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The World Without Us Alan Weisman 2008-08-05 A study of what would happen to Earth if the human presence was removed examines our legacy for the planet, from the objects that would vanish without human intervention to those that would become long-lasting remnants of humankind.

Raisin Wine James K. Bartleman 2008-02-26 A warm, at times hilarious, yet dark childhood memoir from a bestselling author. This memoir recalls the boyhood years of Ontario's future lieutenant-governor, living in a dilapidated old house complete with outdoor toilet and coal oil-lamp lighting. Behind the outrageous stories, larger-than-life characters, and descriptions of the mores of a small village in the heart of Ontario's cottage country are flashes of insight from the perspective of a child that recall the great classic *Who Has Seen the Wind* by W.O. Mitchell. But why "a different Muskoka?" Because the boy was a half-breed kid. Visits to his mother's reserve showed him that he was caught between two worlds. His mother's fight with depression flowed from that dilemma. His father — the book's main character — was a lovable, white, working class, happy-go-lucky guy who never had any money but who made the best home brew in the village — and his speciality was raisin wine. Like that raisin wine, this unusual book goes down easily and has a kick to it.

The Studhorse Man Robert Kroetsch 2004-04-28 Hazard Lepage, the last of the studhorse men, sets out to breed his rare blue stallion, Poseidon. A lusty trickster and a wayward knight, Hazard's outrageous adventures are narrated by Demeter Proudfoot, his secret rival, who writes this story while sitting naked in an empty bathtub. In his quest to save his stallion's bloodline from extinction, Hazard leaves a trail of anarchy and confusion. Everything he touches erupts into chaos necessitating frequent convalescences in the arms of a few good women-excepting those of Martha, his long-suffering intended. Told with the ribald zeal of a Prairie beer parlor tall tale and the mythic magnitude of a Greek odyssey, *The Studhorse Man* is Robert Kroetsch's celebration of unbridled character set against the backdrop of a rough-and-ready Alberta emerging after the war. Winner of the Governor General's Award for Fiction.

W.O. Barbara Mitchell 1999 A biography of Canada's best-loved writer and storyteller, from his childhood in Saskatchewan to the publication of his first great literary success, *Who Has Seen the Wind*. *The Clockmaker*. Or *The Savings and Doings of Samuel Slick of Slickville*. Thomas Chandler Haliburton 1838 Comprises Slick's Letter and thirty-three stories.

W.O. Mitchell Country Courtney Milne 1999 When W.O. Mitchell died in February 1998, Canadians all across the country mourned the death of a much-loved writer. But it was in the West that his loss was felt most keenly. For he was one of them, a Westerner, a man who had grown up in Weyburn, gone to University in Winnipeg and then spent most of his life in High River and in Calgary. His writing - in "*Who Has Seen The Wind*, *Jake* and the *Kid*, *The Vanishing Point*, *How I Spent My Summer Holidays*, and many other books - brought their part of the world alive on the page, so that millions of readers seemed to breathe fresh Western air as they turned the pages of his works. His family - represented by his son Orm and daughter-in-law Barbara - were pleased by the idea of an illustrated book that would show W.O. Mitchell country, provided that it included prairie and foothills and mountains. This book carefully gives full weight to both parts of what we affectionately call W.O. Mitchell country. And from the outset the Mitchells knew that the excerpts of W.O.'s landscape writing that they would select deserved to be matched by superb photographs produced by an artist of equal skill and sensitivity. Enter Courtney Milne, the justly famed photographer of landscapes around the world but especially of his beloved prairies. Prairie boy and long-time admirer of W.O.'s work, he jumped at the chance to produce this book. With the help of the Mitchell family he tracked down sites that W.O. had known and written about. In addition he combed through his vast treasure store of photographs, to try to find the single image that perfectly matched a chosen piece of W.O.'s prose. In the end, from over 18,000 photographs - over 18,000! - he and the group assembling this book chose the best 200, none of them published before. The result is a magical blend of text and pictures that is greater than the sum of its parts. This classic volume sets a new standard for illuminating a writer's words and bringing alive "the poetry of earth and sky." Open the book. Read it. You will see.

Dust Arthur Slade 2003 The children were disappearing. And the worst thing about it? No one noticed A rainmaker brings rain to a drought-stricken town. The stranger amazes the townspeople with magic mirrors and bewitches the children with his beautiful butterfly. First, one child vanishes. Then another. And another. Only one young man sees through the lies and decides to act. You'll love this dark, mysterious young adult novel. Winner of the Governor General's Award. Get it now.

As for Me and My House Sinclair Ross 2018-01-09 *As For Me and My House* is an essential Canadian work—a precise and compelling portrait of our culture, our psyche, and the nature of contemporary art itself, now available as a Penguin Modern Classic. In the windswept town of Horizon, an unnamed diarist paints a vivid and enthralling picture of prairie life in the Depression era. Atmospheric, intimate, and richly observed, *As For Me and My House* is a moving meditation on the bittersweet nature of human relationships, on the bonds that tie people together and the undercurrents of feeling that can tear them apart. It is one of Canada's great novels and a landmark in modern fiction.

Who Has Seen the Wind W.O. Mitchell 1919-06-25 Hailed as a great Canadian classic on boyhood, *Who Has Seen the Wind* evokes the sheer immensity of the prairie landscape, from the relentless wind to the far reaches of the bright blue sky. Like children everywhere, Brian O'Connell is a curious sort, and with enchanting naïveté he bestows his unforgettable perspective on everything from gophers to God, from his feisty Irish grandmother to his friends Ben and Saint Sammy, the town of Arcola's local madman. This is no simple, forgettable novel: Mitchell gives readers a memorable glimpse into the ins and outs of small-town life during the Depression years, always through Brian's eyes, and in doing so creates a poignant and powerful portrait of childhood innocence and its loss.

Who Has Seen the Wind William Ormond Mitchell 2001 The story of young Brian, who learns about life and death, freedom and justice, as he comes of age in the Canadian prairies.

According to *Jake* and the *Kid* W.O. Mitchell 1994-07-30 Set in the forties and fifties, these stories take us back to a simpler, gentler world, the one we all like to think we grew up in. In *The Kid* at the centre of the stories is a boy on a Saskatchewan farm "down Government Road from Crocus, which is on the CNR line between Tiger Lily and Conception." Jake is the hired hand who helps the Kid's mother run the farm (and who played a huge role in Canadian history, what with capturing "Loie Riel" and all), and who now keeps the Kid abreast of events in the greater world and in Crocus. This is no easy matter, for the stories reveal that Crocus is a town in constant ferment. The Kid's teacher, Miss Henchbaw, is unfairly dismissed by the school board until her friends fight back in "Will of the People"; Chet Lambert of the Crocus Breeze is hauled into court for comparing George Solway with Malleable Brown's goat in "The Face Is Familiar," resulting in a courtroom confrontation unrivaled in the history of Canadian jurisprudence; and "Political Dynamite" shows the men terrified by women curlers threatening to vote en bloc in the upcoming town election to gain equal curling time. The town, of course, is rich not only in disputes but characters, from Repeat Golightly in the barbershop ("One ahead of you, Jake. I say there's one ahead of you") to Old Man Sherry, the town's Oldest Inhabitant, who wavers between tributes to Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. Then there's Old Man Gatenby, brought from death's door by prolonged exposure to romantic purple prose in "Love's Wild Magic." Adding to this rich mixture are the entertainers who come through town: Belva Taskay, the sweet songstress ("Lo! The Noble Redskin") and her memorable poetry reading; The Great Doctor Suhzee, the hypnotist; and Professor Noble Winesinger, whose snake-oil remedies have been known to turn his customers black. There are also stories of prejudice against Indians, or against "foreigners" named Kiziv, that in the end remind us of the core of decency at the heart of this collection. Whether the stories are told by Jake or by the Kid, they always speak to our hearts, and provide us with W.O. Mitchell's usual magical mixture of tears and laughter.

The Company We Keep Frances Itani 2020-08-18 On Tuesday nights in the backyard of Cassie's café, six strangers seek solace and find themselves part of a "Company of Good Cheer" Hazzley is at loose ends, even three years after the death of her husband. When her longtime friend Cassandra, café owner and occasional dance-class partner, suggests that she start up a conversation group, Hazzley posts a notice on the community board at the local grocery store. Four people turn up for the first meeting: Gwen, a recently widowed retiree in her early sixties, who finds herself pet-sitting a cantankerous parrot; Chiyo, a forty-year-old fitness instructor who cared for her unyielding but gossip-loving mother through the final days of her life; Addie, a woman pre-emptively grieving a close friend who is seriously ill; and Tom, an antiques dealer and amateur poet who, deprived of home baking since becoming a widower, comes to the first meeting hoping cake will be served. Before long, they are joined by Allam, a Syrian refugee with his own story to tell. These six strangers are learning that beginnings can be possible at any stage of life. But as they tell their stories, they must navigate what is shared and what is withheld. Which version of the truth will be revealed? Who is prepared to step up when help is needed? This moving, funny and deeply empathic new novel from acclaimed author Frances Itani reminds us that life, with all its twists and turns, never loses its capacity to surprise.

Sexual Underworlds of the Enlightenment George Sebastian Rousseau 1987 De onderkant van Verlichting en tolerantie: (homo)sexualiteit, pornografie e.d. (o.a. over Fanny Hill) in de sociaal-politieke context van de Britse 18e eeuw. - De relevante artikelen zijn afzonderlijk ontsloten.

Black Apple Joan Crate 2017-05-30 Sinopaki lives with her Blackfoot family in the bush far from civilization until she is delivered to St. Mark's Residential School For Girls by government decree. There, she finds herself in an alien universe.

Let's Forefoot Da Sonovabitch Brian Nagel 2013-06-28

The Vanishing Point W. O. Mitchell 2001-01-01 W. O. Mitchell worked for many years on this book, polishing what was to be his big, serious, and very controversial novel about white-native relations. The book is set in the Paradise Reserve in the Alberta foothills – but the Reserve is far from perfect. Carlyle Sinclair, a widower who comes to teach in the one-room schoolhouse, is full of optimism, but he is frustrated in and out of the classroom by the passivity of the people he is determined to help. When Victoria, his prize pupil, goes missing in the backstreets of the city, he goes in search of her, and of the truth about his own life.

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz Mordecai Richler 1974

The Invention of Wings Sue Monk Kidd 2014-01-07 The newest Oprah's Book Club 2.0 selection: this special eBook edition of *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd features exclusive content, including Oprah's personal notes highlighted within the text, and a reading group guide. Writing at the height of her narrative and imaginative gifts, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world. Hetty "Handful" Grimké, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimké household. The Grimké's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love. As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women's rights movements. Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimké, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unwavering eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved. Please note there is another digital edition available without Oprah's notes. Go to Oprah.com/bookclub for more OBC 2.0 content

Mapmaker Barbara Mitchell 2017 A story of exploration, family ties, and how the territorial interests of a large corporation enabled scientific study of the natural world, Mapmaker is the first biography of Philip Turnor, the surveyor who traversed and mapped vast areas of northern Canada.

Roses Are Difficult Here W. O. Mitchell 1991-10

The Diviners Margaret Laurence 2008-11-19 The culmination and completion of Margaret Laurence's celebrated Manawaka cycle, *The Diviners* is an epic novel. This is the powerful story of an independent woman who refuses to abandon her search for love. For Morag Gunn, growing up in a small Canadian prairie town is a toughening process – putting distance between herself and a world that wanted no part of her. But in time, the aloneness that had once been forced upon her becomes a precious right – relinquished only in her overwhelming need for love. Again and again, Morag is forced to test her strength against the world – and finally achieves the life she had determined would be hers. The *Diviners* has been acclaimed by many critics as the outstanding achievement of Margaret Laurence's writing career. In Morag Gunn, Laurence has created a figure whose experience emerges as that of all dispossessed people in search of their birthright, and one who survives as an inspirational symbol of courage and endurance. The *Diviners* received the Governor General's Award for Fiction for 1974.

Jewish Life in Canada William Kurelek 1976

The Keystone Legacy Gwen Hooks 1997

Owls in the Family Farley Mowat 2009-01-13 Every child needs to have a pet. No one could argue with that. But what happens when your pet is an owl, and your owl is terrorizing the neighbourhood? In Farley Mowat's exciting children's story, a young boy's pet menagerie – which includes crows, magpies, gophers and a dog – grows out of control with the addition of two cantankerous pet owls. The story of how Wol and Weeps turn the whole town upside down is warm, funny, and bursting with adventure and suspense.

Jake and the Kid W. O. Mitchell 2008 When Ma, the Kid, her twelve year old son, and Jake, the hired man, first appeared on the pages of Maclean's and shortly after on CBC Radio, the lively boy and his cranky hero found their way into the hearts of thousands of readers. Now, in this new edition of *Jake and the Kid*, Crocus, a prairie town in the forties and fifties, comes alive once again. In these lovingly rendered stories, we encounter the glorious minutia of small town life on the Canadian prairie. Jake and the Kid are surrounded by an entire community of richly eccentric characters: old Sam Gatenby, a rival to Jake and just as cantankerous; Miss Henchbaw, the stern and proper Rabbit Hill schoolteacher; and Mayor MacTaggart, the owner of the town's General Store. In all, W.O. Mitchell created about eighty characters to populate the town, including Daddy Johnson, the oldest man in Canada; Repeat Golightly, the philosophizing barber; and Professor Noble Winesinger, a conman with a heart. Touching and laugh-out-loud funny in equal measure, this classic Canadian story collection epitomizes the magic of W.O. Mitchell's storytelling. Pitting tall tale against reality, Mitchell delivers a realm resplendent with a vibrant setting, a compelling cast of characters, and everyday events that speak directly to what it means to be human.

The Imperialist Sara Jeannette Duncan 2005-06-15 Set in the fictional Ontario town of Elgin at the beginning of the twentieth century, this 1904 novel was in its own time addressed largely to British readers. It has since become a Canadian classic, beloved for its ironic and dryly humorous portrait of small-town life. But *The Imperialist* is also a fascinating representation of race, gender, and nationalism in Britain's "settler colonies." This Broadview edition provides a wealth of contextual material invaluable to understanding the novel's historical context, and particularly the debate, central to the story, over Edwardian Canada's role in the British Empire. This edition includes a critical introduction and, in the appendices, excerpts from Sara Jeannette Duncan's journalism and autobiographical sketches (including an essay on "North American Indians"), speeches by Canadian and British politicians, political cartoons, and recipes for the dishes served at the novel's social gatherings. Contemporary reviews of the novel from British, Canadian, and American periodicals are also included.

Cloud Atlas David Mitchell 2010-07-16 By the New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Clocks* | Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize A postmodern visionary and one of the leading voices in twenty-first-century fiction, David Mitchell combines flat-out adventure, a Nabokovian love of puzzles, a keen eye for character, and a taste for mind-bending, philosophical and scientific speculation in the tradition of Umberto Eco, Haruki Murakami, and

Philip K. Dick. The result is brilliantly original fiction as profound as it is playful. In this groundbreaking novel, an influential favorite among a new generation of writers, Mitchell explores with daring artistry fundamental questions of reality and identity. *Cloud Atlas* begins in 1850 with Adam Ewing, an American notary voyaging from the Chatham Isles to his home in California. Along the way, Ewing is befriended by a physician, Dr. Goose, who begins to treat him for a rare species of brain parasite. . . . Abruptly, the action jumps to Belgium in 1931, where Robert Frobisher, a disinherited bisexual composer, contrives his way into the household of an infirm maestro who has a beguiling wife and a noble daughter. . . . From there we jump to the West Coast in the 1970s and a troubled reporter named Luisa Rey, who stumbles upon a web of corporate greed and murder that threatens to claim her life. . . . And onward, with dazzling virtuosity, to an inglorious present-day England; to a Korean superstate of the near future where neocapitalism has run amok; and, finally, to a postapocalyptic Iron Age Hawaii in the last days of history. But the story doesn't end even there. The narrative then boomerangs back through centuries and space, returning by the same route, in reverse, to its starting point. Along the way, Mitchell reveals how his disparate characters connect, how their fates intertwine, and how their souls drift across time like clouds across the sky. As wild as a videogame, as mysterious as a Zen koan, *Cloud Atlas* is an unforgettable tour de force that, like its incomparable author, has transcended its cult classic status to become a worldwide phenomenon. Praise for *Cloud Atlas* "[David] Mitchell is, clearly, a genius. He writes as though at the helm of some perpetual dream machine, can evidently do anything, and his ambition is written in magma across this novel's every page."—*The New York Times Book Review* "One of those how-the-holy-hell-did-he-do-it? modern classics that no doubt is—and should be—read by any student of contemporary literature."—*Dave Eggers* "Wildly entertaining . . . a head rush, both action-packed and chillingly ruminative."—*People* "The novel as series of nested dolls or Chinese boxes, a puzzle-book, and yet—not just dazzling, amusing, or clever but heartbreaking and passionate, too. I've never read anything quite like it, and I'm grateful to have lived, for a while, in all its many worlds."—*Michael Chabon* "*Cloud Atlas* ought to make [Mitchell] famous on both sides of the Atlantic as a writer whose fearlessness is matched by his talent."—*The Washington Post Book World* "Thrilling . . . One of the biggest joys in *Cloud Atlas* is watching Mitchell sashay from genre to genre without a hitch in his dance step."—*Boston Sunday Globe* "Grand and elaborate . . . [Mitchell] creates a world and language at once foreign and strange, yet strikingly familiar and intimate."—*Los Angeles Times* *Wolf Willow* Wallace Stegner 2000-12-01 Wallace Stegner weaves together fiction and nonfiction, history and impressions, childhood remembrance and adult reflections in this unusual portrait of his boyhood. Set in Cypress Hills in southern Saskatchewan, where Stegner's family homesteaded from 1914 to 1920, *Wolf Willow* brings to life both the pioneer community and the magnificent landscape that surrounds it. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators. *How I Spent My Summer Holidays* W.O. Mitchell 2018-09-25 When *How I Spent My Summer Holidays* was first published in 1981 a Western reviewer wrote: "If *Who Has Seen the Wind* told the story of a young boy's coming to terms with death, *How I Spent My Summer Holidays* tells of a young man's attempt to come to terms with his own sexuality and that of the world around him." The twelve-year-old young man is Hugh, and in small-town Saskatchewan it is the hot summer of 1924. When Hugh and his friends dig a secret cave out on the Prairie, they soon find it occupied by an escaped patient from the mental hospital. Defying the adult world, the boys become involved with a former war hero and current rum-runner, King Motherwell, in sheltering and feeding the runaway. When passions aroused by sex explode into murder, Hugh leaves his boyhood behind him for ever. *Deafening* Frances Itani 2007-12-01 "A gorgeously moving, old-fashioned novel" about a woman's life, loves, and self-discovery on the eve of the Great War (O, *The Oprah Magazine*). At the age of five, Grania O'Neill the daughter of hardworking Irish hoteliers in small town Ontario, emerges from a bout of scarlet fever profoundly deaf, and suddenly sealed off from the world that was just beginning to open for her. While her guilt-plagued mother cannot accept it, Grania finds beloved allies in both her grandmother and her older sister, Tress. It isn't until she's enrolled in the Ontario School for the Deaf in Bellville, that Grania really begins to thrive. In time, it's also where she falls for Jim Lloyd, a hearing man with whom Grania creates a new emotional vocabulary that encompasses both sound and silence. But just two weeks after their wedding, Jim leaves to serve as a stretcher bearer on the blood-soaked battlefields of Flanders. During this long war of attrition, Jim and Grania's letters back and forth—both real and imagined—attempt to sustain their young love in a world as brutal as it is hopeful. A "brilliantly lucid and masterfully sustained" ode to language—how it can console, imprison, and liberate—Francis Itani's award-winning, international bestselling debut novel "has the integrity of an achieved artistic vision, the kind of power that is generally associated with the gracious, crystalline prose of Grace Paley, the flagrantly good, good lines of Robert Lowell and W. H. Auden's poetry" (Kaye Gibbons, author of *A Virtuous Woman*). *Who Has Seen the Wind?* Kathryn Sky-Peck 1991 Comprises a collection of forty-five well-known poems illustrated with thirty-five famous paintings. *The World Book Encyclopedia* 2002 An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students. *The Man from Glengarry* Ralph Connor 1901 *Scarlett* Alexandra Ripley 2011-11-24 THE PHENOMENAL #1 BESTSELLING SEQUEL TO MARGARET MITCHELL'S GONE WITH THE WIND "Alexandra Ripley is true to Scarlett's spirit and to Rhett's. Her sense of Mitchell's style is right on target." - *Chicago Tribune* The timeless tale continues... The most popular and beloved American historical novel ever written, *Gone With the Wind* is unparalleled in its portrayal of men and women at once larger than life but as real as ourselves. Now Alexandra Ripley brings us back to Tara and reintroduces us to the characters we remember so well: Rhett, Ashley, Mammy, Suellen, Aunt Pittypat, and, of course, Scarlett. As the classic story, first told over half a century ago, moves forward, the greatest love affair in all fiction is reignited; amidst heartbreak and joy, the endless, consuming passion between Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler reaches its startling culmination. Rich with surprises at every turn and new emotional, breathtaking adventures, *Scarlett* satisfies our longing to reenter the world of *Gone With the Wind*. Like its predecessor, *Scarlett* will find an eternal place in our hearts. #1 *New York Times* bestseller #1 *Chicago Tribune* bestseller #1 *Los Angeles Times* bestseller #1 *Publishers Weekly* bestseller #1 *Washington Post* bestseller *The Glory Wind* Valerie Sherrard 2010 *Gracie* and *Luke* immediately become friends when *Gracie* moves to a small town in Canada, but secrets about her mother's past threaten their friendship. *Why Shoot the Teacher* Max Braithwaite 2011-09-14 Set in the Saskatchewan prairies during the Depression, *Why Shoot the Teacher* is the Canadian classic that tells the story of a young man's first collision with reality; an ill-paid teaching assignment in an isolated country school. This autobiographical novel is riotous, grim, candid, and infinitely entertaining. While it is perhaps Braithwaite's best-loved book, it is also a vivid evocation of the Dust Bowl desolation wrought by the "Dirty Thirties" on the Saskatchewan Prairies, the ordeal of youth among a people bereft of pity and charity, and the human compassion that adds warmth and poignancy to an unforgettable story. *Necking with Louise* Rick Book 2001-10-09 *Since forever*, Anna-Maria has been one of Eric's closest friends. But on the night of the Halloween dance, Eric finds out how far beyond friendship they've traveled... For his star player, the biggest hockey game in the town's history means more than just winning a championship... The river has always meant good times for Eric. But this year, its swift currents seem to bring nothing but tragedy... Through several deeply affecting and unexpected experiences, Eric discovers that he has the freedom to choose his own course. But life out on the prairie West doesn't make those choices easy. *Since Daisy Creek* W. O. Mitchell 2001-01-01 Colin Dobbs, a salty-tongued professor, is recovering in a hospital bed. In a review of his past, we learn about the grizzly hunt that went wrong – and how his life has changed since the incident at Daisy Creek. But the really central issues of his life emerge as Dobbs is prodded back to health by his estranged daughter. Gradually, as he learns to face the world – and his students – again, we come to see the deep disappointments that led him on his strange quest up Daisy Creek, where Archie Nicotine saved his life. *The Kite* William Osmond Mitchell 1962 *Pigeon English* Stephen Kelman 2012-01-05 Newly arrived from Ghana with his mother and older sister, eleven-year-old Harrison Opoku lives on the ninth floor of a block of flats on a London housing estate. The second best runner in the whole of Year 7, Harri races through his new life in his personalised trainers – the Adidas stripes drawn on with marker pen – blissfully unaware of the very real threat all around him. With equal fascination for the local gang – the Dell Farm Crew – and the pigeon who visits his balcony, Harri absorbs the many strange elements of his new life in England: watching, listening, and learning the tricks of inner-city survival. But when a boy is knifed to death on the high street and a police appeal for witnesses draws only silence, Harri decides to start a murder investigation of his own. In doing so, he unwittingly endangers the fragile web his mother has spun around her family to try and keep them safe. A story of innocence and experience, hope and harsh reality, *Pigeon English* is a spellbinding portrayal of a boy balancing on the edge of manhood and of the forces around him that try to shape the way he falls.

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