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"An absorbing tale of contrasts...Cherian tells the story with quiet strength." —San Francisco Chronicle Handsome anesthesiologist Neel is sure he can resist his family's pleas that he marry a "good" Indian girl. With a girlfriend and a career back in San Francisco, the last thing Neel needs is an arranged marriage. But that's precisely what he gets. His bride, Leila, a thirty-year-old teacher, comes with her own complications. They struggle to reconcile their own desires with others' expectations in this story of two people, two countries, and two

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ways of life that may be more compatible than they seem. SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 57-page guide for "Brick Lane" by Monica Ali includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 21 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Fate and Desire and Beauty. London Fictions is a book about London, real and imagined. Two

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dozen contemporary writers, from Cathi Unsworth to Courttia Newland, reflect on some of the novelists and the novels that have helped define the modern city, from George Gissing to Zadie Smith, Hangover Square to Brick Lane. It is a book about East End boys and West End girls, bedsit land and dockland, the homeless and the homesick, immigrants and emigrants. All human life is here – highminded Hampstead and boozy Fitzrovia, the Jewish East End, intellectual Bloomsbury and Chinese Limehouse, Black London, Asian London, Irish London, Gay London... In 2001 a group of authors

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including Andrew O'Hagan, Tony Hawks and Irvine Welsh were given the opportunity to visit Sudan, one of the world's most inaccessible countries. The resulting book: The Weekenders - Travels in the Heart of Africa was an award-winning triumph, combining fiction and non-fiction into a compelling travel narrative that was both entertaining and illuminating. Now the Weekenders are back, joined by some new faces and taking on one of the world's most fascinating and contradictory cities - Calcutta. It is a trip like nothing you've ever seen or heard of before.

The Permanent Resident

**Refugee Tales: Volume III
A Golden Age
London Fictions
Notes**

Unrestrained by convention, lionhearted and free, Eleanor Marx (1855–98) was an exceptional woman. Hers was the first English translation of Flaubert's Madame Bovary. She pioneered the theater of Henrik Ibsen. She was the first woman to lead the British dock workers' and gas workers' trade unions. For years she worked tirelessly for her father, Karl Marx, as personal secretary and researcher. Later, she edited many of his key political works and laid the foundations for his biography. But foremost among her achievements was her pioneering feminism. For her, gender equality was a necessary precondition for a just society, and she crusaded for this

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in Britain and on a celebrated tour across America in 1886. Drawing strength from her family and their wide circle, including Friedrich Engels and Wilhelm Liebknecht, Eleanor Marx set out into the world to make a difference. Her favorite motto: "Go ahead!†? With her closest friends--among them Olive Schreiner, Havelock Ellis, George Bernard Shaw, Will Thorne, and William Morris--she was at the epicenter of British socialism. She was also the only Marx to claim her Jewishness. But her life contained a deep sadness: She loved a faithless and dishonest man, the academic, actor, and would-be playwright Edward Aveling. Yet despite the unhappiness he brought her, Eleanor Marx never wavered in her political life, ceaselessly campaigning and organizing until her untimely end. Rachel Holmes has written a dazzling and original

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portrait of one of the most remarkable women of the nineteenth century.

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**COMPANION TO CONTEMPORARY
BRITISH AND IRISH LITERATURE**

An insightful guide to the exploration of modern British and Irish literature The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Literature is a must-have guide for anyone hoping to navigate the world of new British and Irish writing. Including modern authors and poets from the 1960s through to the 21st century, the Companion provides a thorough overview of contemporary poetry, fiction, and drama by some of the most prominent and noteworthy writers. Seventy-three comprehensive chapters focus on individual authors as well as such topics as Englishness and identity, contemporary Science Fiction, Black

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writing in Britain, crime fiction, and the influence of globalization on British and Irish Literature. Written in four parts, The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Literature includes comprehensive examinations of individual authors, as well as a variety of themes that have come to define the contemporary period: ethnicity, gender, nationality, and more. A thorough guide to the main figures and concepts in contemporary literature from Britain and Ireland, this two-volume set: Includes studies of notable figures such as Seamus Heaney and Angela Carter, as well as more recently influential writers such as Zadie Smith and Sarah Waters. Covers topics such as LGBT fiction, androgyny in contemporary British Literature, and post-Troubles Northern Irish Fiction Features a broad range of writers and topics covered by

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distinguished academics Includes an analysis of the interplay between individual authors and the major themes of the day, and whether an examination of the latter enables us to appreciate the former. The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Literature provides essential reading for students as well as academics seeking to learn more about the history and future direction of contemporary British and Irish Literature.

Never has contemporary fiction been more widely discussed and passionately analysed; recent years have seen a huge growth in the number of reading groups and in the interest of a non-academic readership in the discussion of how novels work. Drawing on his weekly Guardian column, 'Elements of Fiction', John Mullan examines novels mostly of the last ten years, many of which have

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become firm favourites with reading groups. He reveals the rich resources of novelistic technique, setting recent fiction alongside classics of the past. Nick Hornby's adoption of a female narrator is compared to Daniel Defoe's; Ian McEwan's use of weather is set against Austen's and Hardy's; Carole Shield's chapter divisions are likened to Fanny Burney's. Each section shows how some basic element of fiction is used. Some topics (like plot, dialogue, or location) will appear familiar to most novel readers; others (metanarrative, prolepsis, amplification) will open readers' eyes to new ways of understanding and appreciating the writer's craft. How Novels Work explains how the pleasures of novel reading often come from the formal ingenuity of the novelist. It is an entertaining and stimulating exploration of that ingenuity. Addressed to anyone

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who is interested in the close reading of fiction, it makes visible techniques and effects we are often only half-aware of as we read. It shows that literary criticism is something that all fiction enthusiasts can do. Contemporary novels discussed include: Monica Ali's Brick Lane; Martin Amis's Money; Margaret Atwood's The Blind Assassin; A.S. Byatt's Possession; Jonathan Coe's The Rotters' Club; J.M. Coetzee's Disgrace; Michael Cunningham's The Hours; Don DeLillo's Underworld; Michel Faber's The Crimson Petal and the White; Ian Fleming's From Russia with Love; Jonathan Franzen's The Corrections; Mark Haddon's The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time; Patricia Highsmith's Ripley under Ground; Alan Hollinghurst's The Spell; Nick Hornby's How to Be Good; Ian McEwan's Atonement; John le Carré's The

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Constant Gardener; Andrea Levy's Small Island; David Mitchell's Cloud Atlas; Andrew O'Hagan's Personality; Orhan Pamuk's My Name Is Red; Ann Patchett's Bel Canto; Ruth Rendell's Adam and Eve and Pinch Me; Philip Roth's The Human Stain; Jonathan Safran Foer's Everything Is Illuminated; Carol Shields's Unless; Zadie Smith's White Teeth; Muriel Spark's Aiding and Abetting; Graham Swift's Last Orders; Donna Tartt's The Secret History; William Trevor's The Hill Bachelors; and Richard Yates's Revolutionary Road

On Brick Lane is an unforgettable journey through the vanished past, the disappearing present and the emerging future of Britain 's most mythologized and misunderstood street. Home to successive waves of immigrants, Brick Lane is at once multicultural melting pot

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and sacred site, bounded by Hawksmoor churches, abandoned synagogues and newly developed mosques, with the old Truman Brewery at its heart. Bringing to life the memories and realities of Brick Lane's many communities, Rachel Lichtenstein harnesses the voices of the famous, the infamous and the obscure, merging memoir, reportage, poetry, photography and local history. The result is as vibrant and fascinating as the neighbourhood it so movingly celebrates. Re-Orientalism and South Asian Identity Politics

In the Kitchen

Passing Strange

By the bestselling author of LOVE MARRIAGE

Monolingualism and Linguistic Exhibitionism in Fiction

Set in a nameless

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British town that its Pakistani-born immigrants have renamed Dasht-e-Tanhaii, the Desert of Solitude, Maps for Lost Lovers is an exploration of cultural tension and religious bigotry played out in the personal breakdown of a single family. As the book begins, Jugnu and Chanda, whose love is both passionate and illicit, have disappeared from their home. Rumours about their disappearance abound, but five months

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pass before anything certain is known. Finally, on a snow-covered January morning, Chanda's brothers are arrested for the murder of their sister and Jugnu. Maps for Lost Lovers traces the year following Jugnu and Chanda's disappearance. Seen principally through the eyes of Jugnu's brother Shamas, the cultured, poetic director of the local Community Relations Council and Commission for Racial Equality, and

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his wife Kaukab, mother of three increasingly estranged children and devout daughter of a Muslim cleric, the event marks the beginning of the unravelling of all that is sacred to them. It fills Shamas's own house and life with grief and, in exploring the lovers' disappearance and its aftermath, Nadeem Aslam discloses a legacy of miscomprehension and regret not only for Shamas and Kaukab but for their children and

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neighbours as well. An intimate portrait of a community searingly damaged by traditions, this is a densely imagined, beautiful and deeply troubling book written in heightened prose saturated with imagery. It casts a deep gaze on themes as timeless as love, nationalism and religion, while meditating on how these forces drive us apart. Traces the secret double life of a nineteenth-century scientist and

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surveyor of the post-Civil War American West, revealing how he was able to cross color lines and live a second life with an African-American wife and five multi-racial children. How are linguistic wars for global prominence literarily and linguistically inscribed in literature? This book focuses on the increasing presence of cosmetic multilingualism in prize-winning fiction, making a case for an emerging

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transparent-turn in which momentary multilingualism works in the service of long-term monolingualism.

"Resisting orthodox interpretative discourse, this collection of writings by Jean Fisher traces the author's journey through the political and intellectual turbulence of the past twenty years and its impact on both artistic practice and the writing of art. Through her close study of

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Anglo/Irish and US/Native American colonial and contemporary relations, Fisher explores the efficacy of artistic practice in the construction of political and subjective agency. Each essay in Part One maps a possible terrain for approaching the work of a single artist - among them, James Coleman, Jimmie Durham, Susan Hiller, Gabriel Orozco and Adrian Piper - while the texts in Part Two

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reflect upon artistic practice in relation to questions of subjectivity, postcoloniality and multiculturalism." "The author's interdisciplinary approach to writing provides a richly varied insight into the relationship between the practices of visual art and theory and has been highly influential to a generation of international scholars, artists and curators."--BOOK JACKET.

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*Study Guide: Brick Lane
by Monica Ali
(SuperSummary)*

Roman

Fiction

A Life

How Novels Work

Nazneen finds herself married off to a man twice her age and moved to London, where she meets a younger man involved in radical politics and begins to wonder if she has a say in her own destiny.

Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 3.0, University of Marburg (Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik), course:

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10008 PS: London in Contemporary Post-Colonial Literature, language: English, abstract: This research paper deals with Monica Ali's first novel Brick Lane, an epic saga about a Bangladeshi family living in London, which explores the British immigration experience. The novel is highly disputed with its most important aspects of identity, belonging and community problems. People who actually live in the estate of Brick Lane feel being patronized by Ali's novel the more or the less. Just to show how critics reacted to Ali's masterpiece, I

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will give two examples briefly. Ian Jack, the editor of the Granta Magazine said: "Monica Ali is not from Sylhet [which lies in the far north-east of the country next to the Indian state of Assam and was, until the partition of India, part of Assam and not Bengal] and nor are her novel's principal characters. Sylhettis, however, are the people her characters (though not their author) live among. I spent a week [...] in Sylhet [...]. [...] When I got back to Calcutta, I got into a shouting match with a taxi-driver about The Satanic Verses. 'But it's only a

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novel,' I said. 'You know, personal, made-up, invented - fiction.' 'Exactly', he said. 'Fiction. Lies.' Brick Lane is a fine first novel, but nobody should be surprised if it raises similar arguments. In a way, they are a compliment to it an to an ambitious idea of what fiction can still do." Matthew Taylor, The Guardian, said: "Community Leaders from the neighbourhood in the East End of London that inspired Monica Ali's Booker-nominated first novel, Brick Lane, have branded her work a 'despicable insult' to Bangladeshis living in the area. The Greater Sylhet

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Welfare and Development Council, which represents many of Britain's 500,000 Bangladeshis, has written an 18-page letter to the author outlining their objections to the 'shameful' way the book depicts the community. They feel the book portrays Bangladeshis in Brick Lane as backward, uneducated and unsophisticated."2 In addition, the treatment of language and time in the book is of just the same importance. It makes Ali's novel somewhat unique and different. While Brick Lane is meant to be satirical, it can be read as a drama, for in terms of living the novel focusses on the buddhist

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aspect that its characters have been put on earth just to suffer. This research paper will consist of two main parts. In the first one, I will give an exact analysis and interpretation of the novel attending to the most important aspects like characterization, the structure and ...

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
NAMED ONE OF THE BEST NOVELS
OF THE YEAR BY Slate • Daily
Candy • St. Louis Post-
Dispatch • The Guardian
(U.K.) "Novelists get called
master storytellers all the
time, but Sittenfeld really
is one. . . . What might be
most strikingly excellent
about *Sisterland* is the way

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Sittenfeld depicts domesticity and motherhood.”—Maggie Shipstead, *The Washington Post* “Psychologically vivid . . . *Sisterland* is a testament to [Curtis Sittenfeld’s] growing depth and assurance as a writer.”—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* “[Sittenfeld’s] gifts are in full effect with this novel, and she uses them to create a genuinely engrossing sense of uncertainty and suspense.”—Sloane Crosley, *NPR’s All Things Considered* Curtis Sittenfeld, author of *American Wife* and *Prep*, returns with a mesmerizing novel of family and

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identity, loyalty and deception, and the delicate line between truth and belief. From an early age, Kate and her identical twin sister, Violet, knew that they were unlike everyone else. Kate and Vi were born with peculiar “senses”—innate psychic abilities concerning future events and other people’s secrets. Though Vi embraced her visions, Kate did her best to hide them. Now, years later, their different paths have led them both back to their hometown of St. Louis. Vi has pursued an eccentric career as a psychic medium, while Kate, a devoted wife and mother,

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has settled down in the suburbs to raise her two young children. But when a minor earthquake hits in the middle of the night, the normal life Kate has always wished for begins to shift. After Vi goes on television to share a premonition that another, more devastating earthquake will soon hit the St. Louis area, Kate is mortified. Equally troubling, however, is her fear that Vi may be right. As the date of the predicted earthquake quickly approaches, Kate is forced to reconcile her fraught relationship with her sister and to face truths about herself she's long tried to

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deny. Funny, haunting, and thought-provoking, *Sisterland* is a beautifully written novel of the obligation we have toward others, and the responsibility we take for ourselves. With her deep empathy, keen wisdom, and unerring talent for finding the extraordinary moments in our everyday lives, Curtis Sittenfeld is one of the most exceptional voices in literary fiction today.

Praise for *Sisterland*

"What's most captivating about *Sisterland* is the intimate, intense portrayal of identical twin sisters. . . . [The novel] unfolds like a good prophecy—inevitable

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and shocking.”—San Francisco Chronicle “The accomplished Sittenfeld . . . is as skillful as ever at developing an intriguing premise and likable characters. . . .

Sittenfeld’s affectionate take on sibling rivalry is spot-on.”—People “The power of [Sittenfeld’s] writing and the force of her vision challenge the notion that great fiction must be hard to read. She is a master of dramatic irony, creating fully realized social worlds before laying waste to her heroines’ understanding of them. . . . Her prose [is] a rich delight.”—The Boston Globe “Wise and often

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wickedly entertaining . . .

Readers who have siblings—especially women with sisters—will likely come away feeling as if the author really is psychic.”—USA Today

Naila Kabeer examines the lives of women workers in different urban centers to shed light on the question of what constitutes 'fair' competition in international trade.

The Dream House

Edward Said

Vampire in the Text

Untold Story

Love Marriage

Contemporary Fictions of

Multiculturalism analyses novels of the late 20th and early 21st centuries that

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explore ethnic and cultural diversity in London. It contributes to key, ongoing debates in literary and cultural studies and, in particular, to debates over the status and relevance of multiculturalism today.

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A collection of short stories set in the Alentejo province of Portugal features characters linked by a vivid sense of place and time, including Teresa, who yearns to see the world, and Vasco, a cafe owner who is losing business to a new Internet cafe.

Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 1,7, University of Hildesheim (Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation),

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course: Empire and Literature,
language: English, abstract: Monica Ali is a British author who was born in 1967 in East Pakistan (as Bangladesh was called then) to a Bangladeshi father and English mother. The family had to move to England due to the civil war in 1971. Monica Ali studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Wadham College, University of Oxford and later worked in design and publishing. Brick Lane, her debut novel, caused a sensation and controversy back in 2003 when the novel was first published, and again in 2007 when the novel was made into a film. Brick Lane is about a Bangladeshi woman who came to England at the age of eighteen due to an arranged marriage knowing only two words in

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English: “sorry” and “thank you”. Nazneen struggles to adjust to her new life as a wife and an immigrant in a new country. On her journey of adjusting she learns new things (“ice skating”, making money by sewing, the English language) and makes new friends. One of them, a younger man, even becomes her lover. He opens a new world for her and contributes a lot to her personal growth. She finds strength to fight against a mean usurer and even Fate itself. The novel brings up a lot of issues for discussion, such as feminism, racism, post-colonialism, fatalism, Islam in a modern multicultural society, and problems of cultural minorities. In this paper I would like to consider problems of integration of such cultural minorities

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in the modern British society as exemplified by three families described in Monica Ali's novel Brick Lane.

Disorientation: Muslim Identity in Contemporary Anglophone Literature On Brick Lane

Monica Ali's Novel "Brick Lane". A Critical Reflection of Post-Colonialism White Teeth

The Weekenders

BY THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF LOVE MARRIAGE SHORTLISTED FOR THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE THE SUNDAY TIMES and NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A RICHARD

AND JUDY PICK 'Written with a wisdom and skill that few authors attain in a lifetime' SUNDAY TIMES Still in her teenage years, Nazneen finds herself in an arranged marriage with a disappointed older man. Away

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from her Bangladeshi village, home is now a cramped flat in a high-rise block in London's East End. Nazneen knows not a word of English, and is forced to depend on her husband. Confined in her tiny flat, Nazneen sews furiously for a living, shut away with her buttons and linings - until the radical Karim steps unexpectedly into her life. On a background of racial conflict and tension, they embark on a love affair that forces Nazneen finally to take control of her fate.

A GRANTA BEST OF BRITISH YOUNG NOVELIST SHORTLISTED FOR THE GUARDIAN FIRST BOOK AWARD

'A brilliant evocation of sensuality' **DAILY TELEGRAPH** *'A novel that will last'* **GUARDIAN** *'Highly evolved and accomplished'* **OBSERVER** *Reader's love for BRICK LANE: 'Memorable and gripping'*

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***** *'The kind of book that changes your perception of the world'* *****

*'This has become a classic and i can see why'****** *'Funny, sharp and very touching'* *****

Focusing on British novels about the Muslim immigrant experience published after 9/11; this book examines the promise as well as the limits of 'British Muslim' identity as a viable form of self-representation, and the challenges - particularly for women - of reconciling non-Western religious identity with the secular policies of Western states.

Edward Said is perhaps best known as the author of the landmark study Orientalism, a book which changed the face of critical theory and shaped the emerging field of post-colonial studies, and for his controversial journalism on the Palestinian

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political situation. Looking at the context and the impact of Said's scholarship and journalism, this book examines Said's key ideas, including: the significance of 'worldliness', 'amateurism', 'secular criticism', 'affiliation' and 'contrapuntal reading' the place of text and critic in 'the world' knowledge, power and the construction of the 'Other' links between culture and imperialism exile, identity and the plight of Palestine a new chapter looking at Said's later work and style This popular guide has been fully updated and revised in a new edition, suitable for readers approaching Said's work for the first time as well as those already familiar with the work of this important theorist. The result is the ideal guide to one of the twentieth century's most engaging critical

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thinkers.

In this fascinating book, Mark Stein examines black British literature, centering on a body of work created by British-based writers with African, South Asian, or Caribbean cultural backgrounds. Linking black British literature to the bildungsroman genre, this study examines the transformative potential inscribed in and induced by a heterogeneous body of texts. Capitalizing on their plural cultural attachments, these texts portray and purvey the transformation of post-imperial Britain. Stein locates his wide-ranging analysis in both a historical and a literary context. He argues that a cross-cultural and interdisciplinary approach is essential to understanding post-colonial culture and society. The

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book relates black British literature to ongoing debates about cultural diversity, and thereby offers a way of reading a highly popular but as yet relatively uncharted field of cultural production. With the collapse of its empire, with large-scale immigration from former colonies, and with ever-increasing cultural diversity, Britain underwent a fundamental makeover in the second half of the twentieth century. This volume cogently argues that black British literature is not only a commentator on and a reflector of this makeover, but that it is simultaneously an agent that is integral to the processes of cultural and social change. Conceptualizing the novel of transformation, this comprehensive study of British black literature provides a compelling analytic framework for charting

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these processes.

Diversity and the Millennial London Novel

Contemporary Fictions of Multiculturalism

Bangladeshi Women and Labor Market Decisions in London and Dhaka

A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line

Struggling to maintain his culinary integrity in a hotel restaurant, executive chef Gabriel Lightfoot finds his secret ambition to become the hotel's owner compromised by the murder of a porter and pressure from his girlfriend and investors.

A farmhouse is being reproduced a dozen times, with slight variations, throughout a valley. Three small graves have been dug in the front

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garden, the middle one lying empty. A woman in a wheelchair sorts through boxes while her husband clammers around the old demolished buildings, wondering where the animals have gone. A young woman - called 'the barren one' behind her back - dreams of love, while an ageing headmaster contemplates the end of his life. At the entrance to the long dirt driveway, a car appears and pauses - pointed towards the house like a silver bullet, ticking with heat. So begins The Dream House, Craig Higginson's riveting and unforgettable novel set in the Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal. Written with dark wit, a stark poetic style and extraordinary tenderness, this is a story about the state of a nation and a deep meditation on memory, ageing, meaning, family, love and loss. This updated 2016 edition

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contains new content, with Craig Higginson exploring the background to The Dream House, his varied experiences in a farmhouse in KwaZulu-Natal and the subsequent and poignant motivations for this moving novel.

Chosen by the Guardian as one of the Best Books of the 21st Century From the MAN BOOKER PRIZE- and WOMEN'S PRIZE-SHORTLISTED author of Swing Time, On Beauty and Grand Union 'BELIEVE THE HYPE' The Times The international bestseller and modern classic of multicultural Britain - an unforgettable portrait of London One of the most talked about debut novels of all time, White Teeth is a funny, generous, big-hearted novel, adored by critics and readers alike. Dealing - among many other things - with friendship, love, war, three

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cultures and three families over three generations, one brown mouse, and the tricky way the past has of coming back and biting you on the ankle, it is a life-affirming, riotous must-read of a book. 'The almost preposterous talent was clear from the first pages' Julian Barnes, Guardian 'Street-smart and learned, sassy and philosophical all at the same time' New York Times 'Outstanding' Sunday Telegraph With nationalism and the far right on the rise across Europe and North America, there has never been a more important moment to face up to what we, in Britain, are doing to those who seek sanctuary. Still the UK detains people indefinitely under immigration rules. Bail hearings go unrecorded, people are picked up without notice, individuals feel abandoned in detention centres with no way of

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knowing when they will be released. In Refugee Tales III we read the stories of people who have been through this process, many of whom have yet to see their cases resolved and who live in fear that at any moment they might be detained again. Poets, novelists and writers have once again collaborated with people who have experienced detention, their tales appearing alongside first-hand accounts by people who themselves have been detained. What we hear in these stories are the realities of the hostile environment, the human costs of a system that disregards rights, that denies freedoms and suspends lives. 'We hear so many of the wrong words about refugees – ugly, limiting, unimaginative words – that it feels like a gift to find here so many of the right words which allow us to better

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understand the lives around us, and our own lives too.' – Kamila Shamsie
All profits go to the Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group and Kent Help for Refugees.

Brick Lane by Monica Ali

Skimming Stones

Sisterland

The Oriental Other Within

Integration and Assimilation in Monica Ali's Novel "Brick Lane"

Orientalism refers to the imitation of aspects of Eastern cultures in the West, and was devised in order to have authority over the Orient. The concept of Re-Orientalism maintains the divide between the Orient and the West. However, where

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Orientalism is based on how the West constructs the East, Re-Orientalism is grounded on how the cultural East comes to terms with an orientalised East. This book explores various new forms, objects and modes of circulation that sustain this renovated form of Orientalism in South Asian culture. The contributors identify and engage with recent debates about postcolonial South Asian identity politics, discussing a range of different texts and films such as The White Tiger,

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Bride & Prejudice and Kama Sutra: A Tale of Love.

Providing new theoretical insights from the areas of literature, film studies and cultural and discourse analysis, this book is an stimulating read for students and scholars interested in South Asian culture, postcolonial studies and identity politics.

A sparkling debut about family, belonging and the binding power of love

Longlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2011

"Spellbinding Anam has written a story about

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powerful events. But it is her descriptions of the small, unheralded moments . . . that truly touch the heart.” –San Francisco Chronicle Tahmima Anam’s deeply moving debut novel about a mother’s all-consuming love for her two children, set against the backdrop of war and terror, has led critics to comparisons with The English Patient and A Thousand Splendid Suns. Rehana Haque, a young widow transplanted to the city of Dhaka in East Pakistan, is fiercely devoted to her adolescent

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children, Maya and Sohail. Both become fervent nationalists in the violent political turmoil which, in 1971, transforms a brutal Pakistani civil war into a fight to the death for Bangladeshi independence. Fair-minded and intensely protective of her family, but not at all political, Rehana is sucked into the conflict in spite of herself. A story of passion and revolution, of family, friendship and unexpected heroism, A Golden Age depicts the chaos of an era and the choices

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everyone—from student protesters to the country's leaders, and rickshaw wallahs to the army's soldiers—must make. Rehana herself will face a cruel dilemma; the choice she makes is at once heartbreaking and true to the character we have come to love and respect. A woman who can't swim wades into a suburban pool. An Indian family sits down to an Australian Christmas dinner. A single mother's offer to coach her son's soccer team leads to an unexpected encounter. A recent

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migrant considers taking the fall for a second generation 'friend'. A wife refuses to let her husband look at her phone. An international student gets off a train at night. Roanna Gonsalves' short stories unearth the aspirations, ambivalence and guilt laced through the lives of 21st century immigrants, steering through clashes of cultures, trials of faith, and squalls of racism. Sometimes heart-wrenching, sometimes playful, they cut to the truth of what it means to be a modern

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outsider.

A Novel

Black British Literature

A Good Indian Wife: A

Novel

Maps for Lost Lovers

Brick Lane

Grace first met her lover, Nate, as a teenager, their bond forged in the corridors and waiting rooms where siblings of cancer patients sit on the sidelines.

Now an adult, for Grace, nursing is a comforting world of science and certainty. But the paediatric ward is also a place of miracles and heartbreak and, when faced with a dramatic emergency, Grace is confronted with

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memories of her sister's illness. Heading south to the haunts of her childhood, Grace discovers that a stone cast across a lake sends out ripples long after the stone has gone.

“ Cultural clashes, political satire, Oedipal conflicts, elegant prose—they ’ re all here in this romp of a book. ” —Oprah Daily A Phenomenal Book Club Pick and a New York Times Book Review Group Text Selection, *Love Marriage* is a glorious moving novel from Booker Prize shortlisted Monica Ali, who has “ an inborn generosity that cannot be learned ” (The New York Times Book Review). In

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present-day London, Yasmin Ghorami is twenty-six, in training to be a doctor (like her Indian-born father), and engaged to the charismatic, upper-class Joe Sangster, whose formidable mother, Harriet, is a famous feminist. The gulf between families is vast. So, too, is the gulf in sexual experience between Yasmin and Joe. As the wedding day draws near, misunderstandings, infidelities, and long-held secrets upend both Yasmin ' s relationship and that of her parents, a “ love marriage, ” according to the family lore that Yasmin has believed all her life. A gloriously

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acute observer of class, sexual mores, and the mysteries of the human heart, Monica Ali has written a “ riveting ” (BookPage, starred review) social comedy and a moving, revelatory story of two cultures, two families, and two people trying to understand one another that ’ s “ sure to please Ali ’ s fans and win some new ones ” (Publishers Weekly). Imagines what the fate of Princess Diana might have been had she not died in Paris in 1997, in a story about the cost of fame and the possibility of reinventing a life.

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the deeply moving story of one woman, Nazneen, born in a Bangladeshi village and transported to London at age 18 to enter into an arranged marriage. She has written a stunningly accomplished debut about one outsider's quest to find her voice.

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