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Literary Fiction

THE CAVE MAN
by Xiaoda Xiao

December 2009
Two Dollar Radio (U.S. & Canada)
Editor: Eric Obenauf
200 pages
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The novel begins when Ja Feng, imprisoned on fictional charges of counterrevolutionary activity, is released after nine months of solitary confinement. The reasons for his release are as obscure as those for his arrest, but the effects of his confinement – spent in an earthen cave so small that he could neither stand nor extend his limbs – are lasting. Ja Feng strives to return to a normal life, but is unable to make lasting emotional attachments; his quest for love, and employment, takes him from Shanghai to Mongolia, but he can find comfort nowhere but in cramped spaces and solitude. The fable of the mythical Monkey King (whose imprisonment made him invincible) offers encouragement, but ultimately cannot prevent Ja Feng traveling the tragic path from punishment to crime. Xiaoda Xiao spent several years in prison in China in the 1970s: punishment for accidentally tearing a picture of Chairman Mao. This first novel based on the author's own experience is a voice raised against oppression, and it has received wide review attention. **First serial rights to *Bookforum*. Two Dollar Radio will publish a follow-up collection of stories, *THE VISITING SUIT*, in December 2010.**

THE BACKSLIDER
by Seán McGrady

ms now available
Dzanc Books (World English)
Editor: Steve Gillis
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The setting for this debut novel is Belfast in the 1970s. In a city in which any storefront might unexpectedly explode, Marius Moonston, age 13, is out shopping. It's Saturday, and the streets are filled with danger and excitement - especially for Marius, whose pocket is burning with the money he has pilfered from his sister. Marius has a mission (he knows just what he wants to spend that money on), and a conscience steeped in the dichotomies of the Evangelical church. Ricocheting through the story is the nature of deceit and truth, commerce, disobedience and sin. The consequences of a petty crime are enormous - cathartic and destructive and defining. Seán McGrady was raised in Belfast, immersed in the religious and political ideas that defined the Irish Troubles. A former university lecturer in philosophy, he lives in York, England. Dzanc Books, a small press focusing on new voices in literary fiction, has been called "the future of publishing".

Historical Fiction

KING, SHIP & SWORD: an Alan Lewrie Naval Adventure
by Dewey Lambdin

March 2010
Thomas Dunne (U.S. & Canada)
Editor: John Parsley
368 pages

Option publishers: Bibliopolis (Spain),
Ullstein (Germany)

Charming scoundrel and intrepid sailor Alan Lewrie is back on the high seas in the 16th installment of Lambdin's popular naval adventure series. The brief peace between England and France in 1801 has allowed Captain Lewrie and his wife to travel to Paris for a romantic reconciliation that is rudely interrupted when a botched audience with Napoleon Bonaparte sets assassins on Lewrie's trail. The assassins kill someone close to Lewrie, and he vows bloody revenge. When war resumes, he is given another chance to go to sea and raise arms against the villainous French. The harrowing nautical adventures that follow take Lewrie and his crew from France to Louisiana and put Lewrie's seamanship and quick thinking to the test. *Publishers Weekly* calls the Lewrie series "Excellent amusement – Georgette Heyer for the gents." Bernard Cornwell says, "Stunning naval adventure, reeking of powder and mayhem: I wish I had written this series."

Mystery & Suspense

SHADOW OF THE WOLF TREE
by Joseph Heywood

May 2010
Lyons Press (World English)
Editor: Keith Wallman
352 pages
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In the seventh, action-packed Woods Cop mystery, grizzled Detective Grady Service of the DNR (Department of National Resources) has his work cut out for him. Crime and death lurk behind every tree in Michigan's Upper Peninsula wilderness, where the discovery of skeletal remains sheds troubling light on an eighty-year-old unsolved case involving racism, gold, and murder. "As unique and rugged as Michigan's Upper Peninsula ... Heywood's best yet!" – Steve Hamilton, author of the Alex McNight series. *Publishers Weekly* says, "When the action takes over, Heywood is incomparable." *Library Journal* says Heywood "... [puts] the thrill back in thriller".

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES:
The Stalwart Companions
by H. Paul Jeffers

March 2010
Titan Books (World English)
192 pages
240 pages
All rights available

In the Titan Books series "The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes", Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's timeless creation returns in a new series of detective stories. In this story, written by future President Theodore Roosevelt long before The Great Detective's first encounter with Dr Watson, Holmes visits America to solve a most violent and despicable crime.

THE DOUBLE-JACK MURDERS
by Patrick F. McManus

October 2009
Simon & Schuster (World English)
Editor: Amanda Murray
240 pages
All rights available

The third novel in the bestselling "Bo Tully" mystery series involves an escaped killer with justice on his mind and Sheriff Bo Tully in his sights. Bo isn't going to let a little thing like a bloodthirsty maniac get in his way – he's going camping. As usual, the Sheriff's unique method of detection and law enforcement involves a combination of rugged outdoor skills, and sharp wits. *People* magazine says McManus has "a style that brings to mind Mark Twain and Garrison Keillor". *The New York Times* says, "Everyone should read Patrick McManus."

Reissued Classics

FIGHTING ANGEL and THE EXILE
by Pearl S. Buck

October 2009
Eastbridge (World English)

Rights sold: German (Piper), Korean (Keelsan)

Pearl S. Buck's masterful, novelistic biographies of her father and mother are once again in print. Readers of Hilary Spurling's upcoming biography of Pearl Buck, or Anchee Min's fictional account of Buck's childhood, PEARL OF CHINA, or indeed Buck's own Pulitzer and Nobel-winning novels of China, will

appreciate these portraits – of Pearl Buck’s father, a missionary in China, and her mother, who wedded Absalom Sydenstricker in an arranged marriage – and the light they shed on the author and her world.

ELKHORN TAVERN
by Douglas C. Jones

October 2010
NAL (World English)
All rights available

When Martin Hausford marched off to fight in the War Between the States, he left his wife and children to care for their small Arkansas farm. Awaiting her husband's return, Ora and her children face deprivation, theft, and two invading armies that bring the war to their very doorstep. This fictional account of the Civil War’s historic Battle of Elkhorn Tavern (where the Union army defeated a Confederate force that far outnumbered them) is the first in a four-book series of reissues from Douglas Jones (1924-1998), an award-winning author of Westerns and vivid historical fiction.

ROSEMARY’S BABY and SON OF ROSEMARY
by Ira Levin

April 2010
Pegasus Books (U.S. & Canada)
Editor: Claiborne Hancock
Rights sold: French (Laffont), Italian (Neri Pozza)
Brazil (Ediouro), Russian (Exmo), Latvian (Zvaigne)
Korean (Goldenbough)

In Ira Levin’s chilling world, terror is as near as your new neighbors, and evil wears the most innocent face of all. The 1967 classic ROSEMARY’S BABY was one of the first contemporary horror novels to become a national bestseller, and was quickly transformed into an Academy Award-winning film. The terrifying sequel, SON OF ROSEMARY, reunites mother and son in a battle of good versus evil that will decide the fate of the world. These are the first two titles in a reissue program at Pegasus Books that will include all of Ira Levin’s classic novels of horror and suspense.

MOONSTRUCK MADNESS
by Laurie McBain

October 2010
Sourcebooks (World English)
Editor: Deb Werksman
Option publishers: Toymania (Russian), Goldmann (German)
Bladkompaniet (Norwegian)

This is one of three reissues by bestseller Laurie McBain in the Sourcebooks program of classic historical romances. McBain is author of the ‘Dominick’ series and several stand-alone romance novels.

Other recent translation sales for fiction ...

- **THE SHAPE OF ILLUSION** by **William E. Barrett** – Polish (Fronda)
A twentieth-century artist travels to Germany to piece together the story of a powerful religious painting that has been hidden for years.
- **LEOPARDS KILL** by **Jim DeFelice** – Italian (Mondadori Segretissimi)
An ex-Special Forces soldier sets out to find and rescue his friend, who has disappeared on a shadowy assignment to Afghanistan carrying two million dollars of government money.
- **“Bookman” mysteries** by **John Dunning** – Japanese (Hayakawa); Korean (Woonjin Think Big); Brazil (Cia. das Letras); Czech (Olympia); French (Calmann-Lévy)
The bestselling series starring Cliff Janeway, tough former homicide cop turned antiquarian bookseller.
- **THE LABOR DAY MURDER** by **Lee Harris** – Czech (Motto)
From the “Christine Bennett” series. Former nun turned sleuth Christine Bennett heads to Fire Island with her family, but their vacation is interrupted by the murder of the fire chief.
- **THE BERKUT** by **Joseph Heywood** – Serbian (Obradovic)
In the closing days of WWII, following the fall of Berlin, an SS Colonel arrives in Germany to fake Adolf Hitler’s death and smuggle him to safety, but a team of Soviet investigators will stop at nothing to track him down.
- **A KING’S COMMANDER** and **HMS COCKEREL** by **Dewey Lambdin** – Spanish (Bibliopolis)
The sixth and seventh installments in the addictive Alan Lewrie naval adventure series.
- **THE LAST DAY** by **James Landis** – Dutch (Kok ten Have)
A young Army veteran returns home from Iraq and meets a blue jeans-clad Jesus, who accompanies him through a day of reflection on past events and relationships.
- **CABOT WRIGHT BEGINS** and **THE NEPHEW** by **James Purdy** Spanish – (Escalera)
Two novels from a revered author of underground classics.
- **EUSTACE CHISHOLM AND THE WORKS** by **James Purdy** – Italian (Baldini Castoldi Dalai)
Named one of the 100 Best Lesbian and Gay Novels of the 20th Century, this outspoken 1967 book focuses on a rough-hewn pack of artists and outcasts living in 1930s Chicago.
- **“Lew Archer” mystery series** by **Ross Macdonald** – Hungarian (Europa); Japanese (Hayakawa); Turkish (Bilge Kultur)
Considered by many to be the defining hero of the hardboiled detective genre, Macdonald’s protagonist is a divorced former cop turned private eye in postwar Los Angeles.
- **LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN** by **Ben Ames Williams** - Polish (C&T)
Basis of a classic Hollywood film starring Gene Tierney: a man marries a radiant and possessive femme fatale whose power to destroy is as strong as her power to love.

Self-Help / Psychology

NO BLAME
by Carl Alasko, PhD

ms delivery Autumn 2010
Penguin/Tarcher (World English)
Editor: Sara Carder
Option publishers: EDHASA (Spanish), Patmos (German)
Ljevak (Croatian)

From the author of EMOTIONAL BULLSHIT (2009) comes a new self-help program that addresses the destructive dynamics of blame. Further developing the theory of the "Toxic Trio" (denial, delusion, blame) examined in EMOTIONAL BULLSHIT, Dr. Alasko presents a potent and practical antidote to the "Blame Spiral" that invades so many of our interactions. By showing readers how to achieve accountability, and eliminate criticism and accusation in a range of relationships, from marriage to friendships and in the workplace, this radically new approach promises to end anger and resentment, and exponentially increase happiness.

Memoir

SECOND WIND: A Memoir
by Cami Ostman

ms delivery May 2010
Seal Press (U.S. & Canada)
Editor: Brooke Warner
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Cami Ostman was in the midst of a difficult divorce – paralyzed with self-doubt and breathless with anxiety – when she discovered an unexpected source of confidence and energy: athletics. With great determination, and almost no experience in long-distance running, Cami set a goal to run a marathon on every continent. The quest has taken her through some of the most exotic locales in the world and some of the darkest, and most enlightened, places in the psyche. SECOND WIND is the story of an unlikely athlete, a woman who runs her way out of sadness and mid-life crisis. Her story offers inspiration for the ultimate endurance sport: life itself. Cami Ostman is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

Biography / Music History

HANS VON BÜLOW: A Life and Times
by Alan Walker

November 2009
Oxford University Press (World English)
Editor: Suzanne Ryan
includes 70 illus.
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This is the first biography of the conductor, composer and piano virtuoso to be published in English. Von Bülow was a seminal figure of the Romantic era; this biography examines his entire life, including the most complete catalogue available of his compositions and writings, and the complete autopsy report (the cause of death was a source of considerable controversy). Alan Walker is Professor Emeritus of Music at McMaster University, Canada, and author of numerous books, including the three-volume LIFE OF FRANZ LISZT (Knopf, 1983), which won the James Tait Black Award. *The Washington Times* says, "This superb biography ... does for the 19th-century music scene what Alex Ross' THE REST IS NOISE did for the 20th."

Biography / Military History

OMAR BRADLEY: General at War
by Jim DeFelice

ms delivery November 2010
Regnery (World English)
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General Omar Bradley was commander of all U.S. ground troops at D-Day, and led the largest body of U.S. soldiers ever to serve under one field commander. Picked by Major General Patton to be his deputy during the War, he eventually rose to become Patton's commander. Bradley was known as the "soldier's general" for his compassion toward his troops, and he eventually became the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an advisor to several presidents. Largely overlooked by biographers, Bradley is finally given a full study by bestselling author Jim DeFelice.

Narrative Nonfiction / Military History

TOMMY GUN: How General Thompson's

October 2009

Submachine Gun Rewrote History
by Bill Yenne

Thomas Dunne Books (World English)
Editor: Peter Joseph
All rights available

Recognizable without a second look, the Thompson Submachine Gun is as iconic an American symbol as the Harley-Davidson, a bottle of Coke or the Statue of Liberty. It made the Twenties roar and the Thirties sleep and in the Forties it went to war. In TOMMY GUN, Yenne brings together numerous fascinating aspects of twentieth century American and World history, from the industrial revolution, two world wars and the height of organized crime in America.

Narrative Nonfiction / Religious History

DARK MYSTERIES OF THE VATICAN: Truth and Myths
in the Archives of the Catholic Church
by H. Paul Jeffers

February 2010
Kensington (World English)
Editor: Gary Goldstein
Rights sold: French (City), Italian (Castelvecchi)
Brazil (Geraçao), Slovene (Anu Elara)

Turkish (Abis), Greek (P Publishing)

The archives of the Roman Catholic Church reach back in time to the very origin, nature, activities and development of Christianity. From the years immediately after the crucifixion of Jesus, popes have carefully preserved manuscripts concerning the exercise of their activities in the scrinium Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae. Today, the files of 264 popes and the Vatican hierarchy fill thirty miles of shelves of documents; the history of not only Christianity, but Western civilization. Jeffers explores this fascinating story to sift fact from fable and illuminate the truth of what lies in the archives. From sexual escapades of popes and priests, murders in holy orders, financial scandal and political intrigue, to UFOs and prophecy about the end of the world, this book will be the definitive volume on the most secretive place on the earth. H. Paul Jeffers is the author of FREEMASONS and THE BILDERBERG GROUP.

Narrative Nonfiction / Popular Culture

CARNY SIDESHOWS: Weird Wonders of the Midway
by Anthony Gangi

March 2010
Kensington (U.S. & Canada)
Editor: Gary Goldstein
All rights available

Ah, the dream of running away to join the circus – the romance of a life on the road, the pretty girls, the brave men, the lions and horses and noble elephants, the daring acrobats, nutty clowns, and ... the freaks of the sideshow. When Tony Gangi decided to run away from his office job, he headed straight to Coney Island, and Sideshow School. Becoming an acrobat or lion-tamer had no appeal: he wanted to learn the skills and secrets that allowed a man to lie on a bed of nails, eat a lightbulb, or drive an icepick into his nose with a hammer. Gangi learned all this and more, and his story shares surprisingly practical life lessons, while capturing an essential truth about the appeal of the Sideshow: there's a little bit of freak in each of us.

Popular Culture

GOING MUTANT:
The "Bat Boy" Exposed!
by staff of the *Weekly World News*

Autumn 2010
Scribner (U.S. & Canada)
Editor: Brant Rumble
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From modest beginnings in a cave near Stony Bottom, West Virginia, the half-bat/half-boy has grown to become one of the most beloved figures in popular culture. Recognized around the world, his ubiquitous and unexplained presence at historic global events is an enduring mystery. But just who is the "Bat Boy"? Where did he come from and what does he have to share with the world? The *Weekly World News* journalists uncover the definitive and faux-tastic story of Bat Boy, the tabloid newspaper's omnipresent icon, from his hardscrabble origins to his global influence in the twenty-first century.

Outdoors / Sport & Recreation

NO SHORTAGE OF GOOD DAYS

ms delivery April 2010

by John Gierach

Simon & Schuster (U.S. & Canada)

Editor: Bob Bender

Option publishers: Gallmeister (French),
Tsuribito-Sha (Japanese), Vega (Norwegian)

John Gierach's newest collection of essays takes him from his home waters in Colorado to Mexico and eastern Canada, angling for everything from cutthroats to roosterfish to Atlantic salmon. As always, Gierach's observations, laced with literary references that range from Annie Dillard to Adam Gopnik, are wry and right on target, whether he's considering the rigors of ego-management on a book tour, or the etiquette among fellow travelers on the road, on the river, and on our planet.

A RIVER NEVER SLEEPS

by Roderick Haig-Brown

March 2010

Skyhorse (U.S. & Canada)

Editor: Tony Lyons

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First published in 1946, *A RIVER NEVER SLEEPS* is one of the enduring classics of angling. All the great joy of the sport is here: the thrill of fishing during a thunderstorm, the sight of a hushed river or a stream in freshet, the suspense of a skillful campaign to capture a half-glimpsed trout or salmon of extraordinary size, and the excitement of playing and landing a momentous fish. Roderick Haig-Brown writes of fishing not just as a sport, but also as an art.

Other recent translation sales for nonfiction ...

- **BYRNE'S STANDARD BOOK OF POOL AND BILLIARDS** by Robert Byrne –Russian (Fair)
The most complete tutorial on the game of pool, designed for both advanced and beginning players.
- **TAO OF PUPPIES** by Krista Cantrell –Hungarian (Gold Book)
By tapping into the same joy of living experienced by our canine counterparts, Cantrell shows dog-owners the path to shaping puppies' behavior.
- **EVEN BROOK TROUT GET THE BLUES** and **THE VIEW FROM RAT LAKE** by John Gierach
French (Gallmeister)
Lively, compelling and humorous collections of fly-fishing tales from a revered writer and observer of the natural world.

Children's / YA Fiction

TORTALL: A Collection of Tales

by Tamora Pierce

ms delivery May 2010

Random House (U.S. & Canada)

Editor: Mallory Loehr

Option publishers: Arena (German), Tellerup (Danish), AST (Russian)
Hachette Jeunesse (French), Via Magna (Spanish), PHP (Japanese), Epsilon (Turkish)

Tamora Pierce's young adult fantasy novels have sold millions of copies worldwide. Now the bestselling author has her first story collection, featuring the characters and settings beloved by fans of her "Song of the Lioness", "Immortals", and "Trickster" series.

NATE THE GREAT AND THE HUNGRY BOOK CLUB

by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

November 2009

Dell (U.S. & Canada)

Editor: Françoise Bui

Option publishers: Ravensburger (German), Norma (Spanish in Latin America)
Dainippon Tosho (Japanese), Prooni (Korean)

Juvenile sleuth Nate the Great continues his adventures in the 25th book in his series. Nate's friend Rosamund has started a popular book club - but this group of avid readers has encountered a serious problem: the book they're reading is missing a page! What can they do? Call in a detective - Nate, of course - on his very first "book case".

Recent translation sales for juvenile fiction...

LITTLE RED by Pearl S. Buck (Gilbut – Korean picturebook)

In China during World War II, a young boy makes a daring rescue attempt to free his father, a captured prisoner of the Japanese army.

“Song of the Lioness” series by Tamora Pierce (Epsilon – Turkish)

The bestselling YA fantasy series that introduced Alanna, the girl who dreamed of becoming a warrior.

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