspiradora historia de una librera y su librería que se ha convertido en un fenómeno editorial «Un libro pequeño y magnífico. [...] La historia de un lugar mágico y de ensueño [...], de una niña infeliz salvada gracias a la literatura y a su amor por los libros». Caterina Soffici, La Stampa Huyendo de la agitación de la ciudad, Alba Donati decidió cambiar el rumbo de su vida y regresar a su Lucignana natal, un pueblo de ciento ochenta habitantes en la campiña toscana. Tras lanzar una campaña de crowdfunding y pedir una donación de libros a las editoriales de Italia, en 2019 abrió las puertas de la librería Sopra la Penna. Su día a día transcurre entre recomendaciones de lecturas, pedidos e ideas para hacer de esa cabaña cerca del bosque un lugar único donde, además de las novedades literarias que Alba elige con mimo, el visitante se sumerge en un universo lleno de sorpresas: una estantería pirata para libros olvidados, calcetines con citas de Orgullo y prejuicio, calendarios de Emily Dickinson, o meriendas con un té que lleva el nombre de Charlotte Brontë y una mermelada que sabe a Alicia en el país de las maravillas. Y a su alrededor gravita otro universo: el de los clientes, amigos, ayudantes, vecinos y familiares para los que la librería en la colina, con su hermosa ventana

al valle, se ha convertido en una enorme ventana al mundo. «Lo más bonito de este libro, lleno de recuerdos, dificultades, emoción y divertidas anécdotas de una mágica cotidianeidad, es que el texto de la contraportada lo tiene todo para suscitar que se trata de una novela. Pero no lo es: es la vida real de una soñadora que empezó de cero lejos de la comodidad porque hizo caso a su pasión y a su infancia. Y ahora, por supuesto, es más feliz». Andrea Reyes «Un relato que combina pasión por los libros y por las personas y nos habla de la conexión que se establece gracias a los libros». L'illa dels libres «Un libro maravilloso y único, unas memorias, un poema familiar, pero también la historia de una aldea de montaña y una novela de aventuras. [...] Leedlo y recomendadlo. Estoy segura de que irradiará más magia». Cristina De Stefano, Elle «Una historia mágica, un sueño hecho realidad». Glòria Aznar, Diari de Tarragona «Sumamente encantador». Libros Que Hay Que Leer «Un libro inspirador y de singular belleza que habla de la eterna vida de los libros y de cómo nuestra existencia puede cambiar y nuestros sueños hacerse realidad cuando nos empeñamos en creer en ello». Michael Cunningham «La gratitud de Donati por la vida y por lo que la rodea ilumina cada página. [...] Un libro lleno de amor y literatura, un objeto luminoso que alimenta el espíritu y la mente». Francesca Pellas, Il Foglio «No es solo la historia de una librería, es mucho más: es el relato vivo, inmediato, espontáneo, tierno, de una elección de vida». Gazzetta di Parma «Un lugar que parece salido de un cuento de hadas inglés. [...] Una historia de arrebatado amor por los libros mezclada con la de una vida y una familia únicas». Daria Bignardi, Vanity Fair «Un libro lleno de magia, que habla de un lugar igualmente mágico, pero que, afortunadamente, existe de verdad». Fiorella Corti, La Nazione «Lucignana, una Macondo de ciento ochenta almas. [...] La historia de una salvación a través de la vuelta a los orígenes, del diálogo con la naturaleza y, sobre todo, a través de los libros». Corriere della Sera

L'angelo di Castelforte (Nero Rizzoli)

Al 149° piano di un grattacielo nel cuore della City, Victor Allen, un anziano lord inglese, regola lo schienale della poltrona, inforca gli occhiali color tartaruga e si immerge nelle bellezze del Salento. La trasparenza del mare che si fonde con la macchia mediterranea, la terra rossa punteggiata di ulivi, un panorama mozzafiato: non appena vede il video mostratogli dall'agente immobiliare decide che la tenuta nell'antico borgo di Castelforte sarà sua. Lì infatti fonderà una residenza per scrittori, selezionati in tutto il mondo per lavorare a un progetto letterario. All'inaugurazione, Castelforte risplende e sembra promettere una quiete paradisiaca ai futuri abitanti... Intanto Chicca Lopez, dopo l'ultima indagine che l'ha stremata, naviga su una barca nel mare d'inverno insieme a Glenda, la barista che le ha rubato il cuore. Ma la vacanza dura poco: una scrittrice della residenza è stata trovata con la testa fracassata, ed è solo l'inizio. L'indomita carabiniera deve tornare in servizio e indagare su un nuovo complicato caso. Torna una delle serie più amate della scena noir. In questo romanzo di parole, respiri, tramonti, amore, morte, Gabriella Genisi ci racconta il lato più perturbante degli scrittori. E, come tanti piccoli indiani, ognuno di loro dovrà guardarsi le spalle.

CONTIGUA

Un'isola navigante nel mare di Sicilia, occasionale ormeggio di anime e porto di relitti. Un posto di clandestinità surreale e di decantazione, il luogo migliore dove perdersi, confondersi e fallire. Storie di maschi e di femmine nomadi nel labirinto collettivo raccolte da Omissis, cronista girovagante e giornalista a partita Iva.

The Storm Keeper's Island

WINNER OF THE BAMB YOUNG READERS – MIDDLE GRADE AWARD 2018 WINNER OF THE INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP WEEK BOOK AWARD 2019 'Magical in every way' - EOIN COLFER When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet ... Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island's next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war. Read the

second book in the series: The Lost Tide Warriors

L'eruzione del ventisei aprile 1872

De liefde tussen de vlootbevelhebber van de emir op Sicilië in de jaren 1034-1036 en een gekaapt christenmeisje.

L'amante del paradiso

The plotting is skilled, as is the sleuthing, and the landscape is stunning. But it's the hard-jawed characters, with their tough talk and scarred souls, who really get under your skin' - Marilyn Stasio, The New York Times Book Review Return to McFalls County and Bull Mountain in Hard Cash Valley, where Brian Panowich weaves another masterful tale of Southern Noir. Dane Kirby is a broken man and no stranger to tragedy. As a life-long resident and ex-arson investigator for McFalls County, Dane has lived his life in one of the most chaotic and crime-ridden regions of the south. When he gets called in to consult on a brutal murder in a Jacksonville, Florida, motel room, he and his FBI counterpart, Special Agent Roselita Velasquez, begin an investigation that leads them back to the criminal circles of his own backyard.

La baronessa dell'Olivento

ROSAMUND'S LATEST BOOK THE WISDOM OF SHEEP & OTHER ANIMALS IS AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW ***A Sunday Times bestseller*** ***A Times Book of the Year 2017*** WITH A FOREWORD BY ALAN BENNETT 'A lovely, thoughtful little book about the intelligence of cows.' James Rebanks, author of The Shepherd's Life Cows are as varied as people. They can be highly intelligent or slow to understand, vain, considerate, proud, shy or inventive. Although much of a cow's day is spent eating, they always find time for extra-curricular activities such as babysitting, playing hide and seek, blackberry-picking or fighting a tree. This is an affectionate record of a hitherto secret world.

Guida insolita ai misteri, ai segreti, alle leggende e alle curiosità della Campania

We don't belong together. I should have never seen him again after our first night together. But I crave him. I'm addicted to him. He is my dark pleasure. Mr. Black is Aiden. Aiden is Mr. Black. Two sides of the same person. Aiden is kind and sweet. Mr. Black is demanding and rule-oriented. When he invites me back to his yacht, I can't say no. Another auction. Another bid. I'm supposed to be his. But then everything goes wrong.... Praise for Charlotte Byrd "This series thrilled me from the first page and had me completely engrossed. The pacing and plot was excellent. It had the perfect amount of twists and turns, luring me into the fantasy of this amazing book. The story was well-crafted, starting off with characters I fell in love with. I instantaneously bonded with the heroine and of course Mr. Black. YUM. It's sexy, it's sassy, it's steamy. It's everything. I loved every second of it and was so thrilled to have had such a treat." - Khardine Gray, bestselling romance author \"Her words make me ache and yearn for more.\" - Dancer in the Dark \"The story is dark and enticing, taking me deeper into a world from which I never want to emerge.\" - Lover of Alpha \"Addictive and damaged, their love burns slowly but deeply.\" - Heroes and Alphas "Their chemistry sizzles right from the beginning. He's the gorgeous and dangerous stranger we all need in our life.\" - Making Words Up \"Her words made me fall in love. It slayed me!\" - Sizzling Books \"Left my head spinning! I never wanted it to end!\" - Heartbreakers and Heroes

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From the creator of the HBO series Bored to Death, the story of a young alcoholic writer and his personal valet, a hilarious homage to the Bertie and Jeeves novels of P.G. Wodehouse. Alan Blair, the hero of Wake Up, Sir!, is a young, loony writer with numerous problems of the mental, emotional, sexual, spiritual, and

physical variety. He's very good at problems. But luckily for Alan, he has a personal valet named Jeeves, who does his best to sort things out for his troubled master. And Alan does find trouble wherever he goes. He embarks on a perilous and bizarre road journey, his destination being an artists colony in Saratoga Springs. There Alan encounters a gorgeous femme fatale who is in possession of the most spectacular nose in the history of noses. Such a nose can only lead to a wild disaster for someone like Alan, and Jeeves tries to help him, but...well, read the book and find out!

Lu Trovatore

The novel tells the story of Akira Kumo, a retired couturier living in Paris, owner of the world's largest collection of books about clouds, and Virginie Latour, whom Kumo hires to help catalogue his library. While they work he tells her the story behind three figures in particular, all British, all obsessed by clouds: Luke Howard, a real-life Quaker who in 1802 wrote the first treatise classifying clouds (we still use it today); a painter named Carmichael, clearly based on John Constable, one of the most famous cloud painters of all time, and a fictional amateur meteorologist named Richard Abercrombie, who aspires to write the definitive book on cloud description, which would come to be known in cloud circles as the Abercrombie Protocol. Kumo sends Virginie Latour to London to buy the Protocol. By the end of the novel, we learn the Protocol's great secret; we understand what binds these men together; and and we learn that Kumo himself is a survivor of the Hiroshima blast, in whose cloud his family vanished.

Opere: Racconti sparsi editi e inediti, (Quaderno Bonalumi), (Diario), Testi teatrali, Progetto di sceneggiatura cinematografica, Favole, Epigrammi

Stanley's dad hasn't been the same since his wife died and his eldest son went off to fight in the war. Now Stanley is either invisible to his dad or the object of one of his rages, and his only friend is his dad's prizewinning greyhound, Rocket. But one day Rocket escapes, and the result is a litter of non-thoroughbred puppies that Da says will all have to be drowned, even Stanley's favourite puppy, Solider. Stanley is so angry with his father that he runs away and enlists in the army to train as a messenger dog handler, and despite being far too young he's soon heading to France with a great Dane called Bones by his side. As the fighting escalates and Stanley experiences the horrors of war, he comes to realise that the loyalty of his dog is the one thing he can rely on. But his father hasn't given up on him, and extraordinary circumstances will bring them together once more . . .

Hard Cash Valley

From renowned theoretical physicist, broadcaster and author Jim Al-Khalili, comes this thrilling debut novel drawing on cutting-edge science and set in a near-future full of dazzling technologies. 2041 and the world as we know it grinds to a halt. Our planet seems to be turning against itself - it would appear that the magnetic field, that protects life on Earth from deadly radiation from space, is failing . . . Desperate to quell the mass hysteria that would surely follow, world governments have concealed this rapidly emerging Armageddon. But a young Iranian hacktivist stumbles across the truth, and it becomes a race against time to reactivate the earth's core using beams of dark matter. As a small team of brave and brilliant scientists battle to find a way of transforming theory into practice, they face a fanatical group intent on pursuing their own endgame agenda: for they believe mankind to be a plague upon this earth and will do anything, commit any crime, to ensure that the project fails . . . And so bring about humanity's end.

The Secret Life of Cows

For Gene and the remaining humans - or hepers - death is just a heartbeat away. On the run and hunted by society, they must find a way to survive in The Vast... and avoid the hungry predators tracking them in the dark. But they're not the only things following Gene. He's haunted by the girl he left behind and his

burgeoning feelings for Sissy, the human girl at his side. When they discover a refuge of exiled humans living high in the mountains, Gene and his friends think they're finally safe. Led by a group of intensely secretive elders, the civilisation begins to raise more questions than answers. A strict code of behaviour is the rule, harsh punishments are meted out, young men are nowhere to be found - and Gene begins to wonder if the world they've entered is just as evil as the one they left behind. As life at the refuge grows more perilous, he and Sissy only grow closer. In an increasingly violent world, all they have is each other . . . if they can only stay alive.

Black Rules

The beautiful younger woman who appeared so unexpectedly, so gloriously, in Michael Coolidge's life one night—a seemingly chance pick-up at a quiet neighborhood bar—vanished just as suddenly a few days later, into thin air it seemed, leaving him dazed and bewildered. Months later he chances upon Justine on a village street, locked in a violent quarrel with a scary looking brute—a day later, that man is found dead in a seedy motel and Justine has disappeared again, leaving behind only a hasty plea for help. Michael's efforts to locate her, or to find out something more about her elusive past, yield only further mystery, a confusing web of lies, manipulations and false leads. Who is the real Justine? Downtown art world sophisticate, or small town innocent? Victim or predator? Someone he can trust, or someone he should actually fear? Stephen Amidon's spellbinding psychological thriller, The Real Justine, confounds the reader at every turn, constantly causing us to revise our assumptions. It's a fascinating study in character and a relentless, ingeniously head-spinning story—all deliciously unresolved until the very last page.

Wake Up, Sir!

Alain Bonnard, the owner of a small art cinema in Paris, is a dyed-in-the-wool nostalgic. In his Cinéma Paradis there are no buckets of popcorn, no XXL colas, no Hollywood blockbusters. Alain holds firm to his principles of quality - to show films that bring dreams to life, make people fall in love. And Alain would do anything for his clientele - particularly the mysterious woman in the red coat who, for some time now, has turned up every Wednesday and always sits in row seventeen. What could her story be? Finally one evening Alain plucks up courage to invite the unknown beauty to dinner. But just as the most tender of love stories is getting under way, something happens that turns Alain's life upside down, shoving his little cinema unexpectedly into the public eye. So when the woman in the red coat suddenly vanishes from his life, the cinema owner can't help but wonder if it is more than a coincidence. Taking matters into his own hands, Alain sets off in search of the stranger he has come to love - roll the opening credits for a timeless cinematic romance worthy of the Parisian silver screen!

The Theory of Clouds

From the acclaimed author of The Elegance of the Hedgehog, A Strange Country, the sequel to The Life of Elves and described as a 'strange and poetic fantasy similar to the work of Tolkien' by the San Francisco Book Review, will transport readers to a lost world and remind them of the power of poetry and imagination. 'Bewitching' ... '[an] enchanting hero's journey' Foreword Reviews Alejandro de Yepes and Jesús Rocamora, young officers in the Spanish regular army, are stationed alone at Castillo when a friendly redhead named Petrus appears out of nowhere. There is something magnetic and deeply mysterious about him. Alejandro and Jesús are bewitched, and, in the middle of the sixth year of the longest war humankind has ever endured, they abandon their post to follow him across a bridge that only he can see. Petrus brings them to a world of lingering fog, strange beings, poetry, music, natural wonders, harmony and extraordinary beauty. This is where the fate of the world and all its living creatures is decided. Yet this world too is under threat. A long battle against the forces of disenchantment is drawing to a climactic close. Will poetry and beauty prevail over darkness and death? And what role will Alejandro and Jesús play?

Soldier Dog

'Utterly enjoyable' - Stylist 'Perfect easy reading' - Sun ------- When Darcy McCall loses her beloved Aunt Molly, she doesn't expect any sort of inheritance - let alone a small island! Located off the west coast of Ireland, Tara hasn't been lived on for years, but according to Molly's will, Darcy must stay there for twelve months in order to fully inherit. It's a big shock. And she's even more shocked to hear that she needs to persuade a village full of people to settle there, too. Darcy has to leave behind her independent city life and swap stylish heels for muddy wellies. Between sorting everything from the plumbing to the pub, Darcy meets confident, charming Conor and sensible, stubborn Dermot - but who will make her feel really at home? Another fabulously fun rom com novel from the author of From Notting Hill with Love . . . Actually

Sunfall

\"At his shattering best. . . Banks offers answers that are tough, honest, and inevitable without being simple. . . A book that is not to be missed.\" —New York Times With The Angel on the Roof, acclaimed author Russell Banks offers readers an astonishing collection of thirty years of his short fiction, revised especially for this volume and highlighted by the inclusion of nine new stories that are among the finest he has ever written. As is characteristic of all of Bank's works, these stories resonate with irony and compassion, honesty and insight, extending into the vast territory of the heart and the world, from working-class New England to Florida and the Caribbean and Africa. Broad in scope and rich in imagination, The Angel on the Roof affirms Russell Banks's place as one of the masters of American storytelling.

The Prey

Diego is a forty-something car salesman with a talent for telling half-truths. Fausto sells watches over the phone. Claudio manages (barely) his family-owned neighborhood supermarket. The characteristic common to each of these three men is their abject mediocrity. Yet, mediocrity being the mother of outrageous invention, they embark on a project that would be too ambitious in scope for any single one of them, let alone all three together. They decide to flee the city and to open a rustic holiday farmhouse in the Italian countryside outside Naples. Things would have been challenging enough for these three unlikely entrepreneurs, but when a local mobster arrives and demands they pay him protection money things go from bad to worse. Now their ordinary (if wrongheaded) attempt to run a small business in an area that organized crime syndicates consider their own becomes a quixotic act of defiance.

The Real Justine

Diana Athill's childhood in the Norfolk countryside was blissful. In 1932, aged 15, she fell passionately in love with a young undergraduate. She went up to Oxford and was engaged to be married. Then everything fell apart in the cruellest possible way.

The Secret Paris Cinema Club

Lecture notes from Alan Ansen, later Auden's secretary and friend, from Auden's course taught during 1946-1947 at the New School for Social Research form the basis for this work on Auden's interpretation of all of the Shakespeare's plays.

A Strange Country

The second instalment in the Ottoman Quartet—the masterful saga of Turkish history by Ahmet Altan—follows the vast and vivid cast of characters introduced in the first volume of the series, Like A Sword Wound. By weaving together tortured love affairs, political intrigue, power struggles, and social upheavals, the novel offers a powerful and vivid tableau of the crisis of the Ottoman Empire in the early 20th

century. The second instalment opens with the attempted suicide of Hikmet Bey, the son of the sultan's personal physician. The reason for his extreme gesture is, to forget the extremely beautiful and proud Mehpare Hanim, his wife and the cause of all his suffering. While Hikmet recovers in a hospital in Thessaloniki, slowly regaining his strength and will to live, radical changes are afoot in the Ottoman capital. The power of the sultan is eroding, a rebellion is brewing, and violence erupts on the streets of Istanbul. It is the eve of one of the key events that will lead to the collapse of the Empire: the countercoup of 1909. With striking clarity and imaginative power, Altan evokes the traumas and upheavals of Ottoman history, showing how—over a hundred years later—the events and wounds of that time still resonate in the tensions and contradictions of today's Turkey.

Breakfast At Darcy's

Weaving the fantasy appeal of Game of Thrones with the shocking details of real history, New York Times bestselling author of Sex with Kings Eleanor Herman reimagines the greatest emperor the world has ever known, Alexander the Great, in book one of the Blood of Gods and Royals series. Imagine a time when the gods turn a blind eye to the agony of men, when the last of the hellions roam the plains and evil stirs beyond the edges of the map. A time when cities burn and, in their ashes, empires rise. Alexander, Macedon's sixteen-year-old heir, is on the brink of discovering his fated role in conquering the known world, but finds himself drawn to a newcomer... Katerina must navigate the dark secrets of court life while keeping her own mission hidden: kill the queen. But she doesn't account for her first love... Jacob will go to unthinkable lengths to win Katerina, even if it means competing with Hephaestion, a murderer sheltered by the prince. And far across the sea, Zofia, a Persian princess and Alexander's unmet fiancée, wants to alter her destiny by seeking the famed and deadly Spirit Eaters.

The Angel on the Roof

The work, considered Bacchelli's masterpiece, dramatizes the conflicts and struggles of several generations of a family of millers.

Alfa Romeo 1300 and Other Miracles

In Milena Agus' radiant Sardinia, Madame owns a piece of land by the sea which property developers are after. But Madame doesn't want to sell and therefore prevents her neighbours and other locals from cashing in. Even so, they can't help loving her for her generous and candid way of being. A fourteen year old girl tells the story through an imagination that shapes reality: her missing father appears in the slight movements of the air (Daddy's wings), and sharp scenes of hardcore sex seem to take place in Madame's house at night. It is a comic and truculent story, fairytale-like and true — as are all Milena Agus' works. Most of all, it is the story of love affairs that go somewhat awry but still manage to go on, which is the most important thing.

Instead of a Letter

Ellie Anthony isn't looking for love. She isn't even looking for a man, but when Jax Mayson insists on keeping her and her daughter safe, she's left with no choice but to trust him. Now she just hopes she doesn't get hurt when she falls hard for a guy who's known for breaking hearts. Jax Mayson knows that Ellie is his BOOM the moment he sees her. When he finds out she has a daughter, he realizes he wants a family, and he will do whatever is necessary to keep both of his girls safe, even if that means facing the demons from his past.

Lectures on Shakespeare

Nothing is simple for the men and women in Donald Antrim's stories. As they do the things we all do—bum

a cigarette at a party, stroll with a girlfriend down Madison Avenue, take a kid to the zoo—they're confronted with their own uncooperative selves. These artists, writers, lawyers, teachers, and actors make fools of themselves, spiral out of control, have delusions of grandeur, despair, and find it hard to imagine a future. They talk, they listen, they hope, they dream. They look for communion in a city, both beautiful and menacing, which can promise so much and yield so little. But they are hungry for life. They want to love and be loved. These stories, all published in The New Yorker over the last fifteen years, make it clear that Antrim is one of America's most important writers. His work has been praised by his significant contemporaries, including Jonathan Franzen, Thomas Pynchon, Jeffrey Eugenides, and George Saunders, who described The Verificationist as \"one of the most pleasure-giving, funny, perverse, complicated, addictive novels of the last twenty years.\" And here is Antrim's best book yet: the story collection that reveals him as a master of the form.

Love in the Days of Rebellion

Questo cofanetto contiene tre romanzi con protagonista Leo Salinas, detto Occhi di sonno, giovane cronista di Palermo I cinque canti di Palermo Due innamorati divisi, come Romeo e Giulietta. Una ragazza francese, stupenda e malinconica, che nasconde un terribile segreto. Un medico per bene con simpatie fasciste. Un malacarne buono a nulla che rapisce i suoi tre fi gli. Un "ladro onesto", fratello di un mercante di uova di tonno alla Vucciria. Queste le persone che popolano le giornate di Leo Salinas, detto "occhi di sonno", un giovane cronista di nera che ogni sera torna a casa con le scarpe sporche di sangue umano. E tanta voglia di vita e bellezza. Perché è Palermo, sono gli anni Ottanta, è la giovinezza in una città sconvolta dalle guerre di mafia. Ma anche un luogo unico, di profumi, di chiese, cibo e mare. E donne bellissime, che come sirene promettono meraviglia e possono portare salvezza o perdizione. Malanottata È una primavera ancora fredda, quella del marzo siciliano 1984. In un angolo di un quartiere residenziale di Palermo viene trovata, buttata vicino a un mucchio disordinato di foglie di magnolia, una donna in fin di vita. È stata orribilmente sfigurata con l'acido e picchiata selvaggiamente, ma ancora respira. Non è una donna qualsiasi, è la escort più famosa della città, Veruska, una cecoslovacca arrivata in Italia per far fortuna, con il mito di Raffaella Carrà. Bella come il mare tiepido sul corpo nudo. Libera come un vento che non sopporta confini. Forse troppo. Leo Salinas, detto Occhi di sonno, giovane giornalista alle prime armi, è l'unico presente nella redazione del quotidiano più importante della città quando arriva la notizia. Poco più che ventenne, acuto osservatore, molto sensibile al fascino femminile, il volto costantemente segnato dalle poche ore di sonno, Leo sa che deve correre per accaparrarsi l'esclusiva per il giornale. Schizza in Vespa fino all'ospedale, giusto in tempo per vedere Veruska morire portandosi il nome dell'assassino nella tomba. Ma chi può avere avuto il coraggio di massacrare la ragazza più amata della città? Amante di boss, nobiluomini, rampolli borghesi. Tutti inconsolabili come vedovi. Tutti convinti di essere ricambiati nel loro amore. Ma è un delitto passionale oppure di mafia? Occhi di sonno comincia a indagare, ma non è semplice, perché le ultime ore di Veruska sono avvolte nel mistero e tutti gli indizi portano a dei vicoli ciechi. O forse a una verità che nessuno vuole vedere. Il movente della vittima Autunno 1984. È appena scesa la sera nella suite 224 del Grand Hotel Aziz di Palermo. Come ogni giorno l'avvocato Prestia, che lì risiede da oltre vent'anni senza mai uscire, dopo la cena si è regalato la sua consueta partita a carte con Minico, il suo cameriere personale. Una bella partita, combattuta fino all'ultimo. Improvvisamente risuona uno sparo. Tutti accorrono nella camera d'albergo. Le carte sparpagliate ovunque, l'avvocato riverso sulla sua poltrona di velluto, morto. A ucciderlo è stato proprio Minico, che ancora stringe in mano la pistola. Eppure, incredibilmente, il cameriere non fugge. Si fa arrestare e rimane in silenzio. E in silenzio rimane anche di fronte alla polizia, ripetendo senza sosta solo le sue generalità. La notizia arriva presto alla redazione del giornale dove lavora Leo Salinas, detto Occhi di sonno. Leo salta in sella alla sua Vespa e accorre subito, ma le informazioni sono poche. Ma il giovane giornalista non si arrende, gli occhi del killer sono quelli di un giovane ragazzo come lui. Un ragazzo che ama la vita, l'amore, le donne (forse troppo), il mare e la libertà, non la morte e il sangue. C'è qualcosa sotto e solo Leo è in grado di capire cosa.

Legacy of Kings (Blood of Gods and Royals, #1)

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