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#### Paris Stories 2018-05-01

internationally celebrated award winning author mavis gallant is a contemporary legend an undisputed master of the short story whose peerless prose captures the range of human experience while evoking time and place with unequalled skill this new selection of gallant s stories edited by novelist and poet michael ondaatje gathers the best of her many stories set in paris where gallant has long lived here she writes of expatriates and locals exile and homecoming and of the illusions of youth and age offering a kaleidoscopic impression of the world within the world that is paris

#### Montreal Stories 2018-05-01

in gallant s stories the conflicts obsessions and concerns the near impossibility of gaining personal freedom without inflicting harm on those whom you love and who love you the difficulty of forgiving a cruel and selfish parent without sentimentalizing him or the pain of failed renewal are limned with an affectionate irony and generated by a sincere belief in their ultimate significance significance not just for the characters who embody them but for the author and presumably the reader as well russell banks from his introduction mavis gallant is the modern master of what henry james called the international story the fine grained evocation of the quandaries of people who must make their way in the world without any place to call their own the complexity of the very idea of home is alive in the stories gallant has written about montreal montreal stories russell banks s new selection from gallant s work demonstrates anew the remarkable reach of this writer s singular art among its contents are three previously unpublished stories as well as the celebrated semi autobiographical sequence about linnet muir stories that are wise funny and full of insight into the perils and promise of growing up and breaking loose

#### The View From Castle Rock 2010-08-31

the view from castle rock traces the generations of munro s family from the title story where through a haze of whiskey alice s ancestors gaze north from edinburgh castle at the fife coast believing that it is north america to munro s first person stories set during her lifetime and all the way to the final story where we travel with alice munro today in the author s words these stories pay more attention to the truth of a life than fiction usually does but not enough to swear on

#### **2016-10**

#### The Penguin Modern Classics Book 2021-11-18

the essential guide to twentieth century literature around the world for six decades the penguin modern classics series has been an era defining ever evolving series of books encompassing works by modernist pioneers avant garde iconoclasts radical visionaries and timeless storytellers this reader s companion showcases every title published in the series so far with more than 1 800 books and 600 authors from achebe and adonis to zamyatin and zweig it is the essential guide to twentieth century literature around the world and the companion volume to the penguin classics book bursting with lively descriptions surprising reading lists key literary movements and over two thousand cover images the penguin modern classics book is an invitation to dive in and explore the greatest literature of the last hundred years

## Story of the Eye 2001

a pornographic fantasy in which the young male narrator and his lovers simone and marcelle embark on a sexual quest involving sadism torture orgies madness and defilement culminating in a final act of transgression

## Modern Classics of Fantasy 2014-10-28

while humanity has been telling fantastic stories for millennia fantasy fiction has only come into its own as a genre in the latter half of the twentieth century as the works of such writers as j r r tolkien and robert e howard have found a wide audience this wonderful collection celebrates fantasy s heyday with 33 masterpieces of short fiction ranging from 1940s stories by l sprague de camp h l gold fritz leiber and manly wade wellman to more recent tales by such towering modern talents as peter s beagle terry bisson james p blaylock suzy mckee charnas john crowley tanith lee michael swanwick judith tarr howard waldrop jane yolen and roger zelazny just as gardner dozois s modern classics of science fiction has helped longtime fans and new readers alike discover the genre s finest short stories so too shall this anthology allow readers to find in one volume more than two dozen masterworks of fantasy

## The Pigeon With Broken Legs 2020-04-30

every book doesn t have the message because every book is itself the message the pigeon with broken legs is the life changing extraordinary story of rohan a fourteen years old boy and his father undoubtedly this time the author will leave his readers with the new question of life a picture expresses a thousand words but a book tells more than that

## The Lamp at Noon and Other Stories 2018-01-09

sinclair ross 1941 novel as for me and my house is a masterpiece of canadian literature a stunning evocation of the prairies and their inhabitants during the depression of the thirties with the lamp at noon and other stories an original new canadian library collection ross reveals further dimensions of his fictional universe a woman s impulsive infidelity leads to tragedy a sudden hailstorm destroys hope a boy learns to conquer a beautiful wild horse a little girl dreams about a circus against the isolated haunting landscapes of summer droughts and winter blizzards the men and women of ross stories grapple with fate against almost impossible odds marked by a legacy of pride that will not suffer defeat ross unyielding characters are cut off from their loved ones by obstinacy and defiance their tragedy is not that they suffer but that they suffer alone the sensitivity compassion and subtlety with which ross portrays human aspirations and failings remain to this day unequalled in canadian fiction

#### To Room Nineteen 2002

from to room nineteen a study of a controlled middle class marriage grounded in intelligence to the shocking a woman on the roof where a workman becomes obsessed with a pretty sunbather this collection of stories bears witness to doris lessing s perspective on the human condition

## The Collected Stories of Rumpole 2013-04-04

horace rumpole witty eloquent dishevelled and cynical is one of fiction s best loved barristers at law in these twenty classic tales rumpole battles through the old bailey whether defending various members of an incompetent south london crime family taking on haute cuisine chefs and showfolk or mocking the pomposity of his own profession all the while being held in check by his wife hilda the wonderful fearsome she who must be obeyed these collected stories in penguin modern classics for the first time are a definitive introduction to one of the wisest and wittiest characters in british comic writing and a reminder of what justice should really be about with a new introduction by sam leith former literary editor of the daily telegraph and contributor to the evening standard guardian and spectator

#### Archie: Modern Classics Mania 2023-05-23

this is archie s new sister series to our all time best selling graphic novel series featuring a focus on the latest and greatest stories from the previous year of digests after 80 years of humorous tales the riverdale gang are still going strong archie is proud to present the best stories so far from the 2020s collected for the first time ever don't miss these modern classics

## The Complete Short Stories 2012-05-31

in this unique collection of short stories composed between 1910 62 evelyn waugh s early juvenilia are brought together with later pieces some of which became the inspirations for his novels mr loveday s little outing is a blackly comic tale of a mental asylum and its favourite resident cruise sees a hilarious series of letters from a naïve young woman as she travels with her family a house of gentlefolks observes a group of elderly eccentric aristocrats and their young heir and in the sympathetic passenger a radio loathing retiree picks up exactly the wrong hitchhiker these witty and immaculately crafted stories display the finest writing of a master of satire and comic twists

#### Selected Stories 2007

lsquo manto rsquo s irony and humanity raise him on par with gogol rsquo mdash anita desai in the spectator the most widely read and the most translated writer in urdu saadat hasan manto 1912 ndash 55 is also the most controversial he was tried for obscenity no less than six times both before and after the departure of the british from india in 1947 not always was he acquitted in a writing career spanning over two decades manto one of urdu rsquo s great stylists produced a powerful and original body of work including short stories a novel radio plays essays and film scripts this collection brings together some of manto rsquo s finest stories ranging from his chilling recounting of the horrors of partition to his portrayal of the underworld writing with great feeling and empathy about the fallen and the rejects of society manto the supreme humanist shows how the essential goodness of people does not die even in the face of unimaginable suffering powerful and deeply moving these stories remain as relevant today as they were when they were first published more than half a century ago khalid hasan rsquo s brilliant translation succeeds in capturing the intensity of manto rsquo s prose the author rsquo s sense of humour no less than his razor sharp vision nbsp

## The Gift Giving: Favourite Stories 2016-11-03

joan aiken s invention seemed inexhaustible her high spirits a blessing her sheer storytelling zest a phenomenon phillip pullman the gift giving is the perfect selection of stories to introduce readers to this precious and incredible author kiran milwood hargrave the voice that tells these stories is braver than us unflappable someone who knows the ways of the world and loves it anyway she is one of the writers i admire most in the world katherine rundell favourite stories like unexpected presents are things that you can keep and cherish all your life carry with you in memory in your minds ear and bring out at any time when you

are feeling lonely or need cheering up or like friends just because you are fond of them joan aiken is justly famous for her wolves of willoughby chase series but her greatest love was for short stories which she wrote prolifically throughout her long career from a princess turned into a pirate parrot to a procession of father christmases chased down fifth avenue by a rackety horse and cart from the ghost of a crusader s dog to a captured mermaid in a flying machine there is something for everybody in this enthralling collection these stories showcase aiken s unique talents the way she mixed magic and myth with humour to create a kind of modern fairytale her stories will appeal to readers of all ages for many years to come with beautiful illustrations by peter bailey

#### The Doll 2011-11-22

du maurier is in a class by herself new york times perhaps best known for her immortal gothic masterwork rebecca the basis for the academy award winning motion picture directed by alfred hitchcock daphne de maurier began her illustrious writing career penning short stories in the doll thirteen of du maurier s early shorter fictional works have been collected each story written before the author s twenty third birthday and some in print for the first time since the 1930s compelling tales of human foibles and tragic romance the stories in the doll represent the emergence of a remarkable literary talent who later went on to create jamaica inn the birds and other classic works this breathtaking collection of short fiction belongs on the bookshelf of every daphne du maurier fan

#### Modern Classic Short Novels Of Science Fiction 2014-10-28

the novella is in the words of gardner dozois a perfect length for a science fiction story long enough to enable you to flesh out the details of a strange alien world or a bizarre future society and yet still short enough for the story to pack a real punch the thirteen masterpieces assembled in modern classic short novels of science fiction travel to the farthest reaches of the imagination through realms of immortality along alternate paths of time and across vast galaxies to explore the best of all imaginable worlds

## The Devastating Boys and Other Stories 1985

someone like you is a short gripping story of life in wartime from roald dahl the master of the shocking tale in someone like you roald dahl one of the world's favourite authors tells of two wartime pilots arguing over the fickle hand of fate and the airman someone like you is taken from the short story collection over to you which includes nine other dramatic and terrifying tales of life as a wartime fighter pilot and is drawn from dahl sown experiences during the second world war this story is also available as a penguin digital audio download read by julian rhind tutt roald dahl the brilliant and worldwide acclaimed author of charlie and the chocolate factory james and the giant peach matilda and many more classics for children also wrote scores of short stories for adults these delightfully disturbing tales have often been filmed and were most recently the inspiration for the west end play roald dahl s twisted tales by jeremy dyson roald dahl s stories continue to make readers shiver today

## Someone Like You (A Roald Dahl Short Story) 2012-09-13

american master denis johnson s nationally bestselling collection of blistering and indelible tales about america s outcasts and wanderers denis johnson s now classic story collection jesus son chronicles a wild netherworld of addicts and lost souls a violent and disordered landscape that encompasses every extreme of american culture these are stories of transcendence and spiraling grief of hallucinations and glories of getting lost and found and lost again the insights and careening energy in jesus son have earned the book a place of its own among the classics of twentieth century american literature

#### Jesus' Son 2009-10-13

margins a shower of gold me and miss mandible for i m the boy will you tell me the balloon the president game alice robert kennedy saved from drowning report the dolt see the moon the indian uprising views of my father weeping paraguay on angels the phantom of the opera's friend city life kierkegaard unfair to schlegel the falling dog the policemen's ball the glass mountain critique de la vie quotidienne the sandman traumerei the rise of capitalism a city of churches daumier the party eugenei grandet nothing a preliminary account a manual for sons at the end of the mechanical age rebecca the captured woman i bought a little city the sergeant the school the great hug our work and why we do it the crisis cortes and montezuma the new music the zombies the king of jazz morning the death of edward lear the abduction from the seraglio on the steps of the conservatory the leap aria the emerald how i write my songs the farewell the emperor thailand heroes bishop grandmother's house

## Sixty Stories 1981

this is a graded reader for japanese literature there are 7 stories 4 by soseki and 3 by akutagawa representing 3 different reading levels in each case the story is presented in japanese and english with a running dictionary of terms used an audio version of the stories is available as mp3 files on the internet

## Breaking Into Japanese Literature 2003

the unforgettable tale of an orphan in victorian london based on the boy whose plight inspired dr barnardo to found his famous children s homes

## Street Child (HarperCollins Children's Modern Classics) 2013-02-14

this selection of short stories is drawn from elizabeth taylor s four volumes and also features two unpublished stories and three uncollected ones among the stories are summer schools flesh the devastating boys and the wrong order

## Dangerous Calm 1997

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oh the cruelty of time that destroys all things beguiling strange and hair raising tales from early 20th century japan nagai s behind the prison uno s closet Ilband akutagawa s deeply macabre general kim

## Three Japanese Short Stories 2018-02

a small town girl who dreams of greater things trying to get away from a place that wants to hold her back a series of stories exploring the pursuit of ambition and the fear and shame of potential failure in this award winning collection from the acclaimed alice munro we follow rose and her stepmother flo residents of the poorer side of hanratty rose is determined to get away to pursue her ambitions but as she moves through her life from university in vancouver to a crumbling marriage to a career as an actress and interviewer she is constantly plagued by the question that has haunted her since the beginning who do you think you are

#### Who Do You Think You Are? 2021-03-02

shortlisted for waterstones book of the year the penguin classics book is a reader s companion to the largest library of classic literature in the world spanning 4 000 years from the legends of ancient mesopotamia to the poetry of the first world war with greek tragedies icelandic sagas japanese epics and much more in between it encompasses 500 authors and 1 200 books bringing these to life with lively descriptions literary connections and beautiful cover designs

#### The Penguin Classics Book 2019-02-21

the ever popular novelist and story teller robert graves wrote fascinating and durable stories here collected in a single volume by the poet s daughter lucia graves

## Complete Short Stories 2008-06-05

a collection of the author's best stories chosen by herself this charming book will delight and enthrall readers tales of the king's daughter who cries for the moon the girl who saves her village from destruction by kissing a peach tree the six princesses who live for the sake of theirlong hair and many many more eleanor farjeon is the recipient of many awards for her work including the carnegie medal and the hans christian andersen award exquisite illustrations throughout by edward ardizzone

#### The Little Bookroom 2004

if we set h e bates s best tales against the best of chekhov s graham greene declared i do not believe it would be possible with any conviction to argue that the russian was the finer artist the sampler of h e bates stories presented here shows the merit of that praise and displays the range and aspects of bates s work from his first published story the flame to one of his very last the song of the wren in his long and prolific literary career bates 1905 1974 produced twenty five novels a three volume autobiography nine books of essays several plays and children s books as well as his important and perhaps most enduring achievement twenty three collections of short stories a month by the lake other stories displays bates s extraordinary talent for concisely getting at the heart of the matter whether he is dealing with romance in middle age the

title story or the almost painful clarity of a child s world the cowslip field or encapsulating the disintegration and tragedy of a man and a house and the era and class they represent the flag bates s compassion for humanity remains constant as anthony burgess remarks in his introduction bates achieved such sovereignty of what literary land he inherited that he deserves the homage of our uncomplicated enjoyment bates s affection for ordinary people is one of his shining virtues but he himself as i knew and as this compilation should make clear was is far from ordinary book jacket

## A Month by the Lake & Other Stories 1987

set in europe in the aftermath of the second world war the nine stories in this glittering collection reflect on the foibles and dilemmas of human relationships an english family goes to the south of france for the sake of the father s health and to get away from an england of rationing and poverty a displaced person turned french soldier in algeria now makes a living as an actor in paris a group of selfish english expatriates on the italian riviera are incredulous that mussolini and the germans may affect their lives a great writer s quiet widow blossoms in widowhood to the surprise and alarm of her children who send a ten year old grandson to switzerland to keep her company one christmas full of wry humour and penetrating insights this is mavis gallant at her most unforgettable

#### From the Fifteenth District 2018-08-07

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there is so much to love and admire in these stories their understanding of heartbreak their attention to affection and love across many divides kamila shamsie listen to me child you will be a woman soon and must behave well and with modesty the kazi will ask you three times whether you will marry kalloo mian now don t you be shameless like these modern girls and shout gleefully yes be modest and cry softly and say hoon a marriage is arranged between a little servant girl and a middle aged cook with an opium habit an idealistic political worker faces disillusionment a man returns from years studying in england to a wife he scarcely knows a conventional bride has her first encounter with her husband's emancipated friends telling of the lives of servants and children of conflict between the old traditions and new ways and exploring the human repercussions of the muslim hindu divide these twelve stories present a moving and vivid picture of life in india in the mid twentieth century to each episode attia hosain brings a superb imaginative understanding and a sense of the poignancy of the smallest of human dramas attia hosain published only two books but her writing has influenced generations of writers discover sunlight on a broken column hosain s acclaimed only novel a coming of age story set against the turbulent background of partition also published in virago modern classics

#### Phoenix Fled 2021-08-19

celebrates fantasy s heyday with short fiction ranging from 1940s stories by 1 sprague de camp and fritz leiber to contemporary tales by peter s beagle and judith tarr

#### The Collected Stories of Katherine Mansfield 1981

the greatest english comic novelist of the twentieth century produced a considerable body of shorter fiction characteristically brilliant and with savage wit

## Modern Classics of Fantasy 1997

lives of girls and women is the intensely readable touching and very funny story of del jordan a young woman who journeys from the carelessness of childhood through an uneasy adolescence in search of love and sexual experience as del dreams of becoming famous suffers embarrassment about her mother endures the humiliation of her body s insistent desires and tries desperately to fall in love she grapples with the crises that mark the passage to womanhood

## The Complete Short Stories and Selected Drawings 1998

in this collection of symbolic short stories the author delves into the experience of women the bonds which exist between them and the nature of their relationships with men

Penguin Modern Classics Lives of Girls and Women 2014-08-19

The Persimmon Tree and Other Stories 1986

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