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From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*, a darkly comic short story about the unintended consequences unleashed by our quest to tame the natural world—featuring gorgeous black-and-white illustrations by Chelsea Cardinal. Fox 8 has always been known as the daydreamer in his pack, the one his fellow foxes regard with a knowing snort and a roll of the eyes. That is, until he develops a unique skill: He teaches himself to speak “Yuman” by hiding in the bushes outside a house and listening to children’s bedtime stories. The power of language fuels his abundant curiosity about people—even after “danjer” arrives in the form of a new shopping mall that cuts off his food supply, sending Fox 8 on a harrowing quest to help save his pack. Told with his distinctive blend of humor and pathos, Fox 8 showcases the extraordinary imaginative talents of George Saunders, whom *The New York Times* called “the writer for our time.”

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders (Book Analysis) Verso Books

The prize-winning, New York Times bestselling short story collection from the internationally bestselling author of *Lincoln in the Bardo* 'The best book you'll read this year' *New York Times* 'Dazzlingly surreal stories about a failing America' *Sunday Times* WINNER OF THE 2014 FOLIO PRIZE AND SHORTLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD 2013 George Saunders's most wryly hilarious and disturbing collection yet, *Tenth of December* illuminates human experience and explores figures lost in a labyrinth of troubling preoccupations. A family member recollects a backyard pole dressed for all occasions; Jeff faces horrifying ultimatums and the prospect of Darkenflox(TM) in some unusual drug trials; and Al Roosten hides his own

internal monologue behind a winning smile that he hopes will make him popular. With dark visions of the future riffing against ghosts of the past and the ever-settling present, this collection sings with astonishing charm and intensity.

Moonglow Random House

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Congratulations, by the Way Faber & Faber

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • WINNER OF THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE The “devastatingly moving” (People) first novel from the author of *Tenth of December*: a moving and original father-son story featuring none other than Abraham Lincoln, as well as an unforgettable cast of supporting characters, living and dead, historical and invented Named One of Paste’s Best Novels of the Decade • Named One of the Ten Best Books of the Year by *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *Maureen Corrigan, NPR* • One of Time’s Ten Best Novels of the Year • A New York Times Notable Book • One of O: *The Oprah Magazine’s Best Books of the Year* February 1862. The Civil War is less than one year old. The fighting has begun in

earnest, and the nation has begun to realize it is in for a long, bloody struggle. Meanwhile, President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son, Willie, lies upstairs in the White House, gravely ill. In a matter of days, despite predictions of a recovery, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. "My poor boy, he was too good for this earth," the president says at the time. "God has called him home." Newspapers report that a grief-stricken Lincoln returns, alone, to the crypt several times to hold his boy's body. From that seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm both hilarious and terrifying. Willie Lincoln finds himself in a strange purgatory where ghosts mingle, gripe, commiserate, quarrel, and enact bizarre acts of penance. Within this transitional state—called, in the Tibetan tradition, the bardo—a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul. *Lincoln in the Bardo* is an astonishing feat of imagination and a bold step forward from one of the most important and influential writers of his generation. Formally daring, generous in spirit, deeply concerned with matters of the heart, it is a testament to fiction's ability to speak honestly and powerfully to the things that really matter to us. Saunders has invented a thrilling new form that deploys a kaleidoscopic, theatrical panorama of voices to ask a timeless, profound question: How do we live and love when we know that everything we love must end? "A luminous feat of generosity and humanism."—Colson Whitehead, *The New York Times Book Review* "A masterpiece."—Zadie Smith *Shadowbahn* Penguin

Since its publication in 1996, George

Saunders's debut collection has grown in esteem from a cherished cult classic to a masterpiece of the form, inspiring an entire generation of writers along the way. In six stories and a novella, Saunders hatches an unforgettable cast of characters, each struggling to survive in an increasingly haywire world. With a new introduction by Joshua Ferris and a new author's note by Saunders himself, this edition is essential reading for those seeking to discover or revisit a virtuosic, disturbingly prescient voice. Praise for George Saunders and *CivilWarLand in Bad Decline* "It's no exaggeration to say that short story master George Saunders helped change the trajectory of American fiction."—*The Wall Street Journal* "Saunders's satiric vision of America is dark and demented; it's also ferocious and very funny."—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* "George Saunders is a writer of arresting brilliance and originality, with a sure sense of his material and apparently inexhaustible resources of voice. [*CivilWarLand in Bad Decline*] is scary, hilarious, and unforgettable."—Tobias Wolff "Saunders makes the all-but-impossible look effortless."—Jonathan Franzen "Not since Twain has America produced a satirist this funny."—Zadie Smith "An astoundingly tuned voice—graceful, dark, authentic, and funny—telling just the kinds of stories we need to get us through these times."—Thomas Pynchon

Pastoralia W. W. Norton & Company
 WINNER OF THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE
 WINNER OF THE DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD 'Utterly compelling' *Irish Times* 'Original, funny, disarmingly oblique' *CLAIRE KILROY* 'A triumph.' *Guardian* In an unnamed city, where to be interesting is dangerous, an eighteen-year-old woman has attracted the

unwanted and unavoidable attention of a powerful and frightening older man, 'Milkman'. In this community, where suggestions quickly become fact, where gossip and hearsay can lead to terrible consequences, what can she do to stop a rumour once it has started? Milkman is persistent, the word is spreading, and she is no longer in control . . .

SHORTLISTED FOR THE RATHBONES FOLIO PRIZE
SHORTLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION
SHORTLISTED FOR THE ORWELL PRIZE FOR POLITICAL FICTION

CivilWarLand in Bad Decline Best American Series (R)

'Saunders is an astoundingly tuned voice - graceful, dark, authentic and funny - telling just the kind of stories we need to get us through these times' Thomas Pynchon
In PASTORALIA elements of contemporary life are twisted, merged and amplified into a slightly skewed version of modern America. A couple live and work in a caveman theme-park, where speaking is an instantly punishable offence. A born loser attends a self-help seminar where he is encouraged to rid himself of all the people who are 'crapping in your oatmeal'. And a male exotic dancer and his family are terrorised by their decomposing aunt who visits them with a solemn message from beyond the grave. With an uncanny combination of deadpan naturalism and uproarious humour, George Saunders creates a world that is both indelibly original and yet hauntingly familiar ...

The Black Romantic Revolution Random House Trade Paperbacks

A New York Times–bestselling author's moving novel about an astronaut returning to Earth, and the small steps and giant leaps love requires. Richard Baedeker thinks his greatest challenge

was walking on the moon, but then he meets a mysterious woman who shows him his past. Join Baedeker as he comes to grips with the son and wife he lost owing to his passion for space exploration, his forgotten childhood, and the loss he experienced during the deadly flight of the Challenger. The most difficult exploration of his life is not the cold, rocky crevices of the moon, but the warm interior of his heart. Brilliant and beautifully written, *Phases of Gravity* is a masterpiece about love and loss that transports readers far beyond the confines of space and time. *Phases of Gravity* is a thoughtful, deeply involving novel from an author who has earned numerous honors, including the World Fantasy Award for *Song of Kali* and the Hugo Award for *Hyperion*.

Hades, Argentina Restless Books
Whether you are a member of a book club, or simply reading 'Lincoln in the Bardo' for pleasure, this clear and concise guide, written by a specialist in literature, will greatly enhance your reading experience. A comprehensive guide to George Saunders' acclaimed novel 'Lincoln in the Bardo', this discussion aid includes a wealth of information and resources: useful literary and historical context; an author biography; a plot synopsis; analyses of themes & imagery; character analysis; twenty thought-provoking discussion questions; recommended further reading and even a quick quiz. For those in book clubs, this useful companion guide takes the hard work out of preparing for meetings and guarantees productive discussion. For solo readers, it encourages a deeper examination of a multi-layered text. *Please note that this is a companion guide only. It does not contain the text of the original novel.*
The Lost Art of Reading HarperCollins

Want to know more about history and politics? Then you should probably go and read a proper book. Fancy a laugh at some smutty jokes? Then go and read Viz. But if you fancy a combination of the two, this is the book for you. In *Off The Record*, bitter and twisted leftie news reporter Jonathan Pie picks ten of the world's worst wankers and tears them apart. Here you'll find the answers to some difficult questions. Was Blair just a Tory in disguise? Did Cameron really have sexual relations with that pig? Just how the fuck did we end up with President Donald Trump? It's the ultimate guide to political arseholery. With extra swearing.

[The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip](#) Yale University Press

Unlock the more straightforward side of Lincoln in the Bardo with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, which tells of Abraham Lincoln's visits to the graveyard where his young son Willie has just been buried. As well as mourning his son's premature death, Lincoln wrestles with his conflicting feelings about the Civil War, which at that time was an unpopular and seemingly futile endeavour. Meanwhile, Willie is trapped in a transitional realm between life and death, surrounded by a vividly drawn cast of spirits who refuse to accept their fate and doggedly cling to the world of the living. *Lincoln in the Bardo* is George Saunders' first novel, and won the Man Booker Prize in 2017. Find out everything you need to know about *Lincoln in the Bardo* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

- A complete plot summary
- Character studies
- Key themes and symbols

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THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A GUARDIAN, INDEPENDENT, IRISH TIMES AND EVENING STANDARD BOOK OF 2021

'This book is a delight, and it's about delight too. How necessary, at our particular moment' Tessa Hadley, Guardian From the New York Times-bestselling, Booker Prize-winning author of *Lincoln in the Bardo* and *Tenth of December* comes a literary master class on what makes great stories work and what they can tell us about ourselves - and our world today. For the last twenty years, George Saunders has been teaching a class on the Russian short story to his MFA students at Syracuse University. In *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain*, he shares a version of that class with us, offering some of what he and his students have discovered together over the years. Paired with iconic short stories by Chekhov, Turgenev, Tolstoy, and Gogol, the seven essays in this book are intended for anyone interested in how fiction works and why it's more relevant than ever in these turbulent times. In his introduction, Saunders writes, "We're going to enter seven fastidiously constructed scale models of the world, made for a specific purpose that our time maybe doesn't fully endorse but that these writers accepted implicitly as the aim of art-namely, to ask the big

questions, questions like, How are we supposed to be living down here? What were we put here to accomplish? What should we value? What is truth, anyway, and how might we recognize it?" He approaches the stories technically yet accessibly, and through them explains how narrative functions; why we stay immersed in a story and why we resist it; and the bedrock virtues a writer must foster. The process of writing, Saunders reminds us, is a technical craft, but also a way of training oneself to see the world with new openness and curiosity. *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain* is a deep exploration not just of how great writing works but of how the mind itself works while reading, and of how the reading and writing of stories make genuine connection possible.

Be Like the Fox: Machiavelli In His World
A&C Black

Traces a night of solitary mourning and reflection as experienced by the sixteenth president after the death of his eleven-year-old son at the dawn of the Civil War.

Tenth of December Open Road Media Reading is a revolutionary act, an act of engagement in a culture that wants us to disengage. In *The Lost Art of Reading*, David L. Ulin asks a number of timely questions - why is literature important? What does it offer, especially now? Blending commentary with memoir, Ulin addresses the importance of the simple act of reading in an increasingly digital culture. Reading a book, flipping through hard pages, or shuffling them on screen - it doesn't matter. The key is the act of reading, and it's seriousness and depth. Ulin emphasizes the importance of reflection and pause allowed by stopping to read a book, and the accompanying focus required to let the mind run free in a world that is not one's own. Are we

willing to risk our collective interest in contemplation, nuanced thinking, and empathy? Far from preaching to the choir, *The Lost Art of Reading* is a call to arms, or rather, to pages.

Liberation Day Random House

From the bestselling author of *Tenth of December* comes a splendid new edition of his acclaimed collaboration with the illustrator behind *The Stinky Cheese Man* and *James and the Giant Peach*!

Featuring fifty-two haunting and hilarious images, *The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip* is a modern fable for people of all ages that touches on the power of kindness, generosity, compassion, and community. In the seaside village of Frip live three families: the Romos, the Ronsens, and a little girl named Capable and her father. The economy of Frip is based solely on goat's milk, and this is a problem because the village is plagued by gappers: bright orange, many-eyed creatures the size of softballs that love to attach themselves to goats. When a gapper gets near a goat, it lets out a high-pitched shriek of joy that puts the goats off giving milk, which means that every few hours the children of Frip have to go outside, brush the gappers off their goats, and toss them into the sea. The gappers have always been everyone's problem, until one day they get a little smarter, and instead of spreading out, they gang up: on Capable's goats. Free at last of the tyranny of the gappers, will her neighbors rally to help her? Or will they turn their backs, forcing Capable to bear the misfortune alone? Featuring fifty-two haunting and hilarious illustrations by Lane Smith and a brilliant story by George Saunders that explores universal themes of community and kindness, *The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip* is a rich and resonant story for those that have

all and those that have not. Praise for *The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip* “In a perfect world, every child would own a copy of this profound, funny fable. . . . Every adult would own a copy too, and would marvel at how this smart, subversive little book is even deeper and more hilarious than any child could know.”—*Entertainment Weekly*

“Saunders’s idiosyncratic voice makes an almost perfect accompaniment to children’s book illustrator Smith’s heightened characterizations and slightly surreal backdrops.”—*Publishers Weekly* “A riveting, funny, and sly new fairy tale.”—*Miami Herald*

A Swim in a Pond in the Rain Springer
Contains a collection of short satirical works, including “The Red Bow,” in which a town is consumed by pet-killing hysteria, and “Bohemians,” in which two Eastern European widows attempt to fit into suburban America.

Lincoln in the Bardo HarperCollins
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the Booker Prize-winning author of *Lincoln in the Bardo* and *Tenth of December* comes a literary master class on what makes great stories work and what they can tell us about ourselves—and our world today.

LONGLISTED FOR THE PEN/DIAMONSTEIN-SPIELVOGEL AWARD
• ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, *Time*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Esquire*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Town & Country*, *The Rumpus*, *Electric Lit*, *Thrillist*, *BookPage* • “[A] worship song to writers and readers.”—*Oprah Daily* For the last twenty years, George Saunders has been teaching a class on the Russian short story to his MFA students at Syracuse University. In *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain*, he shares a version of that class with us, offering some of what he

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Publishing

Lying at the crucible of Central Europe, the Silesian village of Kupferberg suffered the violence of the Thirty Years War, the Napoleonic Wars, and World War I. After Stalin’s post-World War II redrawing of Poland’s borders, Kupferberg became Miedzianka, a town settled by displaced persons from all over Poland and a new center of the

Eastern Bloc's uranium-mining industry. Decades of neglect and environmental degradation led to the town being declared uninhabitable, and the population was evacuated. Today, it exists only in ruins, with barely a hundred people living on the unstable ground above its collapsing mines. In this collection of unsparing and insightful reportage, the renowned journalist, photographer, and architecture critic Filip Springer rediscovers this tiny town's history. Digging beyond the village's mythic foundations and the great wars and world leaders that shaped it, Springer catalogs the lost human elements: the long-departed tailor and deceased shopkeeper; the parties, now silenced, that used to fill the streets with shouts and laughter; and the once-beautiful cemetery, with gravestones upended by tractors and human bones scattered by dogs. In Miedzianka,

Springer sees a microcosm of European history, and a powerful narrative of how the ghosts of the past continue to haunt us in the present day.

[The Enchanted Life of Adam Hope](#) A&C Black

In this, his first collection of essays, Saunders trains his eye on the real world rather than the fictional and reveals it to be brimming with wonderful, marvellous strangeness. As he faces a political and cultural reality saturated with lazy media, false promises and political doublespeak, Saunders invokes the wisdom of American literary heroes Twain, Vonnegut and Barthelme and inspires us to re-examine our assumptions about the world we live in, as we struggle to discover what is really there.

A Swim in a Pond in the Rain Munhak Dongnae/Tsai Fong Books
Lincoln in the Bardo Bloomsbury Publishing

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