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“Sharply, beautifully
written.” —The New York

Times Book Review
 “Intriguing, frightening,
 witty, and humane.”
 —The Wall Street Journal
 Black Mirror meets
 Severance in this thrilling
 speculative novel about a
 tech company that
 deletes unwanted
 memories, the
 consequences for those
 forced to deal with what
 they tried to forget, and
 the doctor who seeks to
 protect her patients from
 further harm. What if you
 didn’t have to live with
 your worst memories?
 Across the world,
 thousands of people are

shocked by a notification
 that they once chose to
 have a memory removed.
 Now they are being given
 an opportunity to get that
 memory back. Four
 individuals are filled with
 new doubts, grappling
 with the unexpected
 question of whether to
 remember unknown
 events, or to leave them
 buried forever. Finn, an
 Irish architect living in the
 Arizona desert, begins to
 suspect his charming wife
 of having an affair. Mei, a
 troubled grad school
 dropout in Kuala Lumpur,
 wonders why she

remembers a city she has
 never visited. William, a
 former police inspector in
 England, struggles with
 PTSD, the breakdown of
 his marriage, and his own
 secret family history.
 Oscar, a handsome young
 man with almost no
 memories at all, travels
 the world in a constant
 state of fear. Into these
 characters’ lives comes
 Noor, a psychologist
 working at the Nepenthe
 memory removal clinic in
 London. The process of
 reinstating patients’
 memories begins to shake
 the moral foundations of

her world. As she delves deeper into how the program works, she will have to risk everything to uncover the cost of this miraculous technology. A provocative exploration of secrets, grief, and identity—of the stories we tell ourselves—*Tell Me an Ending* is “an intellectually and emotionally satisfying thriller” (Booklist). *Arthur & George* New York Review of Books
Grotesque visionary Sir Jack Pitman has an idea. Since most people are too lazy to travel from

landmark to landmark, why not simplify things and create a new England on the Isle of Wight? Unfortunately, his idea is a huge success, and the resulting theme park threatens to supersede the original. Called *England, England*, it has all the elements of “Old England” in one convenient location. Wander into the new Sherwood Forest and you may spot Robin Hood and his now sexually ambiguous Merrie Men. Or take a stroll to see Stonehenge and Anne

Hathaway's Cottage, enjoy a ploughman's lunch atop the White Cliffs of Dover, then pop over to see the Royals, now on contract to Sir Jack, in their scaled-down version of Buckingham Palace. Every detail has been considered: even the postcards come pre-stamped! Julian Barnes' first novel in six years is a ferociously funny examination of the search for authenticity and truth in a fabricated world. **Tell Me an Ending**
Random House Canada
A compact masterpiece

dedicated to the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich: Julian Barnes's first novel since his best-selling, Man Booker Prize-winning *The Sense of an Ending*. In 1936, Shostakovich, just thirty, fears for his livelihood and his life. Stalin, hitherto a distant figure, has taken a sudden interest in his work and denounced his latest opera. Now, certain he will be exiled to Siberia (or, more likely, executed on the spot), Shostakovich reflects on his predicament, his personal

history, his parents, various women and wives, his children—and all who are still alive themselves hang in the balance of his fate. And though a stroke of luck prevents him from becoming yet another casualty of the Great Terror, for decades to come he will be held fast under the thumb of despotism: made to represent Soviet values at a cultural conference in New York City, forced into joining the Party and compelled, constantly, to weigh appeasing those in power against the

integrity of his music. Barnes elegantly guides us through the trajectory of Shostakovich's career, at the same time illuminating the tumultuous evolution of the Soviet Union. The result is both a stunning portrait of a relentlessly fascinating man and a brilliant exploration of the meaning of art and its place in society. *When Life Gives You Demons* Vintage
Frank Kermode is one of our most distinguished critics of English literature. Here, he

contributes a new epilogue to his collection of classic lectures on the relationship of fiction to age-old concepts of apocalyptic chaos and crisis. Prompted by the approach of the millennium, he revisits the book which brings his highly concentrated insights to bear on some of the most unyielding philosophical and aesthetic enigmas. Examining the works of writers from Plato to William Burrows, Kermode shows how they have persistently imposed their

"fictions" upon the face of eternity and how these have reflected the apocalyptic spirit. Kermode then discusses literature at a time when new fictive explanations, as used by Spenser and Shakespeare, were being devised to fit a world of uncertain beginning and end. He goes on to deal perceptively with modern literature with "traditionalists" such as Yeats, Eliot, and Joyce, as well as contemporary "schismatics," the French "new novelists," and such seminal figures as Jean-

Paul Sartre and Samuel Beckett. Whether weighing the difference between modern and earlier modes of apocalyptic thought, considering the degeneration of fiction into myth, or commenting on the vogue of the Absurd, Kermode is distinctly lucid, persuasive, witty, and prodigal of ideas. *Sense and Sensibility* National Geographic Books "I don't believe in God, but I miss him." So begins Julian Barnes's brilliant

new book that is, among many things, a family memoir, an exchange with his brother (a philosopher), a meditation on mortality and the fear of death, a celebration of art, an argument with and about God, and a homage to the writer Jules Renard. Barnes also draws poignant portraits of the last days of his parents, recalled with great detail, affection and exasperation. Other examples he takes up include writers, "most of them dead and quite a few of them French," as

well as some composers, for good measure. The grace with which Barnes weaves together all of these threads makes the experience of reading the book nothing less than exhilarating. Although he cautions us that "this is not my autobiography," the book nonetheless reveals much about Barnes the man and the novelist: how he thinks and how he writes and how he lives. At once deadly serious and dazzlingly playful, *Nothing to Be Frightened Of* is a wise, funny and

constantly surprising tour of the human condition.

England, England

Vintage

One of the Best Books of the Year: San Francisco Chronicle, Financial Times
Most of us have only one story to tell . . . only one that matters, only one finally worth telling. This is mine. One summer in the sixties, in a staid suburb south of London, nineteen-year-old Paul comes home from university and is urged by his mother to join the tennis club. There he's partnered with Susan

Macleod, a fine player who's forty-eight, confident, witty, and married, with two nearly adult daughters. She is a warm companion, her bond with Paul immediate. And soon, inevitably, they are lovers. Basking in the glow of one another, they set up house together in London. Decades later, Paul looks back at how they fell in love and how—gradually, relentlessly—everything fell apart. As he turns over his only story in his mind, examining it from

different vantage points, he finds himself confronted with the contradictions and slips of his own memory—and the ways in which our narratives and our lives shape one another. Poignant, vivid and profound, *The Only Story* is a searing novel of memory, devotion, and how first love fixes a life forever.

The Lemon Table Simon and Schuster
Winner of the Munhakdongne Novel Award, South Korea's most prestigious literary

prize. Cabinet 13 looks exactly like any normal filing cabinet...Except this cabinet is filled with files on the 'symptomers', humans whose strange abilities and bizarre experiences might just mark the emergence of a new species. But to Mr Kong, the harried office worker whose job it is to look after the cabinet, the symptomers are a headache; especially the one who won't stop calling every day, asking to be turned into a cat. A richly funny and fantastical novel about

the strangeness at the heart of even the most everyday lives, from one of South Korea's most acclaimed novelists. Translated by Sean Lin
 Halbert File Under: Fiction
 [12,000 Cans of Beer | Memory Mosaicers | Will Execution Inc. | Monkey of All Bombs]
The Sense of an Ending
 Open Book Publishers
 Follows a middle-aged man as he reflects on a past he thought was behind him, until he is presented with a legacy that forces him to reconsider different

decisions, and to revise his place in the world.
The Magpie Trap
 Vintage
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persuasive, witty, and prodigal of ideas.

Dear Life Vintage
This volume offers a selection of revised versions of the papers presented at the 7th International IDEA Conference held at Pamukkale University in Denizli, Turkey, organised by the Association of English Language and Literary Studies in Turkey. The contributions to this book offer a wide range of research from scholars on a variety of topics in English literature, including Shakespearean

studies, Victorian, colonial, and postcolonial literature, poetry, and drama studies. The volume also includes a number of informative research articles on comparative and translation studies which will offer assistance to young scholars in their academic studies. In addition to acting as a guide to young academics, the book will also function as a fruitful reference book in a wide range of English literary studies. *Something to Declare* The

Sense of an Ending
 Only the author of
 Flaubert's Parrot could
 give us a novel that is at
 once a note-perfect
 rendition of the angsts
 and attitudes of English
 adolescence, a giddy
 comedy of sexual
 awakening in the 1960s,
 and a portrait of the
 accommodations that
 some of us call "growing
 up" and others "selling
 out."

Where You Come From
 Vintage Canada
 The Sense of an
 Ending
 Vintage
Love, Etc Vintage Canada

The epic adventures
 Evelyn creates over the
 course of a lifetime will
 leave every reader
 mesmerized. This wildly
 addictive journey of a
 reclusive Hollywood
 starlet and her
 tumultuous Tinseltown
 journey comes with
 unexpected twists and the
 most satisfying of drama.
Nothing to be Frightened
Of Cambridge Scholars
 Publishing
 Samuel Perlman, the
 elderly narrator of
 Yasmina Reza's deliriously
 dyspeptic novel, is
 surrounded by happy

people. His wife Nancy is
 thrilled to be a member of
 the human race. His
 grown son is content
 crisscrossing the world to
 "sample exotic fruit with
 the savages." But Samuel
 himself refuses to be
 happy and his attempt to
 explain his refusal (half to
 his son and half to
 himself) generates an
 epic, blasphemous, and
 hilarious rant against the
 compromises of his life.
 Whether he is recounting
 his pal Lionel's heroic
 battle against impotence;
 lamenting the loss of his
 great love, the irresistible

Marisa Botton; or pondering the possibility of a new love in the person of one Genevieve Abramowitz, the droll, irascible Perlman is one of the great talkers of contemporary fiction. And *Desolation* is one of the most dazzling performances ever written for one voice.

The Sense of an Ending

Vintage

Anyone who loves France (or just feels strongly about it), or has succumbed to the spell of Julian Barnes's previous books, will be enraptured

by this collection of essays on the country and its culture. Barnes's appreciation extends from France's vanishing peasantry to its hyper-literate pop singers, from the gleeful iconoclasm of nouvelle vague cinema to the orgy of drugs and suffering that is the Tour de France. Above all, Barnes is an unparalleled connoisseur of French writing and writers. Here are the prolific and priapic Simenon, Baudelaire, Sand and Sartre, and several dazzling excursions on the prickly

genius of Flaubert. Lively yet discriminating in its enthusiasm, seemingly infinite in its range of reference, and written in prose as stylish as haute couture, *Something to Declare* is an unadulterated joy.

Keeping an Eye Open

Vintage

Winner of the 2011 Man Booker Prize and #1 international bestseller, *The Sense of an Ending* is a masterpiece. The story of a man coming to terms with the mutable past, Julian Barnes's new novel is laced with his

trademark precision, dexterity and insight. It is the work of one of the world's most distinguished writers. Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they navigated the girl drought of gawky adolescence together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they swore to stay friends forever. Until Adrian's life took a turn

into tragedy, and all of them, especially Tony, moved on and did their best to forget. Now Tony is in middle age. He's had a career and a marriage, a calm divorce. He gets along nicely, he thinks, with his one child, a daughter, and even with his ex-wife. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove. The unexpected bequest conveyed by that letter leads Tony on a dogged

search through a past suddenly turned murky. And how do you carry on, contentedly, when events conspire to upset all your vaunted truths? *Love and its Critics* Watkins Media Limited Jean Serjeant, the heroine of Julian Barnes's wonderfully provocative novel, seems ordinary, but has an extraordinary disdain for wisdom. And as Barnes—winner of the Man Booker Prize for *The Sense of an Ending*—follows her from her childhood in the 1920s to her flight into

the sun in the year 2021, he confronts readers with the fruits of her relentless curiosity: pilgrimages to China and the Grand Canyon; a catalog of 1940s sexual euphemisms; and a glimpse of technology in the twenty-first century (when *The Absolute Truth* can be universally accessed). Elegant, funny and intellectually subversive, *Staring at the Sun* is Julian Barnes at his most dazzlingly original. "Brilliant. . . . A marvelous literary epiphany."
—Carlos Fuentes, *The*

New York Times Book Review "Barnes's literary energy and daring are nearly unparalleled."
—New Republic
How Reading Changed My Life Vintage Canada
THE LIBRARY OF CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT is a groundbreaking series where America's finest writers and most brilliant minds tackle today's most provocative, fascinating, and relevant issues. Striking and daring, creative and important, these original voices on matters political, social,

economic, and cultural, will enlighten, comfort, entertain, enrage, and ignite healthy debate across the country.
English Studies Vintage
Rachel Waring is deliriously happy. Out of nowhere, a great-aunt leaves her a Georgian mansion in another city—and she sheds her old life without delay. Gone is her dull administrative job, her mousy wardrobe, her downer of a roommate. She will live as a woman of leisure, devoted to beauty, creativity,

expression, and love. Once installed in her new quarters, Rachel plants a garden, takes up writing, and impresses everyone she meets with her extraordinary optimism. But as Rachel sings and jokes the days away, her new neighbors begin to wonder if she might be taking her transformation just a bit too far. In *Wish Her Safe at Home*, Stephen Benatar finds humor and horror in the shifting region between elation and mania. His heroine could be the next-

door neighbor of the Beales of Grey Gardens or a sister to Jane Gardam's oddball protagonists, but she has an ebullient charm all her own. *The Cabinet* Simon and Schuster
 'A masterpiece... I would urge you to read - and re-read ' *Daily Telegraph*
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