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*Audition* Dark Horse Comics

*Haunted* is a novel made up of twenty-three horrifying, hilarious, and stomach-churning stories. They're told by people who have answered an ad for a writer's retreat and unwittingly joined a "Survivor"-like scenario where the host withholds heat, power, and food. As the storytellers grow more desperate, their tales become more extreme, and they ruthlessly plot to make themselves the hero of the reality show that will surely be made from their plight. This is one of the most disturbing and outrageous books you'll ever read, one that could only come from the mind of Chuck Palahniuk.

*Hell's Half Acre* Vintage

Renowned, bestselling novelist Chuck Palahniuk takes us behind the scenes of the writing life, with postcards from decades on the road and incredible examination of the power of fiction and the art of storytelling. In this spellbinding blend of memoir and insight, bestselling author Chuck Palahniuk shares stories and generous advice on what makes writing powerful and what makes for powerful writing. With advice grounded in years of careful study and a keenly observed life, Palahniuk combines practical advice and concrete examples from beloved classics, his own books, and a "kitchen-table MFA" culled from an evolving circle of beloved authors and artists, with anecdotes, postcards from the road, and much more. Clear-eyed, sensitive, illuminating, and knowledgeable, *Consider This* is Palahniuk's love letter to stories and storytellers, booksellers and books themselves. Consider it a classic in the making.

*Kiss Me, Judas* W. W. Norton & Company

When a freeway "accident" leaves a beautiful fashion model disfigured and incapable of speech, she seeks to reinvent herself and her world, along with her new friend, Brandy Alexander, a transvestite who is one operation away from becoming a real woman

*Teaching Palahniuk: The Treasures of Transgression in the Age of Trump and Beyond* W. W. Norton & Company

A jagged series of events written with gritty realism. The Elephant Tree transcends stereotypes and challenges the reader's sense of morality, with shocking plot twists and vivid characters.

*Choke* W. W. Norton & Company

"A harrowing, perverse, laugh-aloud funny rocket ride of catastrophes...Gutsy, terse and cunning, *Invisible Monsters* may emerge as Palahniuk's strongest book." —Greg Berkman, Seattle Times She's a fashion model who has everything: a boyfriend, a career, a loyal best friend. But when a sudden freeway "accident" leaves her disfigured and incapable of speech, she goes from

being the beautiful center of attention to being an invisible monster, so hideous that no one will acknowledge she exists. Enter Brandy Alexander, Queen Supreme, one operation away from becoming a real woman, who will teach her that reinventing yourself means erasing your past and making up something better. And that salvation hides in the last places you'll ever want to look.

*Haunted* Third and Dragon, LLC

From trauma to postmodernism and gender theory, this guide surveys a full range of critical perspectives on three of Palahniuk's major novels, including *Fight Club*.

*Dermaphoria* Anchor

Twenty one stories and one novella from Chuck Palahniuk, literature's favorite transgressive author, *Make Something Up* is a compilation that disturbs and delights in equal measure. In "Expedition," fans will be thrilled to find to see a side of Tyler Durden never seen before in a precursor story to *Fight Club*. And in other stories, the absurdity of both life and death are on full display; in "Zombies," the best and brightest of a high school prep school become tragically addicted to the latest drug craze: electric shocks from cardiac defibrillators. In "Knock, Knock," a son hopes to tell one last off-color joke to a father in his final moments, while in "Tunnel of Love," a massage therapist runs the curious practice of providing 'relief' to dying clients. Funny, caustic, bizarre, poignant; these stories represent everything readers have come

*Beautiful You* W. W. Norton & Company

A new movement has replaced Project Mayhem, and even Tyler Durden doesn't know how to play by these rules. Marla Singer is about to deliver her second child, but the daddy isn't her husband--it's Tyler, who's very invested in his heir, and the world he'll inherit, as Die Off Industries plots to fine-tune mankind. Bestselling novelist Chuck Palahniuk is back with his greatest creation, the sequel to the book that spent six months on the 2016 New York Times bestseller list. Teaming once again with award-winning artists Cameron Stewart and David Mack, Palahniuk leads a full frontal assault of the culture, from online dating to weaponized STDs, as a strange picture frame opens a road to paradise. 2019's bestselling twelve-issue series is collected in one massive digital book. Get in touch with your ugly side. Collects *Fight Club 3* issues #1-#12. "Whether you've been a fan since the '90s or were hooked by the jump to comics, you'll want to see what comes next in this highly unpredictable saga."- PASTE MAGAZINE "Fight Club 3 is everything that a sequel to a sequel should be. It elevates the dark themes of the novel and the first graphic novel to the next illogical, insanely violent step." - COMICON.COM "Palahniuk's work takes some of our greatest shortcomings--insufficient or inadequate parenting, toxic

isolation-- then magnifies and underlines them in fractured skulls and drunken vomit." - PLAYBOY "Scabby and surreal." - DEADLINE HOLLYWOOD "The first rule of the comic book incarnation of *Fight Club* is that it'll look good." - HOLLYWOOD REPORTER "Ambitious." - ADVENTURES IN POOR TASTE "Trippy." - EVERYTHING ACTION "The talent and care that went into this issue is palpable, from David Mack's cover to Nate Piekos' lettering... This book does not allow you to get comfortable." - COMICWATCH "Stewart continues to do the *Fight Club* saga justice with his artwork...flies and all." - ROGUES PORTAL "Bold...Palahniuk doesn't give us what we want here but rather what we need. Namely a story that makes the reader think not just about what's going on but also about their own expectations of the archetypes portrayed in the story; the flies buzzing on the page hinting at a character's intent; the name drop of "snowflake" for a caller I.D.; a subtle tattoo on the neck. All raising enough questions to leave us staring at every panel with the steely focus of a seasoned detective combing a crime scene for clues." - BIG COMIC PAGE

*The Elephant Tree* Dark Horse Comics

Madison Spencer, the liveliest and snarkest dead girl in the universe, continues the afterlife adventure begun in Chuck Palahniuk's bestseller *Damned*. Just as that novel brought us a brilliant Hell that only he could imagine, *Doomed* is a dark and twisted apocalyptic vision from this provocative storyteller. The bestselling *Damned* chronicled Madison's journey across the unspeakable (and really gross) landscape of the afterlife to confront the Devil himself. But her story isn't over yet. In a series of electronic dispatches from the Great Beyond, *Doomed* describes the ultimate showdown between Good and Evil. After a Halloween ritual gone awry, Madison finds herself trapped in Purgatory—or, as mortals like you and I know it, Earth. She can see and hear every detail of the world she left behind, yet she's invisible to everyone who's still alive. Not only do people look right through her, they walk right through her as well. The upside is that, no longer subject to physical limitations, she can pass through doors and walls. Her first stop is her parents' luxurious apartment, where she encounters the ghost of her long-deceased grandmother. For Madison, the encounter triggers memories of the awful summer she spent upstate with Nana Minnie and her grandfather, Papadaddy. As she revisits the painful truth of what transpired over those months (including a disturbing and finally fatal meeting in a rest stop's fetid men's room, in which . . . well, never mind), her saga of eternal damnation takes on a new and sinister meaning. Satan has had Madison in his sights from the very beginning: through her and her narcissistic celebrity parents, he plans to engineer an era of eternal damnation. For everyone. Once again, our unconventional but plucky heroine must face her fears and gather her wits for the battle of a lifetime. Dante

Alighieri, watch your back; Chuck Palahniuk is gaining on you.  
*Damned* Doubleday Canada

"Begins here first account of operative me, agent number 67 on arrival midwestern American airport greater \_\_\_\_\_ area. Flight \_\_\_\_\_. Date \_\_\_\_\_. Priority mission top success to complete. Code name: Operation Havoc." Thus speaks Pygmy, one of a handful of young adults from a totalitarian state sent to the United States, disguised as exchange students, to live with typical American families and blend in, all the while planning an unspecified act of massive terrorism. Palahniuk depicts Midwestern life through the eyes of this thoroughly indoctrinated little killer, who hates Americans with a passion, in this cunning double-edged satire of a xenophobia that might, in fact, be completely justified.

**What Can I Do When Everything's On Fire?: A Novel** Crown  
The first installment of the Phineas Poe trilogy. An unwitting police officer falls in love with a beautiful but deadly temptress who steals his kidney and leaves him alone and empty.  
Summary of Invisible Monsters by Chuck Palahniuk W. W. Norton & Company

A father searching for his missing daughter is suddenly given hope when a major clue is discovered, but learning the truth could shatter the seemingly perfect image Hollywood is desperate to uphold. Gates Foster lost his daughter, Lucy, seventeen years ago. He's never stopped searching. Suddenly, a shocking new development provides Foster with his first major lead in over a decade, and he may finally be on the verge of discovering the awful truth. Meanwhile, Mitzi Ives has carved out a space among the Foley artists creating the immersive sounds giving Hollywood films their authenticity. Using the same secret techniques as her father before her, she's become an industry-leading expert in the sound of violence and horror, creating screams so bone-chilling, they may as well be real. Soon Foster and Ives find themselves on a collision course that threatens to expose the violence hidden beneath Hollywood's glamorous façade. A grim and disturbing reflection on the commodification of suffering and the dangerous power of art, *The Invention of Sound* is Chuck Palahniuk at the peak of his literary powers -- his most suspenseful, most daring, and most genre-defying work yet.

**Fight Club 3 (Graphic Novel)** State University of New York Press  
The first rule about fight club is you don't talk about fight club. Chuck Palahniuk showed himself to be his generation's most visionary satirist in this, his first book. *Fight Club*'s estranged narrator leaves his lackluster job when he comes under the thrall of Tyler Durden, an enigmatic young man who holds secret after-hours boxing matches in the basements of bars. There, two men fight "as long as they have to." This is a gloriously original work that exposes the darkness at the core of our modern world.

**Chuck Palahniuk** Anchor

Since the death of his wife seven years ago, documentary maker Aoyama has not dated anyone else. Now even his teenage son, Shige, thinks that he should remarry and his best friend Yoshikawa comes up with a plan: to hold fake film auditions from

which, he can choose a new bride. Of the thousands who apply, it is a beautiful ballerina, Yamasaki Asami, who captivates Aoyama. Infatuated by her fragile nature and nervous smile, he ignores his increasing sense of unease, putting aside his doubts about his new love, until it may be too late... In *Audition*, Ryu Murakami delivers his most subtly disturbing novel yet, confirming him as Japan's master of the psycho-thriller.

**The Invention of Sound** Anchor

Tender Branson, the last surviving member of the Creedish death cult, has commandeered a Boeing 747, emptied of passengers, in order to tell his story to the plane's black box before it crashes. Brought up by the repressive cult and, like all Creedish younger sons, hired out as a domestic servant, Tender finds himself suddenly famous when his fellow cult members all commit suicide. As media messiah he ascends to the very top of the freak-show heap before finally and apocalyptically spiralling out of control.

*Doomed* Troubador Publishing Ltd

*Invisible Monsters* is a novel by Chuck Palahniuk, published in 1999. It is his third novel to be published, though it was his second written novel (after *Insomnia: If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home Already*). The novel was originally supposed to be Palahniuk's first novel to be published, but it was rejected by the publisher for being too disturbing. After the success of his novel *Fight Club*, *Invisible Monsters* was given a second chance, and a revised version of it was published. The first edition was released in paperback in 1999.

*Invisible Monsters: A Novel* Hachette UK

Want to know where Chuck Palahniuk's tonsils currently reside?

Been looking for a naked mannequin to hide in your kitchen cabinets? Curious about Chuck's debut in an MTV music video? What goes on at the Scum Center? How do you get to the Apocalypse Café? In the closest thing he may ever write to an autobiography, Chuck Palahniuk provides answers to all these questions and more as he takes you through the streets, sewers, and local haunts of Portland, Oregon. According to Katherine Dunn, author of the cult classic *Geek Love*, Portland is the home of America's "fugitives and refugees." Get to know these folks, the "most cracked of the crackpots," as Palahniuk calls them, and come along with him on an adventure through the parts of Portland you might not otherwise believe actually exist. No other travel guide will give you this kind of access to "a little history, a little legend, and a lot of friendly, sincere, fascinating people who maybe should've kept their mouths shut." Here are strange personal museums, weird annual events, and ghost stories. Tour the tunnels under downtown Portland. Visit swingers' sex clubs, gay and straight. See Frances Gabe's famous 1940s Self-Cleaning House. Look into strange local customs like the I-Tit-a-Rod Race and the Santa Rampage. Learn how to talk like a local in a quick vocabulary lesson. Get to know, I mean really get to know, the animals at the Portland zoo. Oh, the list goes on and on.

**The Demon, the Hero, and the City of Seven** Anchor

"A billion husbands are about to be replaced." From the author of *Fight Club*, the classic portrait of the damaged contemporary male psyche, now comes this novel about the apocalyptic marketing possibilities of a new product that gives new meaning to the term "self-help." Penny Harrigan is a low-level associate in a big Manhattan law firm with an apartment in Queens and no love life at all. So it comes as a great shock when she finds herself invited to dinner by one C. Linus Maxwell, a software mega-billionaire and lover of the most gorgeous and accomplished women on earth. After dining at Manhattan's most exclusive restaurant, he whisks Penny off to a hotel suite in Paris, where he proceeds, notebook in hand, to bring her to previously undreamed-of heights of gratification for days on end. What's not to like? This: Penny discovers that she is a test subject for the final development of a line of feminine products to be marketed in a nationwide chain of boutiques called Beautiful You. So potent and effective are these devices that women by the millions line up outside the stores on opening day and then lock themselves in their room with them and stop coming out. Except for batteries. Maxwell's plan for battery-powered world domination must be stopped. But how?

**Fight Club 2 (Graphic Novel)** W. W. Norton & Company

Think adolescence is hell? You have no idea... Welcome to Dante's *Inferno*, by way of *The Breakfast Club*, from the mind of American fiction's most brilliant troublemaker. "Death, like life, is what you make out of it." So says Madison, the whip-tongued 11-year-old narrator of *Damned*, Chuck Palahniuk's subversive homage to the young adult genre. Madison is abandoned at her Swiss boarding school over Christmas while her parents are off touting their new film projects and adopting more orphans. Over the holidays she dies of a marijuana overdose--and the next thing she knows, she's in Hell. This is the afterlife as only Chuck Palahniuk could imagine it: a twisted inferno inspired by both the most extreme and mundane of human evils, where *The English Patient* plays on repeat and roaming demons devour sinners limb by limb.

However, underneath Madison's sad teenager affect there is still a child struggling to accept not only the events of her dysfunctional life, but also the truth about her death. For Madison, though, a more immediate source of comfort lies in the motley crew of young sinners she meets during her first days in Hell. With the help of Archer, Babette, Leonard, and Patterson, she learns to navigate Hell--and discovers that she'd rather be mortal and deluded and stupid with those she loves than perfect and alone.

**Adjustment Day: A Novel** Doubleday Canada

Transgressive fiction authors write stories some are afraid to tell. Stories with taboo subjects, unique voices, shocking images—nothing safe or dry. *Burnt Tongues* is a collection of transgressive stories selected by a rigorous nomination and vetting process and hand-selected by Chuck Palahniuk, author of *Fight Club*, as the best of *The Cult* workshop. These stories run the gamut from horrific and fantastic to humorous and touching, but each leaves a lasting impression. Some may say even a scar.

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