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*youngest and the  
baby of the lot. The  
children seem to  
manage in this  
perverse setting  
rather well—until  
Julie brings home a  
boyfriend who  
threatens their  
secret by asking too  
many questions. “[A]  
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talent, creativity  
and beauty but  
refused to pay  
them the same  
respect as their  
male

contemporaries -  
until now . . . The  
tide has finally  
begun to turn. A  
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women, both in

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private sorrow and  
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court overrule  
sincerely  
expressed faith? In  
the course of  
reaching a  
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visits Adam in the  
hospital—an  
encounter that  
stirs long-buried  
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emotions in the  
boy. Her judgment  
has momentous  
consequences for  
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timing  
pornographer  
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unwilling object  
in the fantasies  
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perfect mistress  
and plunges into  
a hell of  
jealousy and  
despair. Over  
the course of a  
weekend, a guilt-  
ridden father  
with his teenage  
daughter  
discovers the*



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*depths of his  
own blundering  
innocence.  
Whether these  
are the written  
transcripts of  
dreams or deadly  
accurate maps of  
the tremor zones  
of our psyche,  
all seven  
stories in this  
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implicate us in*

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*the most fearful  
ways imaginable.*

*“His stories are  
complex and his  
prose, like  
Orwell’s, is as  
clear as  
windowpane...*

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edge gives these  
stories a moral  
force. They are  
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of her nation  
amidst lies,  
conspiracy, and  
assassination  
When the death  
of Iron Queen  
Sarelin Brey  
fractures the  
realm of Elira,  
Lysande Prior,  
the palace  
scholar and the  
queen's closest*

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*the queen,  
suspecting the  
use of magic.  
Resourceful,  
analytical, and  
quiet, Lysande  
appears to  
embody the motto  
she was raised  
with: everything  
in its place.  
Yet while she  
hides her drug  
addiction from*

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*her new associates, she cannot hide her growing interest in power. She becomes locked in a game of strategy with the city-rulers – especially the erudite prince Luca Fontaine, who seems to shift between*

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*ally and rival.  
Further from  
home, an old  
enemy is  
stirring: the  
magic-wielding  
White Queen is  
on the move  
again, and her  
alliance with a  
traitor among  
the royal milieu  
poses a danger  
not just to the*



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*peace of the  
realm, but to  
the survival of  
everything that  
Lysande cares  
about. In a  
world where the  
low-born keep  
their heads  
down, Lysande  
must learn to  
fight an enemy  
who wears many  
guises... even as*

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*she wages her  
own battle  
between ambition  
and restraint.  
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years, a new  
novel by the  
author of The  
Good Earth The  
Eternal Wonder  
tells the coming-  
of-age story of  
Randolph Colfax  
(Rann for*

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*short), an  
extraordinarily  
gifted young man  
whose search for  
meaning and  
purpose leads  
him to New York,  
England, Paris,  
a mission  
patrolling the  
DMZ in Korea  
that will change  
his life  
forever—and,*

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*ultimately, to  
love. Rann falls  
for the  
beautiful and  
equally  
brilliant  
Stephanie Kung,  
who lives in  
Paris with her  
Chinese father  
and has no  
contact with her  
American mother,  
who abandoned*

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*the family when Stephanie was six years old. Both Rann and Stephanie yearn for a sense of genuine identity. Rann feels plagued by his voracious intellectual curiosity and strives to integrate his*

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*life of the mind  
with his  
experience in  
the world.*

*Stephanie feels  
alienated from  
society by her  
mixed heritage  
and struggles to  
resolve the  
culture clash of  
her existence.*

*Separated for  
long periods of*

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*time, their  
final reunion  
leads to a  
conclusion that  
even Rann, in  
all his hard-  
earned wisdom,  
could never have  
imagined. A  
moving and  
mesmerizing  
fictional  
exploration of  
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*irretrievably  
lost. From that  
moment, Lewis  
spirals into  
bereavement that  
effects his  
marriage, his  
psyche, and his  
relationship  
with time  
itself: "It was  
a wonder that  
there could be  
so much*

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Tienen poco más de veinte años, y se conocieron en una manifestación contra las armas nucleares. Florence es una chica de clase media alta, su padre es un exitoso hombre de negocios y su madre una activa profesora universitaria, y viven

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en una casa donde se comen quesos franceses y yogur. Edward, en cambio, pertenece a una familia que apenas se sostiene en la zona baja de la clase media; su padre es maestro, y su madre, tras un imprevisible accidente, vive desde hace años en una



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nebulosa. Y en su casa no hay comidas caras o extranjeras, las camas nunca se hacen, las sábanas rara vez se cambian, ni se limpian los lavabos. Florence es violinista, y Edward ha estudiado Historia. Y ambos son inocentes, y vírgenes, y se aman, y tras uno

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de esos largos  
cortejos de tira y  
afloja, se han casado.  
Es un día de julio de  
1962, un año antes de  
que, según Philip  
Larkin, en Inglaterra  
se empezara a follar,  
cuando El amante de  
Lady Chatterley aún  
estaba prohibido y no  
había aparecido el  
primer LP de los

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Beatles... Edward y Florence van a pasar su noche de bodas en un hotel junto a Chesil Beach, y lo que sucede esa noche entre esos dos inocentes, esos jóvenes esposos de una clase social y unos años donde hablar sobre problemas sexuales

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era imposible, es la materia con que McEwan construye su chejoviano, delicadísimo, terrible mapa de una relación, del amor, del sexo, y también de una época, y de sus discursos y sus silencios.

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successful  
businessman and an  
aloof Oxford  
academic, is a  
talented violinist. She  
dreams of a career on  
the concert stage and  
of the perfect life she  
will create with  
Edward, the earnest  
young history student  
she met by chance  
and who

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unexpectedly wooed her and won her heart. Edward grew up in the country on the outskirts of Oxford where his father, the headmaster of the local school, struggled to keep the household together and his mother, brain-damaged from an

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accident, drifted in a world of her own. Edward's native intelligence, coupled with a longing to experience the excitement and intellectual fervour of the city, had taken him to University College in London. Falling in love with the accomplished, shy



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and sensitive  
Florence--and having  
his affections  
returned with equal  
intensity--has utterly  
changed his life.  
Their marriage, they  
believe, will bring  
them happiness, the  
confidence and the  
freedom to fulfill  
their true destinies.  
The glowing promise

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of the future,  
however, cannot  
totally mask their  
worries about the  
wedding night.

Edward, who has had  
little experience with  
women, frets about  
his sexual prowess.  
Florence's anxieties  
run deeper: she is  
overcome by  
conflicting emotions

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have heard of my friend the once celebrated novelist Jocelyn Tarbet, but I suspect his memory is beginning to fade. . . . You'd never heard of me, the once obscure novelist Parker Sparrow, until my name was publicly connected with his. To a knowing few,

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our names remain rigidly attached, like the two ends of a seesaw. His rise coincided with, though did not cause, my decline. . . . I don't deny there was wrongdoing. I stole a life, and I don't intend to give it back. You may treat these few pages as a

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London comes alive

with the new youth

revolution, the

suburban Fischer

family seems to

belong to an older

world of conventional

stability: pretty,

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dutiful homemaker Phyllis is married to Roger, a devoted father with a career in the Foreign Office. Their children are Colette, a bookish teenager, and Hugh, the golden boy. But when the twenty-something son of an old friend pays the Fischers a visit one hot summer evening

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scorched remains of  
its burnt- out cinema.  
A few miles out in  
the country,  
Dillahan, a farmer  
and a decent man,  
has married again:  
Ellie is the young  
convent girl who  
came to work for him  
when he was  
widowed. Ellie leads  
a quiet, routine life,  
often alone while

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sister Cecilia strip off  
her clothes and  
plunge into the  
fountain in the  
garden of their  
country house.  
Watching her is  
Robbie Turner, son  
of the Tallis's  
cleaning lady, whose  
education has been  
subsidized by

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balance of happiness  
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keep readers on the  
edge of their seats.  
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masterful novel set  
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*in February 2003.*

*Henry Perowne is a  
contented man — a  
successful  
neurosurgeon,  
happily married to a  
newspaper lawyer,  
and enjoying good  
relations with his  
children. Henry  
wakes to the comfort  
of his large home in*



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*central London on this, his day off. He is as at ease here as he is in the operating room. Outside the hospital, the world is not so easy or predictable. There is an impending war against Iraq, and a general darkening and gathering*

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*pessimism since the  
New York and  
Washington attacks  
two years before. On  
this particular  
Saturday morning,  
Perowne's day  
moves through the  
ordinary to the  
extraordinary. After  
an unusual sighting  
in the early morning*

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*sky, he makes his way to his regular squash game with his anaesthetist, trying to avoid the hundreds of thousands of marchers filling the streets of London, protesting against the war. A minor accident in his car*

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*with savage*

*consequences that  
will lead Henry  
Perowne to deploy  
all his skills to keep  
his family alive.  
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Into this divided city,  
wrenched between  
East and West,  
between past and  
present; comes*

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*twenty-five-year-old  
Leonard Marnham,  
assigned to a British-  
American*

*surveillance team.*

*Though only a pawn  
in an international  
plot that is never  
fully revealed to him,  
Leonard uses his  
secret work to  
escape the bonds of*

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*his ordinary life --  
and to lose his  
unwanted innocence.  
The promise of his  
new life begins to be  
fulfilled as Leonard  
becomes a crucial  
part of the  
surveillance team,  
while simultaneously  
being initiated into a  
new world of love*

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*Meanwhile,  
Michael's fifth  
marriage is  
floundering due to  
his incessant  
womanizing. When  
his professional and  
personal worlds  
collide in a freak  
accident, an  
opportunity presents  
itself for Michael to*

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*extricate himself  
from his marital  
problems,  
reinvigorate his  
career, and save the  
world from  
environmental  
disaster. But can a  
man who has made a  
mess of his life clean  
up the messes of  
humanity?*

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holiday in Italy, their  
relationship  
becoming



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increasingly  
problematic as they  
become increasingly  
alienated from one  
and other. They  
move from place to  
place in this foreign  
land but seemingly  
without aim or  
purpose, seemingly  
bored and without  
attachment. Then  
they meet a man  
named Robert and

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union and  
estrangement began  
almost  
simultaneously.  
Seeking to  
comprehend how  
their deep love could  
be defeated by  
ideological  
differences Bernard  
and June cannot  
reconcile, Jeremy  
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Swinging between his  
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in the sacred and

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and between the

charms of morality

and the excitements of

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