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A Sweet Scent of Death Haus Publishing

In the second book of Arno Camenisch's Alp trilogy, "Behind the Station," is told through the eyes of two young brothers growing up in a small, secluded village in a valley flanked by the alpine mountains. Written in the same style as "The Alp," we start to believe that there's little difference between the children and the adults in this village, save for their love for mischief and ghost stories. The grandmother, the parents, and the neighbors: it is an amphitheater full of drama, somehow colored through the eyes of children. Arno Camenisch's quiet control and powerful descriptions of village life prove that he is an international voice to follow.

Eliza's Daughter Simon and Schuster

Pearl Buck tells the heart-seaching and tender story of a young Chinese girl's troubled acceptance of an alien way of life, with all its sorrows and rewards.

Whispering Shadows Ballantine Books

Children will love finding out what it's like to be a big cat with this book, featuring stunning photographs, playful and informative text, jokes, cartoons

and masses of things to make and do.

A Lie About My Father Orenda Books

A mother-daughter story about the strong pull of tradition, and the lure and cost of breaking free of it. When Shoko decided to marry an American GI and leave Japan, she had her parents' blessing, her brother's scorn, and a gift from her husband—a book on how to be a proper American housewife. As she crossed the ocean to America, Shoko also brought with her a secret she would need to keep her entire life... Half a century later, Shoko's plans to finally return to Japan and reconcile with her brother are derailed by illness. In her place, she sends her grown American daughter, Sue, a divorced single mother whose own life isn't what she hoped for. As Sue takes in Japan, with all its beauty and contradictions, she discovers another side to her mother and returns to America unexpectedly changed and irrevocably touched.

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW Other Press, LLC

Die Fortsetzung des Bestsellers Zehn Jahre ist es her, dass Julia Win aus Burma als anderer Mensch zurückgekehrt ist. Doch mittlerweile hat sie das rastlose westliche Leben und ihre Karriere in einer New Yorker Anwaltskanzlei wieder eingeholt. Da erreicht sie ein rätselhafter Brief ihres Halbbruders U Ba, und eine fremde, innere Stimme beginnt zu ihr zu sprechen. Bald erkennt sie, dass sie noch einmal zurück muss nach Burma, um dem Geheimnis dieser Stimme auf den Grund zu gehen und die Quelle ihres persönlichen Glücks wiederzuentdecken.

The Weather Fifteen Years Ago Washington Square Press

A poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma, *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be...until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains.

The Washington Decree Other Press, LLC

A moving, unforgettable memoir of two lost men: a father and his child. He had his final heart attack in the Silver Band Club in Corby, somewhere between the bar and the cigarette machine. A foundling; a fantasist; a morose, threatening drinker who was quick with his hands, he hadn't seen his son for years. John Burnside's extraordinary story of this failed relationship is a beautifully written evocation of a lost and damaged world of childhood and the constants of his father's world: men defined by the drink they could take and the pain they could stand, men shaped by their guilt and machismo. *A Lie About My Father* is about forgiving but not forgetting, about examining the way men are made and how they fall apart, about understanding that in order to have a good son you must have a good father. Saltire Scottish Book of the Year and the Scottish Arts Council Non-Fiction Book of the Year.

The Right Hand of Sleep Melville House

Oskar Voxlauer is in flight from his past - from his bourgeois Austrian upbringing; from horrific memories of fighting on the Italian Front in 1917; and from the twenty years he has spent in the Ukraine watching his Bolshevik ideals crumble and the physical decline of the woman who taught him about love. In 1938, he finally returns to the small Austrian town of his birth where his mother is waiting to greet a son she hasn't seen since he was a boy. But, despite Oskar's attempts to live a reclusive existence as a gamekeeper up in the hills, he cannot escape the tensions that are threatening the tranquil town of Niessen. When Hitler marches into Austria and the Blackshirts come to the valley.

I Am a Big Cat! Penguin

From the award-winning, internationally acclaimed screenwriter of *Amores perros*, *21 Grams*, and *Babel*, *A Sweet Scent of Death* is Guillermo Arriaga's tale of deception, passion, and violence fused together by the tragic killing of a young girl in a small Mexican village. Early one morning in a deserted field, Ramón Castañón is confronted with the dead body of Adela, a lovely young girl, whom he had only admired from afar. Within an hour, rumor of the death of Ramón Castañón's girlfriend has spread to every corner of Loma Grande. This powder-trail of gossip ignites further violence when the villagers, thirsty for revenge, cast about for answers and hit upon the nomadic José Echeverri-Berriozábal, known as "the Gypsy." Honor then demands that Ramón must now live out his imaginary past in a brutal reality and prove his manhood by avenging Adela's cruel fate. Guillermo Arriaga is the author of *The Night Buffalo* and *The Guillotine Squad*. He has worked in television, radio, and film. Arriaga is the award-winning screenwriter of *Amores perros*, *21 Grams*, *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada*, and *Babel*.

A Price to Pay Random House

The New York Times and #1 internationally bestselling author of the Department Q series is back, with a terrifyingly relevant stand-alone novel about an America in chaos. THE NO. 1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR 27 MILLION BOOKS SOLD WINNER OF THE GLASS KEY AWARD "The president has gone way too far. . . . These are practically dictatorial methods we're talking about." When Democratic Senator Bruce Jansen is elected president of the United States, it is a personal victory for Dorothy "Dottie" Rogers. She has secured a job in the White House, has proved to her Republican father that she was right to support Jansen, and is proud to see the rise of an intelligent, inspiring leader who shares her ideals. But the triumph is short-lived: Jansen's pregnant wife is assassinated on election night, and the alleged mastermind behind the shooting is none other than Dottie's own father. When Jansen ascends to the White House, he is a changed man, determined to end gun violence by any means necessary. Rights are taken away as quickly as weapons. Checkpoints and roadblocks destroy infrastructure. The media is censored. Militias declare civil war on the government. The country is in chaos, and Dottie's finds herself fighting for the life of her father, who just may be innocent.

Der Sympathisant Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Some moments burn in the mind for ever. The landing is dark. Light comes from a window at the far end, enough to run by. Breath comes hard. From the stairs sound heavy footfalls in pursuit. The landing ends in a last doorway. There is no more running, only the need to hide... Imagine not knowing the father of your child. Not knowing his name. What he looks like. Or what sort of person he is. Although she is desperate for a baby, that is something that Kate Powell cannot accept. Single, independent, she likes to be in control of her own life - even if it has, somehow, become strangely shallow and meaningless. Then Kate meets a man who seems to be the answer to all her problems. But we all know appearances can be dangerously deceptive. And Kate should too. Soon her life is out her hands. And out of control...

Beton Rouge Birlinn Ltd

The highly anticipated final book in the internationally bestselling *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* trilogy, a moving story about love's power to transcend distances and heal seemingly irreparable wounds. Twelve-year-old Ko Bo Bo lives with his uncle U Ba in Kalaw, a town in Burma. An unusually perceptive child, Bo Bo can read people's emotions in their eyes. This acute sensitivity only makes his unconventional home life more difficult: His father comes to visit him once a year, and he can hardly remember his mother, who, for unclear reasons, keeps herself away from her son. Everything changes when Bo Bo discovers the story of his parents' great love, which threatens to break down in the whirlwind of political events, and of his mother's mysterious sickness. Convinced that he can heal her and reunite their family, Bo Bo decides to set out in search of his parents. A

gripping, heartwarming tale that takes the reader from Burma to New York and back, *The Heart Remembers* is a worthy conclusion to Jan-Philipp Sendker's beloved series.

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats Random House

From the author of the internationally bestselling *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* comes this charming collection of folktales that offer a window into Burma's fascinating history and culture. Since 1995 Jan-Philipp Sendker has visited Myanmar (Burma) dozens of times, and while doing research for his novels *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* and *A Well-Tempered Heart*, he encountered numerous folktales and fables. These moving stories speak to the rich mythology of the diverse peoples of Burma, the spirituality of humankind, and the profound social impact of Buddhist thought. Some are so strange he couldn't classify them or identify a familiar moral, while others reminded him of the fairy tales of his childhood, except that here monkeys, tigers, elephants, and crocodiles inhabited the fantastic lands instead of hedgehogs, donkeys, or geese. Their morals resemble those of the Brothers Grimm or Hans Christian Andersen, illustrating how all cultures draw on a universal wisdom to create their myths. *The Long Path to Wisdom's* evocative stories run the gamut of human emotions, from the familiar to the shocking, and are sure to delight fans of *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* as well as those newly discovering the magic of Sendker's incandescent writing.

A Summer of Drowning Other Press, LLC

Alex Capus's novels have been runaway best-sellers in Germany, and his novel *Léon and Louise* received widespread critical acclaim on its English publication in 2012. *A Price to Pay*, the fourth of Capus's novels to be published in English, tells the interwoven stories of three disparate figures from interwar Switzerland: pacifist Felix Bloch, who ends up working on the Manhattan Project; Laura d'Oriano, who wants to become a singer but instead becomes an Allied spy in fascist Italy; and Emile Gillieron, who accompanies Heinrich Schliemann to Troy and becomes one of art's greatest forgers. Taking off from the only moment in history when all three were in the same place—a November day in 1924 at Zürich Station—Capus traces their diverging paths as they secure their places in the annals of history—but at what price?

Paris Is Always a Good Idea Random House

A mesmerizing debut novel that weaves history and mythology around a community of Chinese immigrants and the ghosts that haunt them *Locke, California, 1928*. Three bedraggled Chinese women appear out of the mist in a small Chinese farming town on the Sacramento River. Two are unknown to its residents, while the third is the long-lost wife of Richard Fong, the handsome manager of the local gambling parlor. As the lives of the townspeople become inextricably intertwined with the newly arrived women, their frightening power is finally revealed. A lyrical imagining of what happens when a Chinese ghost story comes true, *Water Ghosts* is a rich tale of human passions and mingling cultures that will appeal to readers of *Lisa See*, *Anchin Min*, and *Gail Tsukiyama*.

A Clock Without Hands Ariadne Press (CA)

Jennifer Jones, a young woman recently released from prison for killing her friend six years earlier, attempts to start a new life with a new identity, but soon learns it is impossible to escape from the past.

The Heart Remembers Sourcebooks Landmark

An epic love story set in post-war New York, by the best-selling author of *Winter's Tale*. In the summer of 1946, New York City pulses with energy. Harry Copeland, a World War II veteran, has returned home to run the family business. Yet his life is upended by a single encounter with the young singer and heiress Catherine Thomas Hale, as each falls for the other in an instant. They pursue one another in a romance played out in Broadway theaters, Long Island mansions, the offices of financiers, and the haunts of gangsters. Catherine's choice of Harry over her longtime fiancé endangers Harry's livelihood and threatens his life. In the end, Harry must summon the strength of his wartime experience to fight for Catherine, and risk everything. "In its storytelling heft, its moral rectitude, the solemn magnificence of its writing and the splendor of its hymns to New York City, [In *Sunlight and in Shadow*] is a spiritual pendant to *Winter's Tale* and every bit as extraordinary...Even the most stubbornly resistant readers will soon be disarmed by the nobility of the novel's sentiments and seduced by the pure music of its prose."—Wall Street Journal

The Rebel and the Thief Simon and Schuster

During a trip to China, Paul and Christine experience the nightmare of every parent: their four year old son is threatened with kidnap. The only safe place for the family is the US embassy in Beijing, but they are two thousand miles away, with the police searching frantically for them, and all airports, train stations and major roads under surveillance. They'll have no chance without help from strangers, but who will be willing to risk their lives for them? Suspenseful and rife with the page-turning storytelling that has come to define Sendker's work, *Far Side of the Night* is a brilliant and timely thriller that offers a penetrating look into contemporary China.

Behind the Station Anchor

When a fireman dies in the explosion of a secret weapons cache, German detective Louise Boni investigation reveals connections with both neo-Nazis and illegal arms dealers. "Bristles with invention." — Guardian.

Water Ghosts Harper Collins

"The prosaic romantic hero, Vittorio Kowalski possesses a strange talent: he can remember the weather for every day of the past fifteen years in a certain village in the Austrian Alps. When he is invited to display this uncanny ability on a TV game show, he uncovers memories of his unrequited love for an Austrian girl named Anni, the accident that led to her father's death, and his own near-fatal experience at the place of their secret childhood meetings. As the interview progresses, intricacies of the children's parents' stories unfold to reveal a startling erotic entanglement. On the very last day of the fictional transcription, we learn almost everything else."--Jacket.