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Dreaming for Freud Constable & Robinson Ltd

ONE OF PEOPLE MAGAZINE'S BEST NEW BOOKS "A searing and intimate memoir about love turned deadly." —The BBC "An intimate illumination of sisterhood and loss." —People When Sheila Kohler was thirty-seven, she received the heart-stopping news that her sister Maxine, only two years older, was killed when her husband drove them off a deserted road in Johannesburg. Stunned by the news, she immediately flew back to the country where she was born, determined to find answers and forced to reckon with his history of violence and the lingering effects of their most unusual childhood—one marked by death and the misguided love of their mother. In her signature spare and incisive prose, Sheila Kohler recounts the lives she and her sister led. Flashing back to their storybook childhood at the family estate, Crossways, Kohler tells of the death of her father when she and Maxine were girls, which led to the family abandoning their house and the girls being raised by their mother, at turns distant and suffocating. We follow them to the cloistered Anglican boarding school where they first learn of separation and later their studies in Rome and Paris where they plan grand lives for themselves—lives that are interrupted when both marry young and discover they have made poor choices. Kohler evokes the bond between sisters and shows how that bond changes but never breaks, even after death. "A beautiful and disturbing memoir of a beloved sister who died at the age of thirty-nine in circumstances that strongly suggest murder. . . . Highly recommended." —Joyce Carol Oates

Hidden Hand Penguin

The year is 1846. In a cold parsonage on the gloomy Yorkshire moors, a family seems cursed with disaster. A mother and two children dead. A father sick, without fortune, and hardened by the loss of his two most beloved family members. A son destroyed by alcohol and opiates. And three strong, intelligent young women, reduced to poverty and spinsterhood, with nothing to save them from their fate. Nothing, that is, except their remarkable literary talent. So unfolds the story of the Brontë sisters. At its centre are Charlotte and the writing of *Jane Eyre*. Delicately unraveling the connections between one of fiction's most indelible heroines and the remarkable woman who created her, Sheila Kohler's *Becoming Jane Eyre* will appeal to fans of historical fiction and, of course, the millions of readers who adore *Jane Eyre*.

The Quickening Simon and Schuster

Presents a collection of short stories set in various locales around the world, including "Casualty," "Baboons," and "Lunch with Mother."

Children of Pithiviers Crown

Was the "Blood Countess" history's first and perhaps worst female serial killer? Or did her accusers create a violent fiction in order to remove this beautiful, intelligent, ambitious foe from the male-dominated world of Hungarian politics? In 1611, Countess Erzsébet Báthory, a powerful Hungarian noblewoman, stood helpless as masons walled her inside her castle tower, dooming her to spend her final years in solitary confinement. Her crime: the gruesome murders of dozens of female servants, mostly young girls tortured to death for displeasing their ruthless mistress. Her opponents painted her as a bloodthirsty škra—a witch—a portrayal that would expand to grotesque proportions through the centuries. In this riveting dramatization of Erzsébet Báthory's life, the countess tells her story in her own words, writing to her only son—a final reckoning from his mother in an attempt to reveal the truth behind her downfall. Countess Báthory describes her upbringing in one of the most powerful noble houses in Hungary, recounting in loving detail her devotion to her parents and siblings as well as the heartbreak of losing her father at a young age. She soon discovers the price of being a woman in sixteenth-century Hungary as her mother arranges her marriage to Ferenc Nádasdy, a union made with the cold calculation of a financial transaction. Young Erzsébet knows she has no choice but to accept this marriage even as she laments its loveless nature and ultimately turns to the illicit affections of another man. Seemingly resigned to a marriage of convenience and a life of surreptitious pleasure, the countess surprises even herself as she ignites a marital spark with Ferenc through the most unromantic of acts: the violent punishment of an insolent female servant. The event shows Ferenc that his wife is no trophy but a strong, determined woman more than capable of managing their vast estates during Ferenc's extensive military campaigns against the Turks. Her naked assertion of power accomplishes what her famed beauty could not: capturing the love of her husband. The countess embraces this new role of loving wife and mother, doing everything she can to expand her husband's power and secure

her family's future. But a darker side surfaces as Countess Báthory's demand for virtue, obedience, and, above all, respect from her servants takes a sinister turn. What emerges is not only a disturbing, unflinching portrait of the deeds that gave Báthory the moniker "Blood Countess," but an intimate look at the woman who became a monster.

Winter in Thrush Green St. Martin's Press

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY PUBLISHERS WEEKLY Compared by critics to Kafka, Joyce, and Musil, H. G. Adler is becoming recognized as one of the towering figures of twentieth-century fiction. Nobel Prize winner Elias Canetti wrote that "Adler has restored hope to modern literature," and the first two novels rediscovered after his death, *Panorama* and *The Journey*, were acclaimed as "modernist masterpieces" by *The New Yorker*. Now his magnum opus, *The Wall*, the final installment of Adler's Shoah trilogy and his crowning achievement as a novelist, is available for the first time in English. Drawing upon Adler's own experiences in the Holocaust and his postwar life, *The Wall*, like the other works in the trilogy, nonetheless avoids detailed historical specifics. The novel tells the story of Arthur Landau, survivor of a wartime atrocity, a man struggling with his nightmares and his memories of the past as he strives to forge a new life for himself. Haunted by the death of his wife, Franziska, he returns to the city of his youth and receives confirmation of his parents' fates, then crosses the border and leaves his homeland for good. Embarking on a life of exile, he continues searching for his place within the world. He attempts to publish his study of the victims of the war, yet he is treated with curiosity, competitiveness, and contempt by fellow intellectuals who escaped the conflict unscathed. Afflicted with survivor's guilt, Arthur tries to leave behind the horrors of the past and find a foothold in the present. Ultimately, it is the love of his second wife, Johanna, and his two children that allows him to reaffirm his humanity while remembering all he's left behind. *The Wall* is a magnificent epic of survival and redemption, powerfully told through stream of consciousness and suffused with daydream, fantasy, memory, nightmare, and pure imagination. More than a portrait of a Holocaust survivor's journey, it is a universal novel about recovering from the traumas of the past and finding a way to live again. Praise for *The Wall* "[A] majestic novel . . . Adler's prose is tidal, surge after narrative surge rushing forward and then enigmatically receding, the moment displaced by memory, and memory by introspective soliloquy."—Cynthia Ozick, *The New York Times Book Review* "A towering meditation on the self and spirit . . . The writing is sonorous and so entirely devastating that the reader is compelled to pore over every word."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Masterful and utterly unique."—*The Jerusalem Post* "Haunting and utterly heart-wrenching . . . a literary masterpiece."—*Historical Novels Review* "An epic novel . . . an unforgettable portrait."—*The Jewish Week* "[A] pensive portrait of a man struggling to find a place in the world after enduring transformative calamity . . . an eloquent record of suffering—and perhaps of redemption as well."—*Kirkus Reviews* Praise for H. G. Adler's novels *The Journey* and *Panorama*, translated by Peter Filkins "Modernist masterpieces worthy of comparison to those of Kafka or Musil."—*The New Yorker* "Haunting . . . as remarkable for its literary experimentation as for its historical testimony."—*San Francisco Chronicle*, on *Panorama*

The Wall Harper Collins

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Becoming Jane Eyre Vintage

The next adventure of the Darcy family from the author of *Mr. Darcy's Daughters* -- the story of a reluctant heiress who has been left a widow by Darcy's cousin Christopher. It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single woman in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a husband. So say the friends and family of impoverished widow Octavia Darcy when she unexpectedly inherits a fortune, but she has a different view and looks forward to a new life of independence. Escaping from the efforts of her half brothers and sisters to marry her off, Octavia goes to Yorkshire to find out more about the family she never

knew, and while she is there she meets and crosses swords with landowner and politician Sholto Rutherford. When she returns to London to share a house with the dashing Lady Susan, Octavia, now secure in her new life, becomes caught up in the romantic problems of her niece. Then, the shadow of George Warren, the old nemesis of the Darcy family, falls over her, and she is threatened with the loss of both inheritance and reputation.

Freud Other Press, LLC

An award-winning author reimagines one of Freud's most famous and controversial cases. Sheila Kohler's memoir *Once We Were Sisters* is now available. Acclaimed for her spare prose and exceptional psychological insights in her novels *Becoming Jane Eyre* and *Love Child*, Sheila Kohler's latest is inspired by Sigmund Freud's *Dora: An Analysis of a Case of Hysteria*. *Dreaming for Freud* paints a provocative and sensual portrait of one of history's most famous patients. In the fall of 1900, Dora's father forces her to begin treatment with the doctor. Visiting him daily, the seventeen-year-old girl lies on his ottoman and tells him frankly about her strange life, and above all about her father's desires as far as she is concerned. But Dora abruptly ends her treatment after only eleven weeks, just as Freud was convinced he was on the cusp of a major discovery. In *Dreaming for Freud*, Kohler explores what might have happened between the man who changed the face of psychotherapy and the beautiful young woman who gave him her dreams.

The Bay of Foxes Penguin

An iridescent jewel of a novel that proves love is the mother of invention In the early 1800s, a young Italian contessa, Carolina Fantoni, realizes she is going blind shortly before she marries the town's most sought-after bachelor. Her parents don't believe her, nor does her fiancé. The only one who understands is the eccentric local inventor and her longtime companion, Turri. When her eyesight dims forever, Carolina can no longer see her beloved lake or the rich hues of her own dresses. But as darkness erases her world, she discovers one place she can still see—in her dreams. Carolina creates a vivid dreaming life, in which she can not only see, but also fly, exploring lands she had never known. Desperate to communicate with Carolina, Turri invents a peculiar machine for her: the world's first typewriter. His gift ignites a passionate love affair that will change both of their lives forever. Based on the true story of a nineteenth-century inventor and his innovative contraption, *The Blind Contessa's New Machine* is an enchanting confection of love and the triumph of the imagination. *Bluebird, Or, The Invention of Happiness* Other PressLlc "I have written about the joys of love. I have, in my secret heart, long dreamt of an intimate connection with a man; every Jane, I believe, deserves her Rochester." Though poor, plain, and unconnected, Charlotte Brontë possesses a deeply passionate side which she reveals only in her writings—creating *Jane Eyre* and other novels that stand among literature's most beloved works. Living a secluded life in the wilds of Yorkshire with her sisters Emily and Anne, their drug-addicted brother, and an eccentric father who is going blind, Charlotte Brontë dreams of a real love story as fiery as the ones she creates. But it is in the pages of her diary where Charlotte exposes her deepest feelings and desires—and the truth about her life, its triumphs and shattering disappointments, her family, the inspiration behind her work, her scandalous secret passion for the man she can never have . . . and her intense, dramatic relationship with the man she comes to love, the enigmatic Arthur Bell Nicholls. "Who is this man who has dared to ask for my hand? Why is my father so dead set against him? Why are half the residents of Haworth determined to lynch him—or shoot him?" From Syrie James, the acclaimed, bestselling author of *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen*, comes a powerfully compelling, intensely researched literary feat that blends historical fact and fiction to explore the passionate heart and unquiet soul of Charlotte Brontë. It is Charlotte's story, just as she might have written it herself.

Jeff in Venice, Death in Varanasi Buccaneer Books

Fourteen chilling tales from the pioneering women who created the domestic suspense genre Murderous wives, deranged husbands, deceitful children, and vengeful friends. Few know these characters—and their creators—better than Sarah Weinman. One of today's preeminent authorities on crime fiction, Weinman asks: Where would bestselling authors like Gillian Flynn, Sue Grafton, or Tana French be without the women writers who came before them? In *Troubled Daughters, Twisted Wives*, Weinman brings together fourteen hair-raising tales by women who—from the 1940s through the mid-1970s—took a scalpel to contemporary society and sliced away to reveal its dark essence. Lovers of crime fiction from any era will welcome this deliciously dark tribute to a largely forgotten generation of women writers. *After Long Silence* Etruscan Press

Forty years after a beautiful schoolgirl disappears into the South African veld, the survivors of her former swimming team gather at a reunion and piece together the weeks prior to her disappearance, a period marked by a dark secret. By the author of *The Perfect Place*. Reprint.

Open Secrets Poppy

A tale based on the experiences of Jewish children who were interred in the Loiret region concentration camp in the summer of 1942 finds a pair of young sisters escaping to the shelter of an aristocratic couple's home seventeen years before a teenage student visits the home and learns the sisters' story. Reprint.

The Second Mrs. Darcy Houghton Mifflin

Enidina Current and Mary Morrow live on neighboring farms in the flat, hard country of the upper Midwest during the early 1900s. This hardscrabble life comes easily to some, like Eddie, who has never wanted more than the land she works and the animals she raises on it with her husband, Frank. But for the deeply religious Mary, farming is an awkward living and at odds with her more cosmopolitan inclinations. Still, Mary creates a clean and orderly home life for her stormy husband, Jack, and her sons, while she adapts to the isolation of a rural town through the inspiration of a local preacher. She is the first to befriend Eddie in a relationship that will prove as rugged as the ground they walk on. Despite having little in common, Eddie and Mary need one another for survival and companionship. But as the Great Depression threatens, the delicate balance of their reliance on one another tips, pitting neighbor against neighbor, exposing the dark secrets they hide from one another, and triggering a series of disquieting events that threaten to unravel not only their friendship but their families as well. In this luminous and unforgettable debut, Michelle Hoover explores the polarization of the human soul in times of hardship and the instinctual drive for self-preservation by whatever means necessary. *The Quickening* stands as a novel of lyrical precision and historical consequence, reflecting the

resilience and sacrifices required even now in our modern troubled times.

Victoria Simon and Schuster

A stranger's arrival in the village stirs up ripples of speculation and interest. The village finds itself paying tribute to the stranger's hero, a missionary born and bred in Thrush Green, and the stranger's presence alters the romantic prospects of Miss Dimity Dean.

Re Jane Penguin

A "superb debut" novel--based on the story of the author's grandmother--following an aristocratic woman who abandons her family and her money in search of a life she can claim as her own. (*The Guardian)

The seamy side of history Vintage

Jane Re is a Korean-American orphan, and Queens is her home.

Jane toils in her Uncle's grocery store, desperate for an escape.

When she lands a job as an au pair for the Mazer-Farleys -

Brooklyn English professors with an adopted Chinese daughter -

Jane is thrilled. Introduced into a whole new life that's worlds

apart from the traditional Korean community she knows, she finds

herself surrounded by organic food co-ops and 19th-Century

novels. An original, contemporary recasting of *Jane Eyre*, *Re Jane*

is a funny, moving novel about being true to yourself.

Once We Were Sisters Penguin Group

"Nahoonkara" moves between poetry and prose, relying on the

alchemy of images to open up the magic within the story.

The Spirit of the Place Becoming Jane Eyre

An erotic tale of passion and power and their dangerous

consequences. Sheila Kohler's memoir *Once We Were Sisters* is

now available. In 1978, Dawit, a young, beautiful, and educated

Ethiopian refugee, roams the streets of Paris. By chance, he spots

the famous French author M., who at sixty is at the height of her

fame. Seduced by Dawit's grace and his moving story, M. invites

him to live with her. He makes himself indispensable, or so he

thinks. When M. brings him to her Sardinian villa, beside the Bay

of Foxes, Dawit finds love and temptation—and perfects the art of deception.

Becoming Jane Eyre Penguin

NATIONAL BESTSELLER "Victoria is an absolutely captivating

novel of youth, love, and the often painful transition from

immaturity to adulthood. Daisy Goodwin breathes new life into

Victoria's story, and does so with sensitivity, verve, and wit." -

AMANDA FOREMAN Drawing on Queen Victoria's diaries, which

she first started reading when she was a student at Cambridge

University, Daisy Goodwin—creator and writer of the new PBS

Masterpiece drama *Victoria* and author of the bestselling novels

The American Heiress and *The Fortune Hunter*—brings the young

nineteenth-century monarch, who would go on to reign for 63

years, richly to life in this magnificent novel. Early one morning,

less than a month after her eighteenth birthday, Alexandrina

Victoria is roused from bed with the news that her uncle William

IV has died and she is now Queen of England. The men who run

the country have doubts about whether this sheltered young

woman, who stands less than five feet tall, can rule the greatest

nation in the world. Despite her age, however, the young queen is

no puppet. She has very definite ideas about the kind of queen

she wants to be, and the first thing is to choose her name. "I do

not like the name Alexandrina," she proclaims. "From now on I

wish to be known only by my second name, Victoria." Next,

people say she must choose a husband. Everyone keeps telling

her she's destined to marry her first cousin, Prince Albert, but

Victoria found him dull and priggish when they met three years

ago. She is quite happy being queen with the help of her prime

minister, Lord Melbourne, who may be old enough to be her

father but is the first person to take her seriously. On June 19th,

1837, she was a teenager. On June 20th, 1837, she was a queen.

Daisy Goodwin's impeccably researched and vividly imagined new

book brings readers Queen Victoria as they have never seen her

before.