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Dark Shadows: Angelique's Descent - Lara Parker 2012-04-10
Dark Shadows's two most popular characters, Barnabas Collins and Angelique, were eternally bound by love and hate. Now actress Lara

Parker, Angelique herself, tells the story of how it all began. The dashing heir of a New England shipping magnate, Barnabas Collins captures the heart of the exquisite, young Angelique amidst the sensual beauty of Martinique, her island

home. But Angelique's brief happiness is doomed when Barnabas deserts her and becomes engaged to another. With this one betrayal, Barnabas unleashes an evil that will torment him for all time. For Angelique is no ordinary woman. Raised in the mysterious black art of voodoo witchcraft, she long ago pledged her soul to darkness and became immortal. Vowing to destroy Barnabas, a vengeful Angelique damns him to eternal life as a vampire—a companion to accompany her forever. Little does Angelique understand the depth of Barnabas's fury.... This edition of *Dark Shadows: Angelique's Descent* has been updated by the author with an all-new final chapter. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

[The Restoration Will](#) - 2017

[In Their Youth](#) - Greg Gorman 2009

Using brilliantly simple math that illuminates universal emotional truths, *Emotional Equations*

crystallizes some of life's toughest challenges into manageable facets that readers can see clearly—and bits they can control. Popular motivational speaker and bestselling author Chip Conley has created an exciting, new, immediately accessible visual lexicon for mastering the age of uncertainty. Making mathematics out of emotions may seem a counterintuitive idea, but it's an inspiring and incredibly effective one in Chip Conley's hands. When Conley, dynamic author of the bestselling *Peak*, suffered a series of tragedies, he began using what he came to call "Emotional Equations" (like $Joy = Love - Fear$) to help him focus on the variables in life that he could deal with, rather than ruminating on the unchangeable constants he couldn't, like the bad economy, death, and taxes. Now this award-winning entrepreneur shares his amazing new self-help paradigm with the rest of us. *Emotional Equations* offers an immediately understandable means of identifying the elements in our lives

that we can change, those we can't, and how they interact to create the emotions that define us and can help or hurt our progress through life. Equations like "Despair = Suffering - Meaning" and "Happiness = Wanting What You Have/Having What You Want" (Which Chip presented at the prestigious TED conference) have been reviewed for mathematical and psychological accuracy by experts. Conley shows how to solve them through life examples and stories of inspiring people and role models who have worked them through in their own lives. In these turbulent times, when so many are trying to become "superhuman" to deal with our own and the world's problems, Emotional Equations arms readers with effective formulas for becoming super human beings.

Mosquito - Margarita del Mazo 2010-06-21

Pollock and the Irascibles - Carter Foster
2014-03-01

Introduces the artistic style and work of the

group of New York School abstract expressionist painters known as (3z(BThe Irascibles,(3y(B led by Jackson Pollock, featuring works by such artists as Franz Kline, Mark Rothko, and Willem de Kooning.

Loss and the Other in the Visionary Work of Anna Maria Ortese - Vilma De Gasperin
2014-03-27

This book examines the vre of Anna Maria Ortese (1914-1998) from her first literary writings in the Thirties to her great novels in the Nineties. The analysis focusses on two interweaving core themes, loss and the Other. It begins with the shaping of personal loss of an Other following death, separation, abandonment, coupled with melancholy for life's transience as depicted in autobiographical works and in her masterpiece Il porto di Toledo. The book then addresses Ortese's literary engagement with social themes in realist stories set in post-war Naples in her collection Il mare non bagna Napoli and then explores her continuing

preoccupation with socio-ethical issues, imbued with autobiographical elements, in non-realist texts, including her masterful novels *L'Iguana*, *Il cardillo addolorato* and *Alonso e i visionari*. The book combines theme and genre analysis, highlighting Ortese's adoption and hybridization of diverse literary forms such as poetry, the novel, the short story, the essay, autobiography, realism, fairy tales, fantasy, allegory. In her work Ortese weaves an ongoing dialogue with literary and non-literary works, through direct quotations, allusions, echoes, adoption of motifs and topoi. The book thus highlights the intertextual relationship with her sources: Leopardi, Dante, Petrarch, Manzoni, Collodi, Montale, Serao; Shakespeare, Milton, Keats, Blake, Joyce, Conrad, Melville, Poe, Hawthorne, Hardy; Manrique, Gongora, de Quevedo, Villalón, Bello, *Cantar del mio Cid*; Heine, Valery, Puccini's *Madam Butterfly*, folklore, popular songs, and the Bible. Ortese thus shapes her literary themes in the background of social,

political and economic upheavals over six decades of Italian history, culminating in an allegorical critique of modernity and a call for a renewed bond between humans and the Other. *16 ottobre 1943* - AA. VV.

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Nel 2013 ricorre il settantesimo anniversario del 16 ottobre 1943, data del più grande rastrellamento degli ebrei in Italia. Questo è un giorno di focale importanza per la memoria collettiva della città di Roma, che lo commemora con fiaccolate, convegni, manifestazioni varie. Oggi viene descritto per la prima volta in una mostra che racconta i drammatici eventi di quei giorni, con un impatto visivo capace di segnare la memoria della collettività tutta.

Un'esposizione che si concentra sulla sorte degli ebrei della capitale, vittime della politica di sterminio nazista, ma che si rivolge a tutti gli italiani, perché si tratta della loro storia. I nomi delle 1022 vittime della retata introducono il percorso espositivo. Si comincia con una

panoramica della storia della comunità ebraica romana, dalle origini fino al 1943, toccando il periodo dell'emancipazione, quando gli ebrei credevano di essere definitivamente diventati parte integrante della società in cui vivevano, quello della Prima guerra mondiale, quando erano orgogliosi del loro essere italiani, dimostrandolo col sangue, per poi affrontare l'infamia delle cosiddette "Leggi razziali", che hanno bruciato ogni illusione di una definitiva integrazione. Si arriva poi all'occupazione tedesca, dopo la caduta di Mussolini e l'annuncio dell'armistizio, dal ricatto dei 50 chili d'oro pretesi dai nazisti al furto dei libri e delle liste dei contribuenti presso gli uffici della Comunità ebraica. Si entra quindi nello specifico della razzia, con nuovi documenti recuperati, con i disegni originali di Aldo Gay (pittore ebreo romano che, scampato all'arresto, realizza sul posto straordinarie immagini a carboncino della razzia), con i racconti dei testimoni, con la visualizzazione degli arresti con una mappa

interattiva della città. Per la prima volta viene analizzata la retata anche con l'aiuto delle testimonianze di chi l'ha eseguita, da Kappler ai componenti delle squadre d'arresto, con rarissime immagini inedite di alcuni di loro. Ma la narrazione mette al centro il punto di vista delle vittime, attraverso le loro storie, racconti, documenti originali, volti. Il visitatore può seguirne le vicende, dall'arresto, all'interno del Collegio Militare, alla partenza dalla stazione Tiburtina nei vagoni piombati, all'arrivo a Birkenau, dove sono sottoposti alla disumana procedura della cosiddetta "selezione iniziale" in cui i nazisti decidono di ucciderne la quasi totalità nelle camere a gas, inserendo nel campo solo 149 uomini e 47 donne. Uno sguardo particolare è rivolto all'atteggiamento del mondo esterno di fronte agli arresti: da quello del Vaticano, a quello della popolazione italiana, fino alle notizie giunte agli Alleati. Si prosegue con l'analisi del tentativo degli ebrei sfuggiti alla cattura il 16 ottobre di mettersi in salvo

attraverso fughe e nascondigli, aiutati dalla popolazione non ebraica e da istituti religiosi o con l'aiuto di proprie organizzazioni, come la Delasem (Delegazione per l'Assistenza degli Emigranti Ebrei). Ci si sofferma infine sulla dolorosa ricerca dei dispersi, sulle biografie dei sedici sopravvissuti e il loro traumatico ritorno alla vita. L'esposizione chiude con le commoventi immagini di chi non è tornato. Ricorderanno a tutti l'incolmabile vuoto che queste persone hanno lasciato. Marcello Pezzetti Direttore scientifico della Fondazione Museo della Shoah

War Porn - Christoph Bangert 2014-05

A raw, intense, brutally honest and controversial book on war and its aftermath

[Plip, the Umbrella Man](#) - David Sire 2015

The constant rain gets Plip so down that he decides to become an umbrella. But even as an umbrella man, life isn't always easy. Plip came into the world as an ordinary man. But when it started to rain, he became more and more

unhappy. At first, he thought the rain would stop. When it didn't, Plip decided to live the rest of his life as an umbrella man. Plip now walks through the world protected from raindrops, but he's lonely. When he meets an umbrella woman, they try to hug, but their umbrellas get in the way. This makes Plip even sadder and he finally closes himself up and leaves the umbrella woman behind. Feelings rage inside of him. Cyclones, tornadoes, and typhoons break over him and his umbrella can't hold up. It turns inside out and collects a whole sea of rainwater that gets heavier and heavier until Plip has no choice to pour himself out. With his story of Plip, author David Sire explores important facets of life including doubt, love, and confidence. To emphasize the inner workings of Plip's psyche, Illustrated by Thomas Baas works only with cool blue tones and one warm red. The metaphor of rain and its various meanings inspire young readers to think about how they deal with their own emotions.

Altamont 1969 - 2019

Altamont 1969 by Bill Owens presents a new and unpublished series of work, black and white photographs documenting the unique moment of the first large Rolling Stones concert at Raceway Altamont in California. This was the period of protest movements in San Francisco. Bill Owens captured the young generation's desire to stand up and raise their voice against the war in Vietnam, against segregation and racial discrimination, and against authority in general. Slogans and billboards, sit-ins and demonstrations are evidence of the cultural agitation of those years. Together with the Stones, other major rock bands appeared on stage, including Grace Slick, Jefferson Airplane, Carlos Santana and many others, while the Hells Angels were employed as security. Bill Owens has always been involved in socio-anthropological aspects of American culture and in the rise of the collective movement of protest and criticism against the misuse of power. Here,

he uses photography as a kind of 'visual anthropologist', painting a fresco' of the cultural revolution that marked the entire world during the 1960s.

The Last White Sheet. The Hell and the Heart of Afghanistan - Farhad Bitani 2016

Q - Luther Blissett 2003

With Europe convulsed in wars over religion, a young theology student finds himself siding with heretics and the disenfranchised while confronting an agent of the Vatican who is determined to hunt down and destroy enemies of the faith, in a meticulously rendered historical thriller set against the backdrop of the Reformation. 50,000 first printing.

The Years of Alienation in Italy - Alessandra Diazi 2019-06-11

The Years of Alienation in Italy offers an interdisciplinary overview of the socio-political, psychological, philosophical, and cultural meanings that the notion of alienation took on in

Italy between the 1960s and the 1970s. It addresses alienation as a social condition of estrangement caused by the capitalist system, a pathological state of the mind and an ontological condition of subjectivity. Contributors to the edited volume explore the pervasive influence this multifarious concept had on literature, cinema, architecture, and photography in Italy. The collection also theoretically reassesses the notion of alienation from a novel perspective, employing Italy as a paradigmatic case study in its pioneering role in the revolution of mental health care and factory work during these two decades.

The Grotesque in Photography - A. D. Coleman
1977

Grotesque photography is odd, unnatural, fantastic, startling or bizarre in content.

The Transparent City - Michael Wolf 2008

The celebrated photographer captures Chicago's changing urban environment in a series of cityscape images focusing on the central

downtown area.

Hidden Islam - 2015

Consider these facts. In Italy the right to worship, without discrimination, is enshrined within the constitution. There are 1.35 million Muslims in Italy and yet, officially, only eight mosques in the whole country. One consequence is that the Muslim population have accumulated a huge number of makeshift and temporary places of worship. These are housed in a variety of buildings including lock ups, garages, shops, warehouses and old factories. This shortage of places to worship is particularly acute in north east Italy - where the photographer Nicolò Degiorgis lives - home to many anti-Islamic campaigns headed by the right wing party Lega Nord. The dull images of the many and diverse buildings that house the makeshift mosques are printed on folded pages. You open up the gatefold to reveal the scenes inside the mosques, shot in full colour. The size of the gatherings varies, from large crowds who sometimes pray

outside to a small room full to bursting, or to intimate groups of two or three Muslims. Degiorgis provides a fascinating glimpse of hidden world and leaves the conclusions about this project entirely in our own hands

Fists - Pietro Grossi 2012-09-25

'Fists', 'Horses' and 'The Monkey': three powerful coming-of-age stories about boys confronting reality, and fighting to stay alive in a man's world. In 'Fists', a teenage amateur boxer steps into the ring for the first time, and finds himself in a face-off with Life in all its muscular force; in 'Horses', two brothers embark on their first forays into adulthood, each learning to play a man's game in his own painful way; and in 'The Monkey', a young man realizes that in order to stay sane and survive in this world, we have to sacrifice our childhood dreams. Told in a spare and powerful voice reminiscent of Hemingway and Salinger, Grossi's stories explore the rite of passage each of us faces in our youth - and what it means to be a man in our time.

Loaded - marquis de Sade 1990

The 120 Days of Sodom is the Marquis de Sade's masterpiece. A still unsurpassed catalogue of sexual perversions and the first systematic exploration of the psychopathology of sex, it was written during Sade's lengthy imprisonment for sexual deviancy and blasphemy and then lost after the storming of the Bastille during the French Revolution in 1789. Later rediscovered, the manuscript remained unpublished until 1936 and is now introduced by Simone de Beauvoir's landmark essay, 'Must We Burn Sade?' Unique in its enduring capacity to shock and provoke, The 120 Days of Sodom must stand as one of the most controversial books ever written, and a fine example of the Libertine novel, a genre inspired by eroticism and anti-establishmentarianism, that effectively ended with the French Revolution.

Journey to the End of the Night - Louis-Ferdinand Céline 1988

When it was published in 1932, this

revolutionary first fiction redefined the art of the novel with its black humor, its nihilism, and its irreverent, explosive writing style, and made Louis-Ferdinand Celine one of France's--and literature's--most important 20th-century writers. The picaresque adventures of Bardamu, the sarcastic and brilliant antihero of Journey to the End of the Night move from the battlefields of World War I (complete with buffoonish officers and cowardly soldiers), to French West Africa, the United States, and back to France in a style of prose that's lyrical, hallucinatory, and hilariously scathing toward nearly everybody and everything. Yet, beneath it all one can detect a gentle core of idealism.

Alighiero E Boetti - Anne-Marie Sauzeau Boetti 2003

This memoir is both a private testimony and a critical study, written by the woman who was Boetti's companion during the first 20, and most decisive, years of his career. It is also an album of photographs and drawings, many of them

never before published. Witness the very individual journey of the "shaman/showman," as Boetti referred to himself, evoked through images and words that recall the key events, times, and places of the 1960s and 70s generation of artists. Boetti's artistic output spanned 30 years, from 1964 until his death in 1994, and he was prolifically inventive. He graduated from Arte Povera to Conceptualism with an enchanting playfulness, but also with powerful philosophical and geopolitical intuitions that only now fully reveal their prophetic nature.

The Call of the Horned Piper - Nigel Jackson 1994

La Luce Necessaria. Conversazione Con Luca Bigazzi. Edizione Economica - Alberto Spadafora 2012-12-01

Un libro intervista che "illumina" aspetti non noti delle migliori opere cinematografiche italiane degli ultimi trent'anni. La narrazione di Luca

Bigazzi - direttore della fotografia e insieme operatore di macchina - raccoglie con coerenza caratteri tecnici, artistici ed etici del lavoro sul set. Bigazzi racconta la genesi del suo modo di lavorare libero da regole codificate, i motivi delle sue scelte professionali, la luce che ama, le ragioni della sua passione per lo stare in macchina. Con interventi di Gianni Amelio, Philippe Antonello, Gianluca Arcopinto, Fabrizio Bentivoglio, Anna Bonaiuto, Margherita Buy, Antonio Capuano, Francesca Comencini, Angelo Curti, Nicola Giuliano, Valeria Golino, Abbas Kiarostami, Franco Maresco, Mario Martone, Carlo Mazzacurati, Giuseppe Piccioni, Alessandro Saulini, Andrea Segre, Daniele Segre, Toni Servillo, Silvio Soldini, Paolo Sorrentino

Untold: The Stories Behind the Photographs

- Steve McCurry 2013-09-03

Steve McCurry's iconic images have made him one of the world's most popular photographers working today. Now, for the first time, he shares

the stories behind stunning images taken from around the world throughout his extensive career. In the finest documentary tradition, *Untold: The Stories Behind the Photographs* delves into McCurry's personal archive to reveal never-before-seen ephemera, including journals, portraits, maps, and beautifully reproduced snapshots from various assignments. The book is organized into 14 photo stories, each brought to life by narrative text and over 100 lavish, full-color photo plates. Together, these fascinating documents create a living biography of one of photography's greatest legends.

Suburbia - Bill Owens 1973

"This book is about my friends and the world I live in. In the fall of 1968 I began working as a photographer for the Livermore (California) Independent. My daily routine took me into the homes of hundreds of families and into contact with the social life of three suburban communities. The people I met enjoy the lifestyle of the suburbs. They have realized the

American Dream. They are proud to be home own and to have achieved material success. To me nothing seemed familiar, yet everything was very, very familiar. At first I suffered from culture shock. I wanted to photograph everything, thousands of photographs. Then slowly I began to put my thoughts and feelings together and to document Americans in Suburbia. It took two years. The photos in this book express the lives of the people I know. The comments on each photograph are what the people feel about themselves."--Author's statement, p. [3].

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TERZA PARTE - ANTONIO GIANGRANDE

Antonio Giangrande, orgoglioso di essere diverso. ODI OSENTAZIONE ED IMPOSIZIONE. Si nasce senza volerlo. Si muore senza volerlo. Si vive una vita di prese per il culo. Noi siamo quello che altri hanno voluto che diventassimo. Facciamo in modo che diventiamo quello che noi avremmo (rafforzativo di

saremmo) voluto diventare. Rappresentare con verità storica, anche scomoda ai potenti di turno, la realtà contemporanea, rapportandola al passato e proiettandola al futuro. Per non reiterare vecchi errori. Perché la massa dimentica o non conosce. Denuncio i difetti e caldeggio i pregi italiani. Perché non abbiamo orgoglio e dignità per migliorarci e perché non sappiamo apprezzare, tutelare e promuovere quello che abbiamo ereditato dai nostri avi. Insomma, siamo bravi a farci del male e qualcuno deve pur essere diverso!

Cinema Zenit - Andrea Bruno 2015-01-01

Maledetti Fotografi - Enrico Ratto 2016-02-09
Maledetti Fotografi e un progetto nato nel 2014, fondato da Enrico Ratto. Ogni mese pubblichiamo le interviste ai più interessanti fotografi italiani ed internazionali. In questo libro sono raccolte le interviste realizzate nel 2014 con i grandi autori della fotografia. Questo libro contiene le interviste con: Guido Harari

Henryk Hetflaisz Mario Giacomelli Riccardo
Venturi Hua Kiem Arianna Arcara e Luca
Santese (Cesura) Helmut Newton Christoph
Bangert Stuart Franklin Don McCullin Gianni
Berengo Gardin Sarah Moon George Woodman
Steve McCurry Frank Horvat Kate Garner
Dominique Tarle Ferdinando Scianna Wolfgang
Volz Mattia Insolera Long Thanh"

The End of Manners - Francesca Marciano

2009-05-05

Maria Galante and Imo Glass are on assignment in Afghanistan: outgoing Imo to interview girls who have attempted suicide to avoid forced marriage to older men; and shy, perfectionist Maria to photograph them. But in a culture in which women shroud their faces and suicide is a grave taboo, to photograph these women puts everyone in danger. Before the assignment is over, Maria is forced to decide if it's more important to succeed at her work —and please Imo—or to follow her own moral compass. The End of Manners is a story of friendship and

loyalty, of the transformative power of journeying outside oneself into the wider world. Found Photos in Detroit - Arianna Arcara 2012 We found these pictures and documents abandoned on the streets of Detroit. We did not take the pictures or write the words. We do not know who did. Certain names, addresses and phone numbers have been redacted in an attempt to protect people's identities. If you have information about the pictures, please contact us

What Has Left Since We Left - 2021-01-05

Texts and documents on a cinematic exploration of Europe's precarious plight Based on Giulio Squillacciotti's titular film fictionalizing contemporary Europe's problems, this book collects text responses, stills and a timeline of Europe from World War II to Brexit, compiled by Enrico De Gasperis.

Le Voyage - Charles Baudelaire 1991

Letter to My Mother - Georges Simenon 1976

Simenon reconstructs his mother's character and personality at each stage of her life and reflects upon the relationship they shared.

Russian Interiors - Andy Rocchelli 2014

The Oriental Review - Motosada Zumoto 1913

Manituana - Wu Ming 2009

To save their threatened utopian community of Iroquois, Irish, and Scots during the start of the American Revolution, Mohawk chief Joseph Brant and a group of warriors go on a restless journey that takes them from New York to Canada, to the salons of Georgian London and the heart of the British Empire, in the latest work by a critically acclaimed collective of Italian writers known as Wu Ming.

[TIME 100 Photographs](#) - Time Magazine Editors
2016-10-18

Since its inception, TIME magazine has been synonymous not just with outstanding journalism, but also with outstanding

photography. Now, to mark the 175th anniversary of photography and the birth of photojournalism, the Editors of TIME magazine are publishing this companion book to the groundbreaking digital celebration of photography that TIME.com will be mounting online, displaying the most influential photographs of all time. While they may not be the most famous or well-known photographs, each one is unique for the way in which it changed, influenced, or commemorated a particular world event. From the first sports photograph to ever win the Pulitzer Prize - that of Babe Ruth at Yankee Stadium to the photograph of Student Neda Agha-Soltan's death during Iran's 2009 election protests, each of the photographs in *100 Photographs: The Most Influential Images of All Time* is significant in how it forever changed how we live, learn, communicate, and in many cases, view the world.

Cultivating a Tradition of Perfection - Mark

Brutton 2002

Tentacles at My Throat Tentacles at My Throat - Zerocalcare 2018-07-18

Three friends, their schoolgrounds, a secret. And fifteen years later, the discovery that they all thought there was only one secret, but each had their own. And there was one more, bigger than the others, that none were aware of. This is Zerocalcare's second graphic novel, the one that made him stand out as an intelligent, delicate, merciless narrator when it comes to describing his own weaknesses, which may be everyone's. A complete story in three parts at different times in the coming of age of young Calcare; three moments that have in common the all-too-familiar feeling of having tentacles at the throat.

Body Art and Performance - Lea Vergine 2000
When *The Body as Language* ("Body-art" and Performance) appeared in 1974, it was immediately a huge publishing hit, reviewed by some of the most influential art historians and

writers (Giulio C. Argan, Edoardo Sanguineti, Max Kozloff, Lucy Lippard, François Pluchart, Peter Gorsen, Evelyn Weiss and many others). A direct testimony of the birth and development of one of the most controversial art trends, Lea Vergine's book avails of a series of texts by the artists themselves, whom the author had asked to contribute with a statement about the illustrations of their work. Featuring a thorough documentation of original photographs and film photograms, videotapes, happenings, actions and performances, the book analyses the evolution of this phenomenon through the works of sixty artists, including Gina Pane, Gilbert & George, Urs Lüthi and Katharina Sieverding, Rebecca Horn, Trisha Brown, Günter Brus and many others who have worked with and on the body. In an absolutely unusual publishing event, nearly thirty years after the first edition, the text--by now a classic--is republished with all the original photographic material. The volume is enhanced and brought up-to-date by an

afterword by Lea Vergine, who observes the changes of Body Art throughout the nineties: Orlan, Stelarc, Ron Athey, Franko B., Yasumasa Morimura, Jana Sterbak, Matthew Barney are "virtuosos of disorder and hungry for afflictions of any and every kind, mystics--like persons who display the subjection of their bodies to cruel and invasive devices, or who revel in virtual fantasies of such self-inflicted pains--destroy themselves in order newly to find themselves. . . . They finally pay a visit to the world of the saints and victims, exploring and prolonging its seductions." When *The Body as Language* ("Body-art" and Performance) appeared in 1974, it was immediately a huge publishing hit, reviewed by some of the most influential art historians and writers (Giulio C. Argan, Edoardo Sanguineti, Max Kozloff, Lucy Lippard, François Pluchart, Peter Gorsen, Evelyn Weiss and many others). A direct testimony of the birth and development of one of the most controversial art trends, Lea Vergine's book avails of a series of

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Benediction - Kent Haruf 2013-02-26

From the beloved and best-selling author of *Plainsong* and *Eventide* comes a story of life and death, and the ties that bind, once again set out on the High Plains in Holt, Colorado. When Dad Lewis is diagnosed with terminal cancer, he and his wife, Mary, must work together to make his final days as comfortable as possible. Their daughter, Lorraine, hastens back from Denver to help look after him; her devotion softens the bitter absence of their estranged son, Frank, but this cannot be willed away and remains a palpable presence for all three of them. Next door, a young girl named Alice moves in with her grandmother and contends with the painful

memories that Dad's condition stirs up of her own mother's death. Meanwhile, the town's newly arrived preacher attempts to mend his strained relationships with his wife and teenaged son, a task that proves all the more challenging when he faces the disdain of his congregation after offering more than they are accustomed to getting on a Sunday morning. And throughout, an elderly widow and her middle-aged daughter do everything they can to ease the pain of their friends and neighbors. Despite the travails that each of these families faces, together they form bonds strong enough to carry them through the most difficult of times. Bracing, sad and deeply illuminating, *Benediction* captures the fullness of life by representing every stage of it, including its extinction, as well as the hopes and dreams that sustain us along the way. Here Kent Haruf gives us his most indelible portrait yet of this small town and reveals, with grace and insight, the compassion, the suffering and, above all, the

humanity of its inhabitants.