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The Art of the Short Story Harper Perennial

This unprecedented collection features the best of Oates's short fiction, plus nine new stories.

My Life as a Rat Fourth Estate

In this radiant homage to the resiliency, strength, and power of women, Wally Lamb—author of numerous New York Times bestselling novels including *She's Come Undone*, *I Know This Much is True*, and *We Are Water*—weaves an evocative, deeply affecting tapestry of one Baby Boomer's life and the trio of unforgettable women who have changed it. *I'll Take You There* centers on Felix, a film scholar who runs a Monday night movie club in what was once a vaudeville theater. One evening, while setting up a film in the projectionist booth, he's confronted by the ghost of Lois Weber, a trailblazing motion picture director from Hollywood's silent film era. Lois invites Felix to revisit—and in some cases relive—scenes from his past as they are projected onto the cinema's big screen. In these magical movies, the medium of film becomes the lens for Felix to reflect on the women who profoundly impacted his life. There's his daughter Aliza, a Gen Y writer for *New York Magazine* who is trying to align her post-modern feminist beliefs with her lofty career ambitions; his sister, Frances, with whom he once shared a complicated bond of kindness and cruelty; and Verna, a fiery would-be contender for the 1951 Miss Rheingold competition, a beauty contest sponsored by a Brooklyn-based beer manufacturer that became a marketing phenomenon for two decades. At first unnerved by these ethereal apparitions, Felix comes to look forward to his encounters with Lois, who is later joined by the spirits of other celluloid muses. Against the backdrop of a kaleidoscopic convergence of politics and pop culture, family secrets, and Hollywood iconography, Felix gains an enlightened understanding of the pressures and trials of the women closest to him, and of the feminine ideals and feminist realities that all women, of every era, must face.

Celestial Timepiece Harper Collins

'America's preeminent fiction writer' New Yorker 'A raw, propulsive tale of love and grief' *Mail on Sunday* A novel of love and loss from the bestselling and prizewinning author of *Blonde*. Michaela and her husband have moved to the starkly beautiful but uncanny landscape of New Mexico, to take up an academic residency. But when Gerard is struck by a fatal illness, their life begins to resemble a nightmare. At thirty-seven, Michaela must first face the terrifying prospect of widowhood, then the chaos of the days when Gerard is gone. Haunting and utterly heart-wrenching, *Breathe* explores the intense madness of grief and what happens when a love cannot be surrendered. 'A fever dream

of a novel' New York Times 'Simply the most consistently inventive, brilliant, curious and creative writer going, as far as I'm concerned' Gillian Flynn, author of *Gone Girl* **A Bloodsmoor Romance** Oxford University Press, USA From the legendary literary master, winner of the National Book Award and New York Times bestselling author Joyce Carol Oates, a collection of thirteen mesmerizing stories that maps the eerie darkness within us all. Insightful, disturbing, imaginative, and breathtaking in their lyrical precision, the stories in *Lovely, Dark, Deep* display Joyce Carol Oates's magnificent ability to make visceral the terror, hurt, and uncertainty that lurks at the edges of ordinary lives. In "Mastiff," a woman and a man are joined in an erotic bond forged out of terror and gratitude. "Sex with Camel" explores how a sixteen-year-old boy realizes the depth of his love for his grandmother—and how vulnerable those feelings make him. Fearful that that her husband is "disappearing" from their life, a woman becomes obsessed with keeping him in her sight in "The Disappearing." "A Book of Martyrs" reveals how the end of a pregnancy brings with it the end of a relationship. And in the title story, the elderly Robert Frost is visited by an interviewer, an unsettling young woman, who seems to know a good deal more about his life than she should. A piercing and evocative collection, *Lovely, Dark, Deep* reveals an artist at the height of her creative power.

American Melancholy Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

A New York Times bestseller: The "magnificent" memoir by one of the bravest and most original writers of our time—"A tour de force of literature and love" (*Vogue*). One of the New York Times' "50 Best Memoirs of the Past 50 Years" Jeanette Winterson's bold and revelatory novels have established her as a major figure in world literature. Her internationally best-selling debut, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, tells the story of a young girl adopted by Pentecostal parents, and has become a staple of required reading in contemporary fiction classes. *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?* is a "singular and electric" memoir about a life's work to find happiness (*The New York Times*). It is a book full of stories: about a girl locked out of her home, sitting on the doorstep all night; about a religious zealot disguised as a mother who has two sets of false teeth and a revolver in the dresser, waiting for Armageddon; about growing up in a north England industrial town now changed beyond recognition; about the universe as a cosmic dustbin. It is the story of how a painful past, rose to haunt the author later in life, sending her on a journey into madness and out again, in search of her biological mother. It is also a book about the power of literature, showing how fiction and poetry can form a string of guiding lights, or a life raft that supports us when we are sinking. Witty, acute, fierce, and celebratory, *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?* is a tough-minded story of the

search for belonging—for love, identity, home, and a mother.

Babysitter HarperCollins

New York Times–bestselling author Unavailable for 40 years, this seminal crime novel of madness and murder is a powerful trip into the mind of a maniac—and features a never-before-seen companion novella. "Oates' tale of criminal psychosis draws on the druggy decadence, greed, sexism, and violence of Hollywood in the Charles Manson-Roman Polanski era." —Booklist Abandoned as a baby in a bus station locker—shuttled from one abusive foster home and detention center to another—Bobbie Gotteson grew up angry, hurting, damaged. His hunger to succeed as a musician brought him across the country to Hollywood, but along with it came his seething rage, his paranoid delusions, and his capacity for acts of shocking violence. Unavailable for 40 years, *The Triumph of the Spider Monkey* is an eloquent, terrifying, heartbreaking exploration of madness by one of the most acclaimed authors of the past century. This definitive edition for the first time pairs the original novel with a never-before-collected companion novella by Joyce Carol Oates—unseen since its sole publication in a literary journal nearly half a century ago—which examines the impact of Gotteson's killing spree on a woman who survived it, as seen through the eyes of the troubled young man hired by a private detective to surveil her...

Evil Eye Titan Books (US, CA)

An engrossing early novel from Joyce Carol Oates's earlier novels explores a fraught and perilous relationship between two women Originally published in 1985, *Solstice* is the gripping story of Monica Jensen and Sheila Trask, two young women who are complete opposites yet find themselves irresistibly drawn to each other. Monica is a shy, modest, and recently divorced school teacher while Sheila is a worldly, sophisticated, and nocturnal painter driven by the needs of her art. Over the months, their friendship deepens, first to love and then to a near-fatal obsession. Engaging, dark, and mysterious, *Solstice* is Joyce Carol Oates's psychological masterpiece of friendship and fixation.

I'll Take You There HarperCollins

The most provocative young adult novel yet from New York Times best-selling author Joyce Carol Oates. Darren Flynn is popular, good-looking, and has a spot on the varsity swim team. But after what happened that day in November (did it happen?), life is different for Darren. Now his friends, his family, even the people who are supposed to be in charge are no longer who Darren thought they were. Who can he trust now? In her third novel for young adults, the author of the acclaimed *Big Mouth & Ugly Girl* leads readers on an internal journey of self-discovery, moral complexity, and sexuality.

The (Other) You Harper Collins

"A painful truth of family life: the most tender emotions can

change in an instant. You think your parents love you but is it you they love, or the child who is theirs?" --Joyce Carol Oates, *My Life as a Rat* Which should prevail: loyalty to family or loyalty to the truth? Is telling the truth ever a mistake and is lying for one's family ever justified? Can one do the right thing, but bitterly regret it? *My Life as a Rat* follows Violet Rue Kerrigan, a young woman who looks back upon her life in exile from her family following her testimony, at age twelve, concerning what she knew to be the racist murder of an African-American boy by her older brothers. In a succession of vividly recalled episodes Violet contemplates the circumstances of her life as the initially beloved youngest child of seven Kerrigan children who inadvertently "informs" on her brothers, setting into motion their arrests and convictions and her own long estrangement. Arresting and poignant, *My Life as a Rat* traces a life of banishment from a family—banishment from parents, siblings, and the Church—that forces Violet to discover her own identity, to break the powerful spell of family, and to emerge from her long exile as a "rat" into a transformed life.

[Where Is Here](#) Penguin

Unlike anything Joyce Carol Oates has written before, *A Widow's Story* is the universally acclaimed author's poignant, intimate memoir about the unexpected death of Raymond Smith, her husband of forty-six years, and its wrenching, surprising aftermath. A recent recipient of National Book Critics Circle Ivan Sandrof Lifetime Achievement Award, Oates, whose novels (*Blonde*, *The Gravedigger's Daughter*, *Little Bird of Heaven*, etc.) rank among the very finest in contemporary American fiction, offers an achingly personal story of love and loss. *A Widow's Story* is a literary memoir on a par with *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion and Calvin Trillin's *About Alice*.

This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage Harper Collins

A new collection of poetry from an American literary legend, her first in twenty-five years Joyce Carol Oates is one of our most insightful observers of the human heart and mind, and, with her acute social consciousness, one of the most insistent and inspired witnesses of a shared American history. Oates is perhaps best known for her prodigious output of novels and short stories, many of which have become contemporary classics. However, Oates has also always been a faithful writer of poetry. *American Melancholy* showcases some of her finest work of the last few decades. Covering subjects big and small, and written in an immediate and engaging style, this collection touches on both the personal and political. Loss, love, and memory are investigated, along with the upheavals of our modern age, the reality of our current predicaments, and the ravages of poverty, racism, and social unrest. Oates skillfully writes characters ranging from a former doctor at a Chinese People's Liberation Army hospital to Little Albert, a six-month-old infant who took part in a famous study that revealed evidence of classical conditioning in human beings.

Rape: A Love Story Atlantic Books Ltd

"52 great authors, their best short fiction, and their insights on writing"--Cover.

I Am No One You Know Harper Collins

Collection of short stories concerning the nature of love: love in its differing forms and vision; in its differing participants and their differing approaches.

Writings on the Wall HarperCollins

From one of America's most renowned storytellers—the

bestselling author of *Blonde*—comes a novel about love and deceit, and lust and redemption, against a backdrop of shocking murders in the affluent suburbs of Detroit. "Hannah's unreliable, elliptical narrative is seductive and compelling, like following someone into a fever dream ... [Oates] is in no hurry to trigger the action, dropping tiny morsels of foreshadowing to keep us on our toes." —The New York Times Book Review "Unsettling, mysterious, deft, sinister, eerily plausible." —Margaret Atwood, best-selling author of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Testaments*, via Twitter In the waning days of the turbulent 1970s, in the wake of unsolved child-killings that have shocked Detroit, the lives of several residents are drawn together with tragic consequences. There is Hannah, wife of a prominent local businessman, who has begun an affair with a darkly charismatic stranger whose identity remains elusive; Mikey, a canny street hustler who finds himself on a chilling mission to rectify injustice; and the serial killer known as Babysitter, an enigmatic and terrifying figure at the periphery of elite Detroit. As Babysitter continues his rampage of abductions and killings, these individuals intersect with one another in startling and unexpected ways. Suspenseful, brilliantly orchestrated, and engrossing, *Babysitter* is a starkly narrated exploration of the riskiness of pursuing alternate lives, calling into question how far we are willing to go to protect those whom we cherish most. In its scathing indictment of corrupt politics, unexamined racism, and the enabling of sexual predation in America, *Babysitter* is a thrilling work of contemporary fiction. *Wonderland* Harper Collins

This volume offers a survey of American short fiction in 59 tales that combine classic works with 'different, unexpected gems', which invite readers to explore a wealth of important pieces by women and minority writers. Authors include: Amy Tan, Alice Adams, David Leavitt and Tim O'Brien.

We Were the Mulvaney CNIB, 197

Joyce Carol Oates's *Wonderland Quartet* comprises four remarkable novels that explore social class in America and the inner lives of young Americans. Spanning from the Great Depression to the turbulent Vietnam War era, *Wonderland* is the epic account of Jesse Vogel, a boy who emerged from a family tragedy with his life spared but his world torn apart. Orphaned after watching his father murder his entire family, Jesse embarks on a personal odyssey that takes him from a Dickensian foster home to college and graduate school to the pinnacle of the medical profession. As an adult, Jesse must summon the strength to reach across the "generation gap" and rescue his endangered teenaged daughter, who has fallen into the drug-infused 1960s counterculture. Hailed by *Library Journal* as "the greatest of Oates's novels," *Wonderland* is the capstone of a magnificent literary excursion that plunges beneath the glossy surface of American life. *Wonderland* is the final novel in Joyce Carol Oates's *Wonderland Quartet*. The books that complete this acclaimed series, *A Garden of Earthly Delights*, *Expensive People*, and them, are also available from the Modern Library.

Sexy Beacon Press

"A quartet of shrewd and unnerving novellas about toxic entanglements" from the National Book Award-winning author (Booklist). Joyce Carol Oates is one of the most prominent writers of her generation, and she is fearless when exploring the most disturbing corners of human nature. In *Evil Eye*, Oates offers four chilling tales about love so powerful that people might die—or kill—for it. In the title story, we meet Mariana, the young fourth

wife of a prominent intellectual. When her husband's first wife comes to visit, Mariana learns a terrible secret that threatens her marriage and sanity. In "So Near Any Times Always," shy teenager Lizbeth meets Desmond, a charming older boy who offers the first spark of romance. Yet as their relationship blossoms, Lizbeth realizes that a menacing soul lies beneath Desmond's perfect façade. In "The Execution," spoiled college student Bart Hansen has planned the perfect crime to get back at his condescending parents. What he didn't plan on was the resilience of his mother's love, even in the face of death. And in "The Flatbed," childhood trauma has prevented Cecelia from enjoying physical intimacy with a man. But when she meets the love of her life, Cecelia must confront the demon who stole her innocence long ago. With the razor-sharp prose that has made Joyce Carol Oates a living legend, *Evil Eye* shows love as sporadically magical, mysterious, and murderous. "A dazzling, disturbing, tour de force of Gothic suspense: four odd, compelling, ingeniously narrated tales that gain in power and resonance when read in conjunction with each other." —The Boston Globe "Exquisitely suspenseful. . . . The relationships between the damaged, sometimes monstrous individuals who people these pages will keep the reader riveted." —Publishers Weekly, starred review

On Boxing Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The unforgettable story of the rise, fall and ultimate redemption of an American family.

Black Girl/White Girl Harper Collins

From the New York Times best-selling author of *Brooklyn*, Colm Tóibín's first collection of poetry explores sexuality, religion, and belonging through a modern lens Fans of Colm Tóibín's novels, including *The Magician*, *The Master*, and *Nora Webster*, will relish the opportunity to re-encounter Tóibín in verse. *Vinegar Hill* explores the liminal space between private experiences and public events as Tóibín examines a wide range of subjects—politics, queer love, reflections on literary and artistic greats, living through COVID, and facing mortality. The poems reflect a life well-traveled and well-lived; from growing up in the town of Enniscorthy, wandering the streets of Dublin, and crossing the bridges of Venice to visiting the White House, readers will travel through familiar locations and new destinations through Tóibín's unique lens. Within this rich collection of poems written over the course of several decades, shot through with keen observation, emotion, and humor, Tóibín offers us lines and verses to provoke, ponder, and cherish.

Lovely, Dark, Deep Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

An ingenious, dystopian novel of one young woman's resistance against the constraints of an oppressive society, from the inventive imagination of Joyce Carol Oates "Time travel" — and its hazards—are made literal in this astonishing new novel in which a recklessly idealistic girl dares to test the perimeters of her tightly controlled (future) world and is punished by being sent back in time to a region of North America — "Wainscotia, Wisconsin"—that existed eighty years before. Cast adrift in time in this idyllic Midwestern town she is set upon a course of "rehabilitation"—but cannot resist falling in love with a fellow exile and questioning the constraints of the Wainscotia world with results that are both devastating and liberating. Arresting and visionary, *Hazards of Time Travel* is both a novel of harrowing discovery and an exquisitely wrought love story that may be Joyce Carol Oates's most unexpected novel so far.

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