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A collection of interviews which provides an unusually intimate look at how a major filmmaker has developed her craft, both in front of and behind the camera.

"A memoir as finely crafted as one of Lithgow ' s performances." —Steve Martin Emmy Award-winner John Lithgow presents a charming, witty, and revealing memoir about his family, his work, and his life in Drama—an intimate story of insights and inspirational reflections from one of America ' s most

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beloved actors. Lithgow pays tribute to his father, his greatest influence, and relives his collaborations with renowned performers and directors including Mike Nichols, Bob Fosse, Liv Ullmann, Meryl Streep, and Brian De Palma. A compelling reflection on the trials, triumphs, and changes across his long career, Lithgow 's Drama illuminates the inner life of a celebrated talent, and points the way forward for anyone aspiring to greatness in their own life.

When the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded on December 10, 2010, its recipient, Liu Xiaobo, was in Jinzhou Prison, serving an eleven-year sentence for

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what Beijing called “ incitement to subvert state power. ” In Oslo, actress Liv Ullmann read a long statement the activist had prepared for his 2009 trial. It read in part: “ I stand by the convictions I expressed in my ‘ June Second Hunger Strike Declaration ’ twenty years ago—I have no enemies and no hatred. None of the police who monitored, arrested, and interrogated me, none of the prosecutors who indicted me, and none of the judges who judged me are my enemies. ” That statement is one of the pieces in this book, which includes writings spanning two decades, providing insight into all aspects of

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Chinese life. Liu speaks pragmatically, yet with deep-seated passion, about peasant land disputes, Han Chinese in Tibet, child slavery, the Internet in China, the contemporary craze for Confucius, and the Tiananmen massacre. Also presented are poems written for his wife, Liu Xia, public documents, and a foreword by Václav Havel. These works not only chronicle a leading dissident's struggle against tyranny but enrich the record of universal longing for freedom and dignity.

Ingmar Bergman, an undisputed giant of modern cinematic art, here talks frankly and extensively

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about himself and his films. This discussion with the great Swedish director ranges from Bergman's childhood memories to his admiration for Strindberg to his relationship with the stars whom he made famous - Liv Ullmann, Harriet Andersson, Max von Sydow and Bibi Andersson, among others. Originally published in 1973, this work covers Bergman's career from his early films through the works: *The Seventh Seal*, *Wild Strawberries*, *Persona*, *The Passion of Anna*.

Meditations from a Movable Chair
Skyhunter

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Changing

How Extraordinary Activists are Changing the World
Interviews with Ingmar Bergman by Stig Björkman,
Torsten Manns, Jonas Sima

Autumn Sonata

The candid and heartbreakingly honest memoir of Sylvia Kristel, the cinema icon of the 1970s who played the lead role in the worldwide sensation erotic Emmanuelle films.

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NovelW. W. Norton & Company

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This volume offers the first comprehensive survey of the cinema of Evans Chan, a New York-based playwright, author, and filmmaker whose acclaimed films include *To Liv(e)*, *The Map of Sex and Love*, and *Datong*. In this collection of essays on Chan's documentary and feature films seven experts on cultural and film studies examine the unique blending of fictional representation, historical investigation, and critical essayism

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that characterize Chan's oeuvre. They discuss how Chan's work brings out the contradictory nature of the distant and recent past through his exploration of Hong Kong's rapid transformation before and after reunification with China in 1997. The volume concludes with an interview with Evans Chan on his work to date and includes two DVDs containing five of his most important films. The book will appeal to scholars and students who are interested in

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China and Hong Kong cinema, postcolonial studies, cultural studies, and diaspora studies. "Covering a broad range of topics and issues that shed light on the aesthetic, sociopolitical and intellectual dimensions of Chan's work, the individual chapters contribute to a collective reflection on the formal qualities of Chan's cinematic art, in particular his creative use of the film essay as a mode of artistic expression. The essays

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have sought out the latent aesthetic and intellectual impulses that inform Chan's cinematic vision."—Vivian Lee, author of *Hong Kong Cinema Since 1997: The Post-Nostalgic Imagination* "This fascinating anthology is a much-needed examination of Chan's eminent yet underappreciated cinema. The volume illuminates his filmmaking from a number of angles, enriching our understanding of his complex engagement with Chinese politics, history, and the

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essay film. Capped by a comprehensive interview with Chan himself, this indispensable volume does full justice to one of Hong Kong's most literate and literary filmmakers."—Gary Bettinson, author of *The Sensuous Cinema of Wong Kar-wai* and editor of the journal *Asian Cinema*

Praised across Scandinavia as a "literary masterpiece," "spellbinding," and "magnificent," *Unquiet* reflects on six taped conversations the author had

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with her father at the very end of his life. He is a renowned Swedish filmmaker and has a plan for everything. She is his daughter, the youngest of nine children. Every summer, since she was a little girl, she visits him at his beloved stony house surrounded by woods, poppies, and the Baltic sea. Now that she's grown up and he's in his late eighties, he envisions a book about old age. He worries that he's losing his language,

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his memory, his mind. Growing old is hard work, he says. They will write it together. She will ask the questions. He will answer them. When she finally comes to the island, bringing her tape recorder with her, old age has caught up with him in ways neither could have foreseen. Unquiet follows the narrator as she unearths these taped conversations seven years later. Swept into memory, she reimagines the story of a father, a mother, and a girl—a

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child who can't wait to grow up and parents who would rather be children. A heartbreaking and darkly funny depiction of the intricacies of family, Unquiet is an elegy of memory and loss, identity and art, growing up and growing old. Linn Ullmann nimbly blends memoir and fiction in her most inventive novel yet, weaving a luminous meditation on language, mourning, and the many narratives that make up a life.

Leading Men

College of One

Images

Scale

A Double History

The Cold Song

The development of themes, motifs, and techniques in Bergman's films, from the first intimations in the early work to the consummate resolutions in the final movies. Known for their repeating motifs and signature tropes, the films of Ingmar Bergman also contain extensive

variation and development. In these reflections on Bergman's artistry and thought, Irving Singer discerns distinctive themes in Bergman's filmmaking, from first intimations in the early work to consummate resolutions in the later movies. Singer demonstrates that while Bergman's output is not philosophy on celluloid, it attains an expressive and purely aesthetic truthfulness that can be considered philosophical in a broader sense. Through analysis of both narrative and filmic effects, Singer probes Bergman's mythmaking and his reliance upon the magic inherent in his cinematic techniques.

Singer traces throughout the evolution of Bergman's ideas about life and death, and about the possibility of happiness and interpersonal love. In the overtly self-referential films that he wrote or directed (The Best Intentions, Fanny and Alexander, Sunday's Children) as well as the less obviously autobiographical ones (including Wild Strawberries, The Seventh Seal, and the triad that begins with Through a Glass Darkly) Bergman investigates problems in his existence and frequently reverts to childhood memories. In such movies as Smiles of a Summer Night, Scenes from a Marriage, and Saraband, Bergman

draws upon his mature experience and depicts the troubled relationships between men who are often weak and women who are made to suffer by the damaged men with whom they live. In Persona, Cries and Whispers, and other works, his experiments with the camera are uniquely masterful. Inspecting the panorama of Bergman's art, Singer shows how the endless search for human contact motivates the content of his films and reflects Bergman's profound perspective on the world.

The Altering Eye covers a "golden age" of international cinema from the end of WWII

through to the New German Cinema of the 1970s. Combining historical, political, and textual analysis, the author develops a pattern of cinematic invention and experimentation from neorealism through the modernist interventions of Jean-Luc Godard and Rainer Maria Fassbinder, focusing along the way on such major figures as Luis Bunuel, Joseph Losey, the Brazilian director Glauber Rocha, and the work of major Cuban filmmakers. Kolker's book has become a much quoted classic in the field of film studies providing essential reading for anybody interested in understanding the history of

European and international cinema. This new and revised edition includes a substantive new Preface by the author and an updated Bibliography."

Praise for the instant New York Times bestseller Skyhunter "Riveting." —POPSUGAR "Action-packed." —BuzzFeed "Fresh." —Los Angeles Times "Exhilarating...a rollercoaster of a reading experience." —The Nerd Daily A Quiet Place meets Attack on Titan in this unputdownable, adrenaline-laced novel. Strikers are loyal. With unparalleled, deadly fighting skills. With a willingness to do anything—including sacrifice

their own lives—to defend Mara, the world's last free nation. But to the very people she protects, Talin is seen as an outcast first and a Striker second. No matter what others think, Talin lets nothing distract her from keeping the evil Federation and its army of haunting, mutant beasts at bay. Until a mysterious prisoner shows up and disrupts Talin's entire world. Is he a spy? A product of the Federation's sinister experiments? The clock is ticking for Talin to unravel the prisoner's secrets and discover whether he's the weapon that will save—or destroy—they all. Explore the chilling realities of

war and the power of hope in Skyhunter, with slow burn romance and nonstop action that will have you racing to the end.

The first woman to ski solo to the South Pole tells the story of what it took to get there At home in Norway it is eight o'clock on Christmas Eve night, but ahead, at the Amundsen-Scott base that has been visible for hours, it is already early in the morning of Christmas Day when Liv Arnesen, after skiing solo for 745 miles in fifty days, finally arrives. She had been dreaming of the South Pole for most of her forty-one years, and now, even in her joy at having reached her

goal in December 1994, she has to ask herself: what took you so long? In Skiing into the Bright Open Arnesen describes the exhausting, exhilarating experience of being the first known woman to ski unsupported to the South Pole. She also answers her own question, framing her account of her historic expedition with her longtime struggle to find the freedom and confidence to follow her dreams into uncharted territory. From her childhood in Norway to the seasons she spent working as a guide on Svalbard, the Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean, Arnesen courted the cold, and her

memoir reflects the knowledge and passion for Arctic and Antarctic exploration that grew with her adventures in the wintry reaches of Norway and beyond. Tracing her path from the heroic stories of explorers like Fridtjof Nansen and Ernest Shackleton to her own solo crossing of the Greenland Ice Cap in 1992, Arnesen credits the inspiring feats of those who preceded her but also describes the obstacles--including niggling self-doubt--that tradition, convention, and downright prejudice put in her way as she endeavored to find the support and sponsorship granted to men in her field. A tale of solitary

adventure in the bleak and beautiful bone-chilling cold of Antarctica, Skiing into the Bright Open tells a story of gritty determination, thrilling achievement, and perseverance in the face of near despair and daunting odds; it is, ultimately, an object lesson in the power of a dream if one is willing to pursue it to the ends of the earth.

Scorsese by Ebert

Postcolonialism, Diaspora, and Alternative Histories

Sweet Days of Discipline

Ingmar Bergman's Persona

Contemporary International Cinema
The Dud Avocado

Life in Norway, based on tradition and simplicity, on quality and authenticity, parallels today's trends. Ecologically conscious, Norwegians are experts at living off the land's bounty and are envied by many other European countries. Increasingly numerous visitors travel north, and most of them choose Norway as their destination. Nature is so powerful here that it dictates the Norwegian way of life. This is why Sølvi Dos Santos and Elisabeth Holte have chosen the rhythm of the seasons to reveal the country's

diversity and richness. We are invited into Norwegian homes at the most pleasant time of year and we discover the charming hotels, traditional restaurants, and delightful house-museums that are all listed in the Visitor's Guide at the end of this book. In the winter, residents unite in the warmth of farms located in the grand valleys at the interior of the country, which reveal the splendor of their rose-painting decorations, their traditional built-in beds, and their large ballrooms. Spring is celebrated all along the breath-taking western fjords covered with blossoming fruit trees and in white-painted

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manor houses. In summertime, Norwegians spread out to the southern coasts with their small houses built just next to the water's edge, or travel to the north of the Arctic Circle where the Midnight Sun lights up continuous outdoor life. Autumn brings Norwegians back to hunting pavilions nestled deep within the forests to the fireside, and to wild berry collecting. Edvard Grieg's voice mixes with those of Henrik Ibsen, Edvard Munch, Knut Hamsen, Sigrid Undset, Tarjei Vesaas, and Liv Ullmann to affirm the Norwegian's deep love for their homes and their regions. As Knut Faldbakken explains in his

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preface: "The art of that people, our original traditions, have always existed side by side with more sophisticated currents, demanded their due respect and flaunted their quality with a vitality and a self-awareness which is still found today in the countless villages and hamlets tucked away in remote corners of our country." These representatives of Norway's distinctive culture invite you to discover a fascinating country, considered to be the best kept secret in Europe. Stunning color photography and lively, insightful texts capture the real essence of this beautiful country. In this huge country of contrast and

change, Norwegians bring the intimate lifestyle of their comfortable homes into harmony with Nature's majestic grandiosity in a natural and unpretentiously graceful way. For them, nothing counts as much as life in the fresh air and the warmth of their homes, the passage from one to the other constituting an exceptional lifestyle that this book invites you to discover. This is a lifestyle marked by a love for natural materials, by the genius of Viking carpenters, and by a powerful tradition that can be brilliantly allied with the contemporary. Colour reveals and illuminates the smallest decorative elements, it

literally bursts from walls, furniture, panelling and objects, all of which are harmonized or contrasted with particular aesthetic talent in the houses presented to us here: Grieg's and Munch's houses, Lofoten island's fisherman's cabins, and hunting pavilions--stopping places for royal families--homes of the descendants of great explorers, artisan's homes, and the country inns hidden deep in the valleys. These remarkable houses share a magnificent folk art tradition that distinguishes them from those of their Scandinavian neighbours. Living in Norway offers a privileged journey throughout this

unique country. Two extremely talented Norwegians will be your guides: thanks to them, the visitor will no longer feel like a tourist, but like a native, and will discover with amazement the beauty and exoticism of this little-known country.

A collection of more than thirty letters written by celebrities to their grandchildren gives an intimate look at the writers' own lives and how they foresee the challenges of the next generation, in a book whose proceeds benefit the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children.

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In this original, extraordinarily moving, and highly personal novel, world-renowned stage and film director Ingmar Bergman goes back to the time of his parents and grandparents, to the years shortly before, during, and just after World War I. Set in the decade beginning in 1908, *The Best Intentions* is, ultimately, a love story on many different levels: a man and woman in love; parents and children; and love as miracle, that love which is overriding and, so often, inexplicable. Bergman was inspired to write this loosely biographical novel when he began rummaging through the voluminous family

picture albums. That, plus family letters and records, and his own memories and unique imagination, helped him recreate this lost world in evocative and graphic detail. Henrik is a poor divinity student. Anna is the much loved but slightly pampered daughter of bourgeois parents. They fall in love and, after a long and tortuous courtship, marry, despite the objections of Anna's parents - especially of Anna's mother, Karin. Karin uses everything in her power, including deceit, first to prevent the marriage, then to break it up. Yet, even her basest actions are never monstrous but filled with good

intentions. In fact, all the characters act with the "best intentions", however wrongheaded their behavior. "That Bergman can extend sympathy to such behavior is a great and generous gesture, one that allows him to create characters of astonishing depth", wrote Caryn James in the New York Times. Incorporating some of the elements of stage and screen, including filmic dialogues and personal "asides", which he weaves artfully into the narrative flow, Bergman has written a novel of great beauty and uncompromising honesty, a work filled with joy and sadness, sacrifice and reconciliation - and

above all, abiding love.

August Strindberg and Visual Culture addresses the multiplicity of Strindberg's artistic and literary output. The book charts the vital intersections between theatre, aesthetic theory, and visual elements in his work that have been left largely unexplored. Rather than following traditional genre-bound critical approaches, this book focuses on the intermediality of individual works, the corpus as a whole, and their connections to a wide array of historical and contemporary artists, writers, photographers, film, theatre and museum practitioners. The book

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is beautifully illustrated, with many never-before-seen images from Strindberg's work, and includes contributions from actress Liv Ullmann, director Robert Wilson, and curator and museum director Daniel Birnbaum.

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Face and Mask

Skiing Into the Bright Open

The Turning Point

The Cinema of Evans Chan

The Dog of the South

An expansive yet intimate story of desire, artistic

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ambition, and fidelity, set in the glamorous literary and film circles of 1950s Italy In July of 1953, at a glittering party thrown by Truman Capote in Portofino, Italy, Tennessee Williams and his longtime lover Frank Merlo meet Anja Blomgren, a mysterious young Swedish beauty and aspiring actress. Their encounter will go on to alter all of their lives. Ten years later, Frank revisits the tempestuous events of that fateful summer from his deathbed in Manhattan, where he waits anxiously for Tennessee to visit him one final time. Anja, now legendary film icon Anja Bloom, lives as a recluse in present-day America, until a young man connected to the events of

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1953 lures her reluctantly back into the spotlight after he discovers she possesses the only copy of an unknown play--Tennessee's last. What keeps two people together and what breaks them apart? Can we save someone else if we can't save ourselves? With emotional clarity and grace, *Leading Men* seamlessly weaves fact and fiction to navigate the tensions between public figures and their private lives. In an ultimately heartbreaking story about the burdens of fame and the complex negotiations of life in the shadows of greatness, Castellani creates an unforgettable leading lady in Anja Bloom and reveals the hidden machinery of one of the great literary love stories

of the twentieth-century.

Ingmar Bergman's career as a director/screenwriter spanned more than 40 years, during which time he produced such acknowledged classics as *The Seventh Seal*, *Wild Strawberries*, *Persona*, *Cries and Whispers* and *Fanny and Alexander*. To write this book, Ingmar Bergman rescreened all of his films, many of which he had not seen since their release. He recounts the making of the films and explores the themes that bind them together, the preoccupations, the anguish, the conflicts. He comments brilliantly and unsparingly on his successes as well as his perceived failures.

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The moving story of how F. Scott Fitzgerald—washed up, alcoholic and ill—dedicated himself to devising a heartfelt course in literature for the woman he loved. In 1937, on the night of her engagement to the Marquess of Donegall, Sheilah Graham met F. Scott Fitzgerald at a party in Hollywood. Graham, a British-born journalist, broke off her engagement, and until Fitzgerald had a fatal heart attack in her apartment in 1940, the two writers lived the fervid, sometimes violent affair that is memorialized here with unprecedented intimacy. When they met, Fitzgerald's fame had waned. He battled crippling alcoholism while writing screenplays to support his daughter and

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institutionalized wife. Graham's star, however, was rising, to the point where she became Hollywood's highest-paid, best-read gossip columnist. But if Fitzgerald had lived out his "crack-up" in public, Graham kept her demons secret—such as that she believed herself to be "a fascinating fake who pulled the wool over Hollywood's eyes." Most poignantly, she keenly felt her lack of education, and Fitzgerald rose to the occasion. He became her passionate tutor, guiding her through a curriculum of his own design: a college of one. Graham loved him the more for it, writing the book as a tribute. As she explained, "An unusual man's ideas on what constituted an education

had to be preserved. It is a new chapter to add to what is already known about an author who has been microscopically investigated in all the other areas of his life.”

"We are trying to apply the concepts of an outdated world view--the mechanistic world view of Cartesian-Newtonian science--to a reality that can no longer be understood in terms of these concepts... To describe this world appropriately, we need an ecological perspective that the Cartesian world view does not offer." (Preface 15,16).

The Altering Eye

Interviews

Hex

Undressing Emmanuelle: A memoir

Letter to My Grandchild

Face to Face

Ingmar Bergman, creator of such films as Wild Strawberries, Scenes from a Marriage and Fanny and Alexander turns his perceptive filmmaker's eye on himself for a revealing portrait of his life and obsessions. 16 pages of photos.

Roger Ebert wrote the first film review that director Martin Scorsese ever received - for 1967's I Call First, later renamed Who's That Knocking at My Door - creating a lasting bond that made him one of Scorsese's most appreciative and perceptive commentators. Scorsese by Ebert offers the first

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record of America's most respected film critic's en...

A young Englishwoman—akin to a Jane Austen heroine—transforms the lives of a couple who has suffered tragic loss in this story of love and redemption Fourteen years after her death, the ghost of their baby daughter, Sarah, haunts world-famous playwright Emmanuel Joyce and his fragile, embittered wife, Lillian. They have each learned to cope in their own way: Emmanuel seduces his secretaries and Lillian keeps photos of her lost child on the dressing table of every hotel they visit. They're always on the move as they travel from city to city accompanied by Emmanuel's orphaned, hero-worshipping manager, Jimmy. But now a minor crisis looms: Emmanuel's latest secretary has taken a near-lethal dose of drugs on the eve of the Joyces' departure

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for New York to cast his new play. They need to hire a replacement immediately. Enter stage right: Alberta Young. A clergyman's daughter from Dorset, Alberta arrives for the interview clutching a copy of Middlemarch. She is unlike anyone Emmanuel, Lillian, or Jimmy has ever known. And little by little, she will transform all their lives. Narrated by four main characters, *The Sea Change* moves from London to New York to Athens and, finally, to the Greek island of Hydra. The bestselling author of the Cazalet Chronicles delivers a novel about learning to move beyond the past without giving up our memories, and how we can change and grow. The essays collected in this volume use a variety of methodologies to explore Bergman's *Persona*.
Bergman on Bergman

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My Solo Journey to the South Pole
Reflections on His Creativity

The Film Sense
The Magic Lantern

A cultural history of the face in Western art, ranging from portraiture in painting and photography to film, theater, and mass media This fascinating book presents the first cultural history and anthropology of the face across centuries, continents,

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and media. Ranging from funerary masks and masks in drama to the figural work of contemporary artists including Cindy Sherman and Nam June Paik, renowned art historian Hans Belting emphasizes that while the face plays a critical role in human communication, it defies attempts at visual representation. Belting divides his book into three parts: faces as masks of the self, portraiture as a constantly evolving mask in Western culture, and the fate of the

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face in the age of mass media. Referencing a vast array of sources, Belting's insights draw on art history, philosophy, theories of visual culture, and cognitive science. He demonstrates that Western efforts to portray the face have repeatedly failed, even with the developments of new media such as photography and film, which promise ever-greater degrees of verisimilitude. In spite of sitting at the heart of human expression, the face resists

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possession, and creative endeavors to capture it inevitably result in masks—hollow signifiers of the humanity they're meant to embody. From creations by Van Eyck and August Sander to works by Francis Bacon, Ingmar Bergman, and Chuck Close, *Face and Mask* takes a remarkable look at how, through the centuries, the physical visage has inspired and evaded artistic interpretation.

The plot follows a celebrated classical

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pianist and her neglected daughter who meet for the first time in years, and chronicles their painful discussions of how they have hurt one another.

A renowned Soviet director discusses his theory of film as an artistic medium which must appeal to all senses and applies it to an analysis of sequences from his major movies

One of Vanity Fair's 21 Best Books of 2020 (So Far) A Vulture, LitHub, and PureWow Most Anticipated Book of 2020

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"As precise as any scientific observation and far more tantalizing."
--Vogue "A sophisticated, surprising take on the campus novel (with a welcome dose of witchery). Knight's writing feels a little wild and charged, as if you're constantly on the edge of discovering something new with her." --Goop "Hex is some dark and joyous witchery." --Lauren Groff, author of Florida "A beautiful, spooky spell." --Jenny Slate, actress and

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author of Little Weirds A breathtaking and hypnotic novel about poison, antidotes, and obsessive love Nell Barber, an expelled PhD candidate in biological science, is exploring the fine line between poison and antidote, working alone to set a speed record for the detoxification of poisonous plants. Her mentor, Dr. Joan Kallas, is the hero of Nell's heart. Nell frequently finds herself standing in the doorway to Joan's office despite herself,

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mesmerized by Joan's elegance, success, and spiritual force. Surrounded by Nell's ex, her best friend, her best friend's boyfriend, and Joan's buffoonish husband, the two scientists are tangled together at the center of a web of illicit relationships, grudges, and obsessions. All six are burdened by desire and ambition, and as they collide on the university campus, their attractions set in motion a domino effect of affairs and heartbreak.

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Meanwhile, Nell slowly fills her empty apartment with poisonous plants to study, and she begins to keep a series of notebooks, all dedicated to Joan. She logs her research and how she spends her days, but the notebooks ultimately become a painstaking map of love. In a dazzling and unforgettable voice, Rebecca Dinerstein Knight has written a spellbinding novel of emotional and intellectual intensity.

A Novel

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My Life in Film

Miss Julie

Unquiet: A Novel

The Best Intentions

Drama

His wife, Norma, has run off with her ex-husband, taking Ray's cards, shotgun and car. But from the receipts, Ray can track where they've gone. He takes off after them, as does an irritatingly tenacious bail bondsman, both following the romantic couple's spending as far as Mexico. There Ray meets Dr Reo Symes, the seemingly down-on-his-luck and rather eccentric owner of a beaten up and broken down bus,

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who needs a ride to Belize. The further they drive, in a car held together by coat-hangers and excesses of oil, the wilder their journey gets. But they're not going to give up easily.

The Dud Avocado follows the romantic and comedic adventures of a young American who heads overseas to conquer Paris in the late 1950s. Edith Wharton and Henry James wrote about the American girl abroad, but it was Elaine Dundy's Sally Jay Gorce who told us what she was really thinking. Charming, sexy, and hilarious, The Dud Avocado gained instant cult status when it was first published and it remains a timeless portrait of a woman hell-bent on living. "I had to tell someone how much I enjoyed The Dud

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Avocado. It made me laugh, scream, and guffaw (which, incidentally, is a great name for a law firm)."
-Groucho Marx "[The Dud Avocado] is one of the best novels about growing up fast..." -The Guardian
One of the greatest classics of modern theater concerns a willful young aristocrat's seduction of her father's valet during a Midsummer's Eve celebration. Complete with Strindberg's highly-regarded critical preface.

"Visionary physicist Geoffrey West is a pioneer in the field of complexity science, the science of emergent systems and networks... Fascinated by issues of aging and mortality, West applied the rigor of a physicist to the biological question of why we live as

long as we do and no longer. The result was astonishing, and changed science, creating a new understanding of energy use and metabolism: West found that despite the riotous diversity in the sizes of mammals, they are all, to a large degree, scaled versions of each other... West's work has been gaming changing for biologists, but then he made the even bolder move of exploring his work's applicability...and applied...[it] to the business and social world."--

The Emergence of Optical Modernity in Image, Text and Theatre

Women Reshaping Human Rights

The Sea Change

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*Ingmar Bergman, Cinematic Philosopher
Changing/ by Liv Ullmann
A Film*

On the heels of *I Am the Brother of XX* and *These Possible Lives*, here is Jaeggy's fabulously witchy first book in English, with a new Peter Mendelsund cover. A novel about obsessive love and madness set in postwar Switzerland, Fleur Jaeggy's eerily beautiful novel begins innocently enough: "At fourteen I was a boarder in a school in the Appenzell." But there is nothing innocent here. With the off-handed remorselessness of a young Eve, the narrator describes her potentially lethal designs to win the

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affections of Frédérique, the apparently perfect new girl. In Tim Parks' consummate translation (with its "spare, haunting quality of a prose poem," TLS), *Sweet Days of Discipline* is a peerless, terrifying, and gorgeous work.

In *Women Reshaping Human Rights*, ordinary - yet extraordinary - individuals tell their stories. Readers will meet Vera Laska, who joined the Resistance against the Nazis in Czechoslovakia; Dai Qing, who fights the Communist Party's grip upon the government in the People's Republic of China; and Juana Beatrice Gutierrez and the Mothers of East Los Angeles, who challenge drug dealers and toxic

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polluters threatening their neighborhood. One of the New York Times Book Review's 100 Notable Books of 2014! Ullmann's characters are complex and paradoxical: neither fully guilty nor fully innocent Siri Brodal, a chef and restaurant owner, is married to Jon Dreyer, a famous novelist plagued by writer's block. Siri and Jon have two daughters, and together they spend their summers on the coast of Norway, in a mansion belonging to Jenny Brodal, Siri's stylish and unforgiving mother. Siri and Jon's marriage is loving but difficult, and troubled by painful secrets. They have a strained relationship with their elder daughter, Alma, who struggles to find her place in the

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family constellation. When Milla is hired as a nanny to allow Siri to work her long hours at the restaurant and Jon to supposedly meet the deadline on his book, life in the idyllic summer community takes a dire turn. One rainy July night, Milla disappears without a trace.

After her remains are discovered and a suspect is identified, everyone who had any connection with her feels implicated in her tragedy and haunted by what they could have done to prevent it. *The Cold Song* is a story about telling stories and about how life is continually invented and reinvented.

For Andre Dubus, "the quotidian and the spiritual don't exist on different planes, but infuse each other.

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His is an unapologetically sacramental vision of life in which ordinary things participate in the miraculous, the miraculous in ordinary things. He believes in God, and talks to Him, and doesn't mince words. He believes in ghosts . . . He is open to mystery, and of all mysteries the one that interests him most is the human potential for transcendence." So wrote Tobias Wolff seven years ago, about Andre Dubus's *Broken Vessels*, and that insight describes perfectly the twenty-five pieces in this powerfully moving new collection, a continuation of Dubus's candid, intensely personal exploration into matters of morality, religion, and creativity. Since that first book of essays, written after

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