

## Door To Door The Magnificent Maddening Mysterious World Of Transportation

Meet the Mummy family! There's Mommy Mummy, Daddy Mummy, Tut, Sis, and their funny Mummy cat. When someone unexpectedly knocks at their pyramid door, exciting things begin to happen...

Joris moet op een ochtend in zijn eentje op zijn grootmoeder passen, maar die is intens gemeen. Hij bedenkt een plan: hij gaat een toverdrankje voor haar maken. Maar dan gebeuren de vreemdste dingen. Joris en de geheimzinnige toverdrank is een fantastisch kinderboek van de wereldberoemde bestsellerauteur Roald Dahl. Met prachtige tekeningen van bekrond illustrator Quentin Blake. Dit e-book kun je op je smartphone, tablet én op je e-reader lezen. Dit e-book is geschikt voor zowel iOS- als Android-besturingssystemen. Joris woont op een boerderij, ver van alles af. Op een zaterdagochtend moet hij in zijn eentje op zijn grootmoeder passen, maar Joris haat zijn grootmoe, dat akelige, hekserige ouwe wijf. Hij bedenkt een plan: hij gaat een toverdrankje voor haar maken. Er gaat van alles in: kanariezangzaad, varkenstabletten, motorolie en nog veel meer. Grootmoe drinkt het drankje en ze groeit en groeit. Ze gaat door het plafond en zelfs door het dak heen! Wanneer Joris en zijn vader besluiten nog meer toverdrankjes te gaan maken, gebeuren de vreemdste dingen. 'Roald Dahl is de beste kinderboekenschrijver ter wereld.' – VPRO-gids

Een moderne Romeo en Julia als ze nog geleefd hadden en een prachtig verhaal over menselijkheid, vergeving en liefde. De Gleasons en de Stanhopes komen naast elkaar te wonen als ze de stad uit trekken. Lena Gleeson voelt zich eenzaam en probeert vriendschap te sluiten met Anne Stanhope, een elegante, maar kille en onstabiele vrouw die met rust gelaten wil worden. Het is aan hun kinderen, Lena's jongste dochter Kate en Annes enige zoon Peter, om de families bij elkaar te brengen. Maar hun vriendschap wordt danig op de proef gesteld door de tragedie die hun te wachten staat.

A cult classic Honey West mystery that "reintroduce[s] the sassy private eye bombshell . . . to a new generation" (Los Angeles Times). LA's nerviest, curviest PI is up to her navel in trouble again, and this time she's being framed for murder. The Victims: Honey's boy toy Rip Spensor, a Los Angeles Rams quarterback who got sacked by a steamroller ("ground right into the asphalt"), and Angela Scali, an Italian Hollywood beauty that set out for an innocent weekend at a nudist colony run by some quirky evangelical Christians and ended up hanging dead in a romantic mountain glade ("the grass underneath red with her blood"). What connects the two: Both were associated with a certain blonde gumshoe with an unmistakable 38-22-36 figure and a license to carry. Looks like Honey has gotten caught in a sticky situation . . . "One of the first female private detectives in popular fiction . . . If you are looking for some fun, summer reading, you could do a lot worse than meeting Ms. Honey West." —Pulp Fiction Reviews

Boom! Snap! Whiz! Zap! The Magnificent Makers chapter book series is filled with science, adventure, and characters kids will love! Every book includes two science activities kids can do at home! This series is a modern day Magic School Bus for the chapter book reader! In class, Violet and Pablo have been learning about the icky world of germs! Violet has been out sick, and is excited she's feeling better... achoo! Well, she's mostly feeling better. She and Pablo are paired up with another classmate, Aria, who is a bit nervous that Violet keeps sneezing. When another riddle appears to transport them back to the Maker Maze--a magical makerspace--to learn all about bacteria, viruses, and fungi, Violet and Pablo find out why Aria is so nervous. Aria's body has more trouble fighting off illnesses than their bodies do. Together they learn all about good and bad germs, and why staying home until you're 100% recovered is really important. Don't miss any books in this STEM-tastic series! #1: How to Test a Friendship #2: Brain Trouble #3: Riding Sound Waves #4: The Great Germ Hunt #5: Race Through Space

Ghosts, Heroes and Oddities is a collection of the stories that have inspired, entertained and haunted countless generations of Newfoundlanders. The anthology captures the spirit of The Rock and its people with stories about feeling the icy cold hand of death, an Inuit woman's courageous life and the day a sea monster attacked a 150-ton schooner. This meticulously edited Ballantyne collection is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents: Novels: The Coral Island Snowflakes and Sunbeams (The Young Fur Traders) Ungava Martin Rattler The Dog Crusoe and his Master The World of Ice The Gorilla Hunters The Golden Dream The Red Eric Away in the Wilderness Fighting the Whales The Wild Man of the West Fast in the Ice Gascoyne The Lifeboat Chasing the Sun Freaks on the Fells The Lighthouse Fighting The Flames Silver Lake Deep Down Shifting Winds Hunting the Lions Over the Rocky Mountains Saved by the Lifeboat Erling the Bold The Battle and the Breeze The Cannibal Islands Lost in the Forest Digging for Gold Sunk at Sea The Floating Light of the Goodwin Sands The Iron Horse The Norsemen in the West The Pioneers Black Ivory Life in the Red Brigade Fort Desolation The Pirate City The Story of the Rock Rivers of Ice Under the Waves The Settler and the Savage In the Track of the Troops Jarwin and Cuffy Philosopher Jack Post Haste The Lonely Island The Red Man's Revenge My Doggie and I The Giant of the North The Madman and the Pirate The Battery and the Boiler The Thorogood Family The Young Trawler Dusty Diamonds, Cut and Polished Twice Bought The Island Queen The Rover of the Andes The Prairie Chief The Lively Poll Red Rooney The Big Otter The Fugitives Blue Lights The Middy and the Moors The Eagle Cliff The Crew of the Water Wagtail Blown to Bits The Garret and the Garden Jeff Benson Charlie to the Rescue The Coxswain's Bride The Buffalo Runners The Hot Swamp Hunted and Harried The Walrus Hunters Wrecked but not Ruined Children's Books: Three Little Kittens The Butterfly's Ball and the Grasshopper's Feast Mister Fox The Life of a Ship My Mother Other Works: The Hudson's Bay Company Handbook to the new Goldfields Up in the Clouds: Balloon Voyages Man on the Ocean: A Book about Boats and Ships The Ocean and its Wonders Six Months at the Cape Battles with the Sea Memoirs: Personal Reminiscences in Book Making

The worlds are changing. In a world far from our own, where magic and myth are one in the same, a declaration of war is announced. The announcement sets in motion a chain of events that tear into the very fabric of time and space. An ancient legacy has returned to the magical world of Ivane, which had been thought long extinct. Since anyone can

remember, there have always been two lines of magic. The first is the essence of the Sorceress. It has been ten years since the last reincarnation of the Sorceress, ten years since very her essence has poisoned an undeserving woman. But suddenly, it has returned. Now, to fight off the evil, three heroes are called upon to help vanquish the essence for good. Legend tells of the one who can manage this seemingly impossible feat. The one who can achieve this is graced with the essence's lighter equivalent, the Summoner. Alizé Dominio, a beautiful, gifted young mage from the Alinta Aces; Gogora's only army joins forces with Eddy Seamer. Eddy is a tough but loveable bladesman, and they are joined by one of their mentors, Keryn Blackhart, a patriotic perfectionist who cannot be beaten with a rifle. Together, they embark on a quest that pans the wondrous world they have all grown up in. Only the Summoner can call forth the ancient sceptre of the Gods. This ancient artefact is said to hold the power to vanquish the Summoner's evil counterpart and restore peace, if only for a while. But something is different this time around and deep in Alizé's heart a horrible truth is beginning to emerge . . . In old times, a prophecy was made. It spoke of the two ancient lines of magic and how they once belonged to the one who the people of Ivane consider God. It tells of the two lines of magic reuniting in one being, who will ultimately become a God among men. As Alizé and her friends reach their target, the heart wrenching truth is exposed. The true identity of the Sorceress is revealed, and the events that follow are truly catastrophic. When one inherits the essence of the Sorceress, their soul is twisted and corrupted beyond imagining. The darkness within becomes too strong and is unleashed, releasing chaos in its never-ending pursuit for power. It is a wicked burden to bear, and when Alizé inherits this unwanted gift, her soul is thrust into oblivion, and she emerges as the new goddess, forever thirsty for dominance. Now it is up to Alizé's boyfriend, Eddy, and his new friend Keryn to help Alizé. The only option seems bleak, and Eddy drowns in despair. But in a world where anything is possible, can there be a way to pull somebody back from the abyss? Do our heroes try and spit in the face of destiny? Or can destiny be changed? And if they do change destiny, then what? This carefully crafted ebook: "THE WILD WEST ADVENTURES – Boxed Set: 9 Western Classics in One Volume (Illustrated)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents: The Girl at the Halfway House The Law of the Land Heart's Desire The Way of a Man 54-40 or Fight The Man Next Door The Magnificent Adventure The Sagebrusher The Covered Wagon Emerson Hough (1857–1923) was an American author best known for writing western stories, adventure tales and historical novels. His best known works include western novels The Mississippi Bubble and The Covered Wagon, The Young Alaskans series of adventure novels, and historical works The Way to the West and The Story of the Cowboy.

The women in this book have created their own successes. In the book, questions are posed to these financial superstars to create a personal experience for each reader. Here, in their own voice they tell their story. This book is a must read for any woman who is serious about having a successful career in the financial services industry. These are TRUE stories-with their own models for creating success in the financial services industry.

"Wagner, the Wehr-Wolf" by George W. M. Reynolds. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten?or yet undiscovered gems?of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

New, superbly translated omnibus of five of Jules Verne's most renowned stories: Journey to the Center of the Earth, From the Earth to the Moon, Circling the Moon, 20,000 Leagues Under the Seas, and Around the World in 80 Days. Shadows of Deceit By: Zeteri M. Hodges Tera Hexen is asked to transfer to a school in a country she has never heard of: The Farganon Institute in Roress, Savoria. Traveling with her best friend Amethyst, they arrive with hope of a smooth school year. However, Tera's hopes are quickly dashed by a mysterious and brooding Instructor, Seven Stone. Events from the school's dark and tragic history start to brutally repeat themselves. However, the more Tera and Seven work together, the more they realize there is more to the other than meets the eye. Petty differences must be put aside and relationships built to win a battle they never wanted to repeat. Fall in love with the characters, humor, and thrills in this crazy supernatural romance.

What would it be like to know a magical land full of mistery, history and colours? Join me in this amazing adventure, through a place full of surprises, the door to South America: Colombia.

[Siren Allure ManLove: Erotic Alternative Paranormal Romance, M/M, shape-shifters, HFN] Jackson Dark is a wolf shifter on the run. After being wounded by a hit man, Jackson breaks into a closed cafe hoping to find safety. But when he spies on the hunky, half-naked owner, he finds something more, his future mate. Jackson plans on revisiting the cafe once it opens to search for his necklace he lost that his mother gave him. He also plans on formally introducing himself to Dane Ferguson, the cafe owner. After meeting his sexy, mysterious new customer Jackson Dark, Dane Ferguson is not only intrigued, he's enamored. There's something familiar, peculiar, and extremely fascinating about Jackson. Dane can't quite put his finger on it, but he's seen Jackson before. As these two grow closer, so does the danger lurking outside. The hit man is still out there searching for the wolf shifter that got away. He won't stop until he kills Jackson and anyone who gets in his way. Can Jackson protect Dane, the man he loves, from the very peril he brought right to his door? Note: This book was previously published with another publisher and has been extensively revised and expanded. \*\* A Siren Erotic Romance

Een blind meisje te midden van het geweld van de Tweede Wereldoorlog Voor alle liefhebbers van De boekendief 'Anthony Doerr heeft een nieuwe maatstaf gehanteerd voor wat een verhaal met je kan doen.' Dave Eggers De jonge Marie-Laure is blind. Ze woont met haar vader in Parijs naast het Natuurhistorisch Museum, waar hij werkt als curator. Als Marie-Laure twaalf is bezetten de nazi's Parijs en vader en dochter vluchten naar het Bretonse Saint-Malo. Ze hebben de grootste en meest waardevolle schat van het museum meegenomen. In een Duits mijnstadje groeit Werner

Pfennig op in een weeshuis samen met zijn jongere zusje Jutta. Werner belandt bij de Hitlerjugend en wordt vervolgens naar het front gestuurd. Via Rusland komt hij tenslotte in Saint-Malo terecht, waar zijn verhaal en dat van Marie-Laure samenkomen. Anthony Doerr heeft met zijn werk al vele gerenommeerde literaire prijzen gewonnen. Hij schreef tien jaar lang aan deze roman, die door de internationale pers als een meesterwerk wordt beschouwd en waarvan de filmrechten zijn verkocht aan 20th Century Fox. Anthony Doerr woont met zijn vrouw en twee jonge zoons in Boise, Idaho. 'Zijn imponerende gevoel voor detail en prachtige metaforen zijn overweldigend.' San Francisco Chronicle 'Doerr schildert met een rijk prozapalet dat resoneert als een klok en lang blijft hangen in je hoofd.' Daily Mail 'Absoluut betoverend.' The Guardian 'Hij kan een scène tot leven wekken in één enkele alinea.' The Times

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *Garbology* explores the hidden and costly wonders of our buy-it-now, get-it-today world of transportation, revealing the surprising truths, mounting challenges, and logistical magic behind every trip we take and every click we make. Transportation dominates our daily existence. Thousands, even millions, of miles are embedded in everything we do and touch. We live in a door-to-door universe that works so well most Americans are scarcely aware of it. The grand ballet in which we move ourselves and our stuff is equivalent to building the Great Pyramid, the Hoover Dam, and the Empire State Building all in a day. Every day. And yet, in the one highly visible part of the transportation world—the part we drive—we suffer grinding commutes, a violent death every fifteen minutes, a dire injury every twelve seconds, and crumbling infrastructure. Now, the way we move ourselves and our stuff is on the brink of great change, as a new mobility revolution upends the car culture that, for better and worse, built modern America. This unfolding revolution will disrupt lives and global trade, transforming our commutes, our vehicles, our cities, our jobs, and every aspect of culture, commerce, and the environment. We are, quite literally, at a fork in the road, though whether it will lead us to Carmageddon or Carmaheaven has yet to be determined. Using interviews, data and deep exploration of the hidden world of ports, traffic control centers, and the research labs defining our transportation future, acclaimed journalist Edward Humes breaks down the complex movements of humans, goods, and machines as never before, from increasingly car-less citizens to the distance UPS goes to deliver a leopard-printed phone case. Tracking one day in the life of his family in Southern California, Humes uses their commutes, traffic jams, grocery stops, and online shopping excursions as a springboard to explore the paradoxes and challenges inherent in our system. He ultimately makes clear that transportation is one of the few big things we can change—our personal choices do have a profound impact, and that fork in the road is coming up fast. *Door to Door* is a fascinating detective story, investigating the worldwide cast of supporting characters and technologies that have enabled us to move from here to there—past, present, and future.

On the shrouded corpse hung a tablet of green topaz with the inscription: 'I am Shaddad the Great. I conquered a thousand cities; a thousand white elephants were collected for me; I lived for a thousand years and my kingdom covered both east and west, but when death came to me nothing of all that I had gathered was of any avail. You who see me take heed: for Time is not to be trusted.' Dating from at least a millennium ago, these are the earliest known Arabic short stories, surviving in a single, ragged manuscript in a library in Istanbul. Some found their way into *The Arabian Nights* but most have never been read in English before. *Tales of the Marvellous and News of the Strange* has monsters, lost princes, jewels beyond price, a princess turned into a gazelle, sword-wielding statues and shocking reversals of fortune. Boom! Snap! Whiz! Zap! The *Magnificent Makers* chapter book series is filled with science, adventure, and characters kids will love! Every book includes two science activities kids can do at home! A modern day Magic School Bus for the chapter book reader! A wacky scientist, Dr. Crisp loves to invite students to the her Maker Maze for a STEM-filled adventure! Just solve a riddle and the portal to the Maze will appear! But there's a catch...if the kids don't complete a challenge fast enough, they can never come back to the Maze! Pablo and Violet are on a field trip to the science museum and today they're paired up with a classmate they don't know very well--Henry. As they enter the Maze and learn about touch, hearing, and vision, Pablo and Violet learn that there's more to Henry and his odd behavior than meets the eye - Henry has a sensory processing disorder. Together they'll learn a little something about feelings (literally!), acceptance, and what makes us special. Don't miss any books in this STEM-tastic series! #1: How to Test a Friendship #2: Brain Trouble #3: Riding Sound Waves #4: The Great Germ Hunt #5: Race Through Space 'Funny, beautifully observed and moving' Adam Kay 'Tales Of The City for a new generation . . . smart, touching, razor-sharp one-liners, a life-affirming read . . . I fell utterly in love with it' John Marrs 'Funny, kind, insightful book, about those who get left behind' Russell T Davies Two brothers. Two different journeys. The same hope of a magnificent future. At twenty-nine, Jake D'Arcy has finally got his life just right. Job with prospects: check. Steady girlfriend: check. Keeping his exhausting, boisterous family at bay: check. So why isn't he happier? When his confident, much-adored younger brother Trick comes out as gay to a rapturous response, Jake realises he has questions about his own repressed bisexuality, and that he can't wait any longer to find his answers. As Trick begins to struggle with navigating the murky waters of adult relationships, Jake must confront himself and those closest to him. He's beginning to believe his own life could be magnificent, if he can be brave enough to make it happen . . . 'Just wonderful. Warm, funny and believable, with characters you feel you know. And with, as ever, some enviably KILLER lines' Marina O'Loughlin 'MAGNIFICENT. It's all about the complicated issues of families and sexuality, the writing is pacy, smart and funny, and the storytelling is first-rate' Adam Kay, bestselling author of *This is Going to Hurt* 'Wonderful . . . touching on all the psychological intricacies, and the ripples of social and family consequences [of coming out]. But it's just as much a book about sibling love and the value of friendship. Populated with a likeable, diverse and witty cast of characters, it's a sure-footed narrative about finding your feet.' The Irish Times 'With razor sharp observation, this coming of age story is full of heart' Sunday Mirror 'Raw and honest, more complex and real than most coming out stories' The i Paper More praise for Justin Myers: 'Original, compelling, touching and funny' Francesca Hornak, author of *Seven Days of Us* 'A funny, keenly observed tale about relationships and identity' Red Magazine 'Brilliant. I fell in love with Jake and there was something special about reading the brothers' stories unfold while keeping one eye on my own magnificent sons playing in our garden' The Unmumsy Mum 'Extremely funny, with real heart, depth and resonance' Daisy Buchanan 'Insightful, heartfelt and witty' Laura Jane Williams 'So funny and sharp, yet tender and emotional too' Jill Mansell 'Brilliant, funny and incisive' Stylist

Bookwise is a carefully graded reading scheme organized into five cross-curricular strands, encouraging links to other subjects. Comprising 16 fiction and ten non-fiction titles, the 25 books at each level span a two-year reading age and the three-tier levelling system within each level facilitates an accurate match of reading ability and text. The full-colour readers are accompanied by teacher's guides and resource sheets to help teachers get the most out of their guided reading and writing sessions.

A shattering personal tragedy forces a spoiled and wealthy young man to reevaluate his life and to use his discovery to embark on a course of anonymous philanthropy, in a new edition of the classic novel of redemption. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

Using previously unpublished correspondence and personal journal entries from screenwriter Abraham Polonsky, neglected notices in *Variety* and other Hollywood trade publications, and a variety of published sources, this narrative backstory of rival movie productions of *The Gladiators* vs *Spartacus* documents that intense competition with greater precision and clarity than any other existing account. The key role that this little-known chapter of Hollywood's blacklist history played, in connection with Dalton Trumbo's successful effort to win screen credit for *Spartacus*, is now for the first time available to film historians and lay readers. A companion study, Volume 2, is devoted to Abraham Polonsky's rediscovered screenplay.

Although Anne Black is confined to a wheelchair, living a restricted life following a stroke, she is usually to be found with a smile on her lips and a pen in her hand. Poems are taking shape, and these poems celebrate her friendship with Jesus. They bear witness to the peace of mind and joy in living that Jesus brings when we allow him into our lives.

"Liz Ziemska has fashioned a beautiful story about one famous survivor and the magic and mathematics he's brought to the world." —Karen Joy Fowler  
*Mandelbrot the Magnificent* is a stunning, magical pseudo-biography of Benoit Mandelbrot as he flees into deep mathematics to escape the rise of Hitler. Born in the Warsaw ghetto and growing up in France during the rise of Hitler, Benoit Mandelbrot found escape from the cruelties of the world around him through mathematics. Logic sometimes makes monsters, and Mandelbrot began hunting monsters at an early age. Drawn into the infinite promulgations of formulae, he sinks into secret dimensions and unknown wonders. His gifts do not make his life easier, however. As the Nazis give up the pretense of puppet government in Vichy France, the jealousy of Mandelbrot's classmates leads to denunciation and disaster. The young mathematician must save his family with the secret spaces he's discovered, or his genius will destroy them. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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INTRODUCTION Some slight sketch of the life and character of Stendhal is particularly necessary to an understanding of *Le Rouge et Le Noir* (The Red and the Black) not so much as being the formal stuffing of which introductions are made, but because the book as a book stands in the most intimate relation to the author's life and character. The hero, Julien, is no doubt, viewed superficially, a cad, a scoundrel, an assassin, albeit a person who will alternate the moist eye of the sentimentalist with the ferocious grin of the beast of prey. But Stendhal so far from putting forward any excuses makes a specific point of wallowing defiantly in his own alleged wickedness. "Even assuming that Julien is a villain and that it is my portrait," he wrote shortly after the publication of the book, "why quarrel with me. In the time of the Emperor, Julien would have passed for a very honest man. I lived in the time of the Emperor. So—but what does it matter?" Henri Beyle was born in 1783 in Grenoble in Dauphiny, the son of a royalist lawyer, situated on the borderland between the gentry and that bourgeoisie which our author was subsequently to chastise with that malice peculiar to those who spring themselves from the class which they despise. The boy's character was a compound of sensibility and hard rebelliousness, virility and introspection. Orphaned of his mother at the age of seven, hated by his father and unpopular with his schoolmates, he spent the orthodox unhappy childhood of the artistic temperament. Winning a scholarship at the Ecole Polytechnique at the age of sixteen he proceeded to Paris, where with characteristic independence he refused to attend the college classes and set himself to study privately in his solitary rooms. In 1800 the influence of his relative M. Daru procured him a commission in the French Army, and the Marengo campaign gave him an opportunity of practising that Napoleonic worship to which throughout his life he remained consistently faithful, for the operation of the philosophical materialism of the French sceptics on an essentially logical and mathematical mind soon swept away all competing claimants for his religious adoration. Almost from his childhood, moreover, he had abominated the Jesuits, and "Papism is the source of all crimes," was throughout his life one of his favourite maxims. After the army's triumphant entry into Milan, Beyle returned to Grenoble on furlough, whence he dashed off to Paris in pursuit of a young woman to whom he was paying some attention, resigned his commission in the army and set himself to study "with the view of becoming a great man." It is in this period that we find the most marked development in Beyle's enthusiasm of psychology. This tendency sprang primarily no doubt from his own introspection. For throughout his life Beyle enjoyed the indisputable and at times dubious luxury of a double consciousness. He invariably carried inside his brain a psychological mirror which reflected every phrase of his emotion with scientific accuracy. And simultaneously, the critical spirit, half-genie, half-demon inside his brain, would survey in the semi-detached mood of a keenly interested spectator, the actual emotion itself, applaud or condemn it as the case might be, and ticket the verdict with ample commentations in the psychological register of its own analysis.

"In *Black Paper*, Teju Cole meditates on what it means to keep our humanity--and witness the humanity of others--in a time of darkness. "Darkness," Cole writes, "is not empty." Through art, politics, travel, and memoir, he returns us to the wisdom latent in shadows, and sets the darkness echoing. The opening essay sets the mood for the book, as Cole travels to southern Italy and Sicily to view a series of Caravaggio paintings. He ponders the suffering that Caravaggio ("a murderer, a slaveholder, a terror, and a pest") both dealt out and experienced, and the disquieting echoes of that suffering in the abandoned boats of migrants arriving on nearby shores. This collection also gathers several of Cole's recent columns on photography for the *New York Times Magazine* and offers a suite of elegies to lost friends who show him--and us--ways of mourning in times of death"--

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