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Stefanie Zweig

Did you know? Recorded books date back to the 1930s, when the Library of Congress created a “talking books” program for the blind.
Masked
The Life of Anna Leonowens, Schoolmistress at the Court of Siam
Alfred Habegger

“Masked reveals the historical truth behind the legendary Anna Leonowens, the woman who would become the famous teacher of the children of King Mongkut of Siam in the heyday of British imperialism.”—John Carlos Rowe, University of Southern California

A brave British widow goes to Siam and—by dint of her principled and indomitable character—inspires that despotic nation to abolish slavery and absolute rule: this appealing legend first took shape after the Civil War when Anna Leonowens came to America from Bangkok and succeeded in becoming a celebrity author and lecturer. Three decades after her death, in the 1940s and 1950s, the story would be transformed into a powerful Western myth by Margaret Landon’s bestselling book Anna and the King of Siam and Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musical The King and I.

But who was Leonowens and why did her story take hold? Although it has been known for some time that she was of Anglo-Indian parentage and that her tales about the Siamese court are unreliable, not until now, with the publication of Masked, has there been a deeply researched account of her extraordinary life. Alfred Habegger, an award-winning biographer, draws on the archives of five continents and recent Thai-language scholarship to disclose the complex person behind the mask and the troubling facts behind the myth. He also ponders the curious fit between Leonowens’s compelling fabrications and the New World’s innocent dreams—in particular the dream that democracy can be spread through quick and easy interventions.

Exploring the full historic complexity of what it once meant to pass as white, Masked pays close attention to Leonowens’s midlevel origins in British India, her education at a Bombay charity school for Eurasian children, her material and social milieu in Australia and Singapore, the stresses she endured in Bangkok as a working widow, the latent melancholy that often afflicted her, the problematic aspects of her self-invention, and the welcome she found in America, where a circle of elite New England abolitionists who knew nothing about Southeast Asia gave her their uncritical support. Her embellished story would again capture America’s imagination as World War II ended and a newly interventionist United States looked toward Asia.

Alfred Habegger is professor emeritus of English at the University of Kansas. His previous biographies are The Father: A Life of Henry James, Sr. and the highly acclaimed My Wars Are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson. He lives in northeast Oregon.

Wisconsin Studies in Autobiography
William L. Andrews, Series Editor

“Thanks to Alfred Habegger’s careful detective work in archives scattered across five continents, we find out, layer by layer, what lay behind Anna Leonowens’s inventions, which she took much trouble to hide and deny.”—B. J. Terwiel, author of Thailand’s Political History
Life is *A Kind of Dream*. So is the art we make in response to life. In *A Kind of Dream*, five generations of an artistic family explore the ups and downs of life, discovering that for an artist even failure is success, because the work matters more than the self.

The selves in this book include Nina, a writer, and her husband, Palmer, a historian, who, having settled into marriage and family life, are now faced with the bittersweetness of late life; BB and Roy, who make a movie in Mongolia; Tavy, Nina’s adopted daughter, a painter in her twenties who meets her birth mother for the first time; and Tavy’s young daughter, Callie, a budding violinist. Other vivid characters confront the awful fact of violence in America; try to cope with political ineptitude; and one devises his own code of sexual morality. Perhaps the most important character is Nina’s little dog, a salt-and-pepper cairn terrier of uncommon wisdom.

Fame, death, rash self-destruction, laughter, the excitement of making good art, love, marriage, being a mother, being a father, the appreciation of beauty, and always life—life itself, life in all its shapes and guises—it’s all here.

*A Kind of Dream* is the culminating book in a trilogy Kelly Cherry began with *My Life and Dr. Joyce Brothers* and *The Society of Friends*. Each book stands alone, but together they take us on a Dantean journey from midlife to Paradise. Cherry’s prose is hallmarked by lyric grace, sly wit, the energy of her intelligence, and profound compassion for and understanding of her characters. Set in Madison, Wisconsin, *A Kind of Dream* reveals a surprisingly wide view of the world and the authority of someone who has mastered her art. It is a book to experience and to reflect upon.

Kelly Cherry has previously published twenty-one books, nine chapbooks, and two translations of classical drama, including the novels *My Life and Dr. Joyce Brothers*, *Augusta Played*, *We Can Still Be Friends*, *In the Wink of an Eye*, and *The Lost Traveller’s Dream*. Her stories have been reprinted in *Best American Short Stories*, *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards*, *The Pushcart Prize*, and *New Stories from the South* and she received the Dictionary of Literary Biography Award for best volume of short stories (*The Society of Friends*) published in 1999. She is a former Poet Laureate of Virginia and the Eudora Welty Professor Emerita of English and Evjue-Bascom Professor Emerita in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She lives in rural Virginia.
Revertigo
An Off-Kilter Memoir
Floyd Skloot

A writer’s quest for balance in a spinning world

One March morning, writer Floyd Skloot was inexplicably struck by an attack of unrelenting vertigo that ended 138 days later as suddenly as it had begun. With body and world askew, everything familiar had transformed. Nothing was ever still. Revertigo is Skloot’s account of that unceasingly vertiginous period, told in an inspired and appropriately off-kilter form.

This intimate memoir—tenuous, shifting, sometimes humorous—demonstrates Skloot’s considerable literary skill honed as an award-winning essayist, memoirist, novelist, and poet. His recollections of a strange, spinning world prompt further musings on the forces of uncertainty, change, and displacement that have shaped him from childhood to late middle age, repeatedly knocking him awry, realigning his hopes and plans, even his perceptions. From the volatile forces of his mercurial, shape-shifting early years to his obsession with reading, acting, and writing, from the attack of vertigo to a trio of postvertigo (but nevertheless dizzying) journeys to Spain and England, and even to a place known only in his mother’s unhinged fantasies, Skloot makes sense of a life’s phantasmagoric unpredictability.

“A sophisticated yet highly entertaining example of how memoir should serve us.”—Ron Slate, author of Incentive of the Maggot, finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry

Floyd Skloot is a creative nonfiction writer, essayist, poet, and novelist who lives in Portland, Oregon, and Chicago, Illinois. He is the recipient of many awards, including three Pushcart Prizes and the PEN USA Literary Award for Creative Nonfiction. His writing has appeared in such distinguished magazines as the New York Times Magazine, Atlantic Monthly, Harper’s, Poetry, and American Scholar, and his eighteen books include The Wink of the Zenith: The Shaping of a Writer’s Life. In 2010, Poets & Writers named him among “50 of the Most Inspiring Authors in the World.”

Of related interest

Love and Fatigue in America
Roger King

“[An] extraordinary autobiographical novel. . . . The narrative expertly cobbles together unexpected moments of poetry; meditations on illness, war, and ambition; and vignettes, which—like the narrator himself—alternately admit devastating failures and sing with triumph.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

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MEMOIR / DISABILITY
**Little Reef and Other Stories**

Michael Carroll

“Truly bracing in its border-crossing and the wide sweep of spaces it explores, *Little Reef and Other Stories* is an unblinking, wide-vista escape from New York–Los Angeles parochialism.”—Tim Miller, author of 1001 Beds

*Little Reef and Other Stories* announces the arrival of an original voice in literature. From Key West to Maine, Michael Carroll’s debut collection of stories depicts the lives of characters who are no longer provincial but are not yet cosmopolitan. These women and their gay male friends are “B-listers” of a new, ironic, media-soaked culture. They live in a rich but increasingly divided America, a weirdly paradoxical country increasingly accepting of gay marriage but still marked by prejudice, religious strictures, and swaths of poverty and hopelessness. Carroll shows us people stunned by the shock of the now, who have forgotten their pasts and can’t envision a future.

“These stories, keenly—even cruelly—observant, occupy the verges of love and death where the truest and most recklessly aware emotions abide. Romantic yet bitterly insightful, this is a solid, smart collection.”—Joy Williams, author of *Honored Guest*

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**Michael Carroll** is a writer whose work has appeared in *Boulevard*, *Ontario Review*, *Southwest Review*, *The Yale Review*, *Open City*, and *Animal Shelter*. He lives in New York.

**Of related interest**

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The City of Palaces
A Novel
Michael Nava

"An extraordinary portrait of one of the most critical periods in Mexico's history. Nava breathes life into the stories of political, cultural, and social revolutionaries as they navigate change in their country and within themselves. This is a breakthrough novel." — Rigoberto González, author of Autobiography of My Hungers

In the years before the Mexican Revolution, Mexico is ruled by a tiny elite that apes European culture, grows rich from foreign investment, and prizes racial purity. The vast majority of Mexicans, who are native or of mixed native and Spanish blood, are politically powerless and slowly starving to death. Presiding over this corrupt system is Don Porfirio Díaz, the ruthless and inscrutable president of the Republic.

Against this backdrop, The City of Palaces opens in a Mexico City jail with the meeting of Miguel Sarmiento and Alicia Gavilán. Miguel is a principled young doctor, only recently returned from Europe but wracked by guilt for a crime he committed as a medical student ten years earlier. Alicia is the spinster daughter of an aristocratic family. Disfigured by smallpox, she has devoted herself to working with the city’s destitute. This unlikely pair—he a scientist and atheist and she a committed Christian—will marry. Through their eyes and the eyes of their young son, José, readers follow the collapse of the old order and its bloody aftermath.

The City of Palaces is a sweeping novel of interwoven lives: Miguel and Alicia; José, a boy as beautiful and lonely as a child in a fairy tale; the idealistic Francisco Madero, who overthrows Díaz but is nevertheless destroyed by the tyrant’s political system; and Miguel’s cousin Luis, shunned as a “sodomite.” A glittering mosaic of the colonial past and the wealth of the modern age, The City of Palaces is a story of faith and reason, cathedrals and hovels, barefoot street vendors and frock-coated businessmen, grand opera and silent film, presidents and peasants, the living and the dead.

Michael Nava is the author of an acclaimed series of seven crime novels featuring Henry Rios, a gay Latino criminal defense lawyer. The series has won six Lambda Literary Awards. In 2001 he received the Bill Whitehead Lifetime Achievement Award in LGBT literature. A native Californian and the grandson of Mexican immigrants, Nava lives near San Francisco.
In a New Century
Essays on Queer History, Politics, and Community Life
John D’Emilio

“John D’Emilio has done it again. These captivating essays by one of our most illustrious historians and scholar-activists connect past to present in a way that helps us to think about and work toward a more just future.”
—Leila J. Rupp, author of Sapphistries: A Global History of Love between Women

For gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in the United States, the twenty-first century has brought dramatic changes: the end of sodomy laws, the elimination of “Don't Ask, Don't Tell,” a move toward recognition of same-sex marriage, Gay-Straight Alliances in thousands of high schools, and an explosion of visibility in the media and popular culture. All of this would have been unimaginable to those living just a few decades ago. Yet, at the same time, the American political system has grown ever more conservative, and increasing economic inequality has been a defining feature of the new century.

A pioneering scholar of gay history, John D’Emilio reflects in this wide-ranging collection of essays upon the social, cultural, and political changes provoked by LGBT activism. He offers provocative questions and historical analyses: What can we learn from a life-long activist like Bayard Rustin, who questioned the wisdom of “identity politics”? Was Richard Nixon a “gay liberationist”? How can knowing local stories—like those of Chicago in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s—help build stronger communities and enrich traditions of activism? Might the focus on achieving actually be evidence of growing conservatism in LGBT communities?

In a New Century provides a dynamic, thoughtful, and important resource for identifying changes that have occurred in the United States since 1960, taking stock of the work that still needs to be done, and issuing an urgent call to action for getting there.

John D’Emilio is a professor of gender and women’s studies and of history at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is the author and editor of more than half a dozen books, including Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities; Intimate Matters; The World Turned; and Lost Prophet, a National Book Award finalist.

Of related interest

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MURDER FICTION

Murder in Lascaux
Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden

“If you like a murder mystery you can get your teeth into, give this one a try. Bon appétit!” —Mystery Scene

“Some fascinating French history—and prehistory—is layered into the plot, including Cro-Magnon artists, the 13th-century religious sect of the Cathars, 19th-century French painters, and the turbulent era of the Occupation during World War II. The cooking classes evoke the delicious tastes and aromas of the Dordogne—magret de canard, foie gras, and walnut cake, to say nothing of the wines—and the class excursions, coupled with the amateur sleuths' investigations, take them to picturesque villages and natural sites, local cafes and restaurants, and even a lively regional festival. Skillfully blending a travelogue with an intriguing mystery, Draine and Hinden have produced a debut novel that many readers will hope is the first of a series.” —France Today

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Of related interest

A Castle in the Backyard: The Dream of a House in France
Betsy Draine & Michael Hinden

“A charming account of the ins and outs of house-buying thousands of miles from home.” —Communique
The Body in Bodega Bay
A Nora Barnes and Toby Sandler Mystery
Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden

The smart and artful second novel in the Nora Barnes and Toby Sandler Mystery series

Life in Bodega Bay on the rugged, foggy coast of northern California has been pretty quiet since Alfred Hitchcock filmed The Birds there. But antiques dealer Toby Sandler learns that his new business partner Charlie has been found dead on an abandoned boat in the harbor. When the local sheriff discovers that Charlie’s newly acquired Hitchcock artifacts and a painting of an angel are missing, he enlists Toby and his wife, Nora Barnes, an art historian, in the investigation.

Local tales about Hitchcock’s famous film, and some digging into the region’s past as a Russian outpost, provide Toby and Nora with clues to the existence of a lost masterpiece. Convinced that this forgotten work may hold the key to the murder, Nora and Toby set out to find it. When Nora’s trouble-prone sister Angie arrives, events take a surprising turn, leading to the uncanny realm of angel reading and putting Nora and her family in danger. As Nora and Toby investigate matters both criminal and otherworldly, Nora realizes that some mysteries in life may be too deep to solve.

“The Draine and Hinden writing duo have now done for California’s North Coast what their earlier Murder in Lascaux did for France’s Perigord: brought it wonderfully—and eerily—to life. You can practically see the fog shrouding the rocky coastline, taste the salt air on your tongue, hear the doleful wail of the foghorns, and smell the welcoming, steaming clam chowder coming from the nearest seafood diner. Throw in a multi-angled murder mystery, a clever solution, and a host of fascinating art lore and you’ve got a heck of a book. And for film buffs there’s all kinds of terrific trivia that you never knew about Hitchcock’s The Birds. A winner.”—Aaron Elkins, Edgar-winning author of the Gideon Oliver mysteries

Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden are coauthors of the mystery novel Murder in Lascaux and of the memoir A Castle in the Backyard: The Dream of a House in France, both published by the University of Wisconsin Press. They also translated and edited The Walnut Cookbook by Jean-Luc Toussaint. They are professors emeriti of English at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Of related interest

Night Sisters: A Novel
Sara Rath
“Rath’s portrayal of mediumship’s humorous moments is laugh-out-loud funny. She captures a side of Spiritualism that few outsiders are aware of and that no story about them can be complete without.” —Christine Wicker, author of Lily Dale: The True Story of the Town that Talks to the Dead
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The People in the Landscape
Norbert Blei

“Someday [Blei’s] Door County will join the great mythical-real landscapes that include Salinas, Spoon River, and Yoknapatawpha.”
—Harry Mark Petrakis

Weaving a tapestry of lives and landscapes, past and present, earth and water, Norbert Blei celebrates the unique heritage of Door County, Wisconsin, a spectacular peninsula reaching into Lake Michigan. Blei ponders the balance of nature in a place where locals, tourists, and developers vie with the native flora and fauna of forests and lakeshore.

“Norbert Blei is a writer the way people used to be troubadours and minstrels, celebrating what he has seen and heard and felt in a deceptively simple style reminiscent of the early Sherwood Anderson. . . . Like Anderson, he is a lover, and his affection invests his writing with a singular charm.”—Sydney J. Harris

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Norbert Blei (1935–2013) is the winner of a Pushcart Prize for fiction and the author of seventeen books of nonfiction, fiction, and poetry including Meditations on a Small Lake, Door Steps, and his “Chicago Trilogy”: Neighborhood, Chi Town, and The Ghost of Sandburg’s Phizzog. Born and raised in Chicago, he wrote for the City News Bureau before moving in 1969 to Door County, Wisconsin, where he became writer-in-residence at the Clearing Folk School. He was also the founder and publisher of the small literary press Cross+Roads Press.

Of related interest

The Baileys Harbor Bird and Booyah Club
Dave Crehore

“Underneath the hilarity in The Baileys Harbor Bird and Booyah Club are themes of caring, sharing, honesty, and a love for rural living.”—Jerry Apps, author of Blue Shadows Farm
Death Stalks Door County
A Dave Cubiak Door County Mystery
Patricia Skalka

Introducing The Dave Cubiak Door County Mysteries: smart, hard-edged detective fiction on a popular vacation peninsula, a scenic wonderland surrounded by the pristine waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan

Six deaths mar the holiday mood as summer vacationers enjoy Wisconsin’s beautiful Door County peninsula. Murders, or bizarre accidents? Newly hired park ranger Dave Cubiak, a former Chicago homicide detective, assumes the worst but refuses to get involved. Grief-stricken and guilt-ridden over the loss of his wife and daughter, he’s had enough of death.

Forced to confront the past, the morose Cubiak moves beyond his own heartache and starts investigating, even as a popular festival draws more people into possible danger. In a desperate search for clues, Cubiak uncovers a tangled web of greed, betrayal, bitter rivalries, and lost love beneath the peninsula’s travel-brochure veneer. Befriended by several locals but unsure whom to trust or to suspect of murder, the one-time cop tracks a clever killer.

In a setting of stunning natural beauty and picturesque waterfront villages, Death Stalks Door County introduces a new detective series, “The Dave Cubiak Door County Mysteries.”

“Lean, eloquent prose . . . an intricate web of deceit and revenge.”—John Smolens, author of Cold and Quarantine

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Patricia Skalka is a former freelance staff writer for Reader’s Digest specializing in medical and human interest stories. She has worked as a magazine editor, ghost writer, and writing instructor. A native of Chicago, she lives in the city and takes time off at her cottage in Door County, Wisconsin.

Of related interest

The Waters of Star Lake: A Novel
Sara Rath
“Enormously readable. The audience that enjoyed Star Lake Saloon will come back for more, and those who start this novel will want to enjoy the first one. Visiting the North as Sara Rath recreates it is a welcome treat.”—Jim Fleming, reader for “Chapter a Day” on Wisconsin Public Radio
**Space**

A Memoir

**Jesse Lee Kercheval**

“A sweetly honest memoir of a girl growing up amid the glare of the rocket launches from Cape Canaveral. . . . [A] coming-of-age story, but punctuated by the romance and thunder of rockets entering space.”—Kirkus Reviews

Jesse Lee Kercheval opens her story in Cocoa, Florida, in 1966 as a precocious ten-year-old whose family—father, mother, two little girls—is trying to ride the Space Race’s tide of optimism. But even as the rockets keep going up, the Kercheval family slowly spirals down.

“An incandescent girlhood memoir. . . . So lyrical and poignant are the events it chronicles, it is hard to believe that it wasn’t all by design.”

—Booklist (starred review)


“A story of the 1960s and 1970s as seen through the eyes of a bright and introspective girl.”—School Library Journal

**Jesse Lee Kercheval** was born in France and raised in Florida. She is the author of thirteen books of poetry, fiction, and memoir including the novels *The Museum of Happiness* and *My Life as a Silent Movie* and the writing text *Building Fiction*. The Sally Mead Hands Professor of English, she teaches creative writing at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
John Williams’s Film Music
*Jaws, Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and the Return of the Classical Hollywood Music Style*
Emilio Audissino

“A much-needed work that captures the spirit and thinking of John Williams. Audissino is to be applauded for taking on such a large musical figure and for presenting him in the most wide-ranging manner. One gets the impression that he has tracked down every significant fact on Mr. Williams.”—Vincent LoBrutto, author of *Sound-On-Film*

John Williams is one of the most renowned film composers in history. He has penned unforgettable scores for *Star Wars*, the *Indiana Jones* series, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Jaws*, *Superman*, and countless other films. Fans flock to his many concerts, and with forty-nine Academy Award nominations as of 2014, he is the second-most Oscar-nominated person after Walt Disney. Yet despite such critical acclaim and prestige, this is the first book in English on Williams’s work and career.

Combining accessible writing with thorough scholarship, and rigorous historical accounts with insightful readings, *John Williams’s Film Music* explores why Williams is so important to the history of film music. Beginning with an overview of music from Hollywood’s Golden Age (1933–58), Emilio Audissino traces the turning points of Williams’s career and articulates how he revived the classical Hollywood musical style. This book charts each landmark of this musical restoration, with special attention to the scores for *Jaws* and *Star Wars*, Williams’s work as conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra, and a full film/music analysis of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. The result is a precise, enlightening definition of Williams’s “neoclassicism” and a grounded demonstration of his lasting importance, for both his compositions and his historical role in restoring part of the Hollywood tradition.

Emilio Audissino is a researcher at the University of Southampton, U.K. He holds a PhD from the University of Pisa and has published many articles on Hollywood cinema, film style, and film music. Both his MA and PhD theses treated John Williams’s film music.

*I Thought We Were Making Movies, Not History*
Walter Mirisch

“Walter Mirisch’s love of movies led him to make some of the best films that the industry has produced. Whether as producer or as an executive of one of the best production companies in town, he has seen it all and now can tell it all to you from his own fiercely independent perspective.”—Steven Spielberg
How I Beat Coca-Cola and Other Tales of One-Upmanship
Carl Djerassi

“These stories describe abstract conflicts, jockeying for prestige, or social interactions seen as complexes of negotiation, and the pleasure they give is akin to that of being taken through a skillful game of chess by an explicitly authoritative commentator.”—Colin Greenland, *Times Literary Supplement*

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Letters to J. D. Salinger
Edited by Chris Kubica and Will Hochman

“An honest, heartfelt, and wonderful book of letters that honors J. D. Salinger.”—Shane Salerno, director of the film Salinger

Despite J. D. Salinger’s many silences—from the publication of The Catcher in the Rye to his absence from the public eye after 1965 to his death in 2010—the unforgettable characters of his novel and short stories continue to speak to generations of readers and writers. Letters to J. D. Salinger includes more than 150 personal letters addressed to Salinger from well-known writers, editors, critics, journalists, and other luminaries, as well as from students, teachers, and readers around the world, some of whom had just discovered Salinger for the first time. Their voices testify to the lasting impression Salinger’s ideas and emotions have made on so many diverse lives.

“[Letters to J. D. Salinger treats] this fascinating and appealing collection of fan mail directed to a famous writer and recluse in an unconventional and illuminating manner.”—Choice

“A fascinating document that works as a critical examination of Salinger’s work and influence while also offering an entertaining and frequently moving look at the obsessive nature of the author’s substantial cult.”—Publishers Weekly

Chris Kubica is an associate producer of the documentary film Salinger (2013). A native of Appleton, Wisconsin, he lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is a writer and software developer. Will Hochman is a professor of English at Southern Connecticut State University. He is the author of Freer and coauthor of A Critical Companion to J.D. Salinger.

Of related interest

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**Exploring Wisconsin Trout Streams**

The Angler’s Guide

Second Edition

Steve Born, Jeff Mayers, Andy Morton, and Bill Sonzogni

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“There is no need for anyone to even attempt to come up with a better, more complete introduction to Wisconsin trout fishing.” —Midwest Fly Fishing

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- A guide to trout foods
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Steve Born is professor emeritus of planning and environmental studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He previously served as chair of the national resources board of Trout Unlimited. Jeff Mayers, who assisted in the writing of Catching Big Fish on Light Fly Tackle, is president of the Madison-based news services WisPolitics.com and WisBusiness.com. Andy Morton has worked in natural resource management all his life and is currently a supervisor in the Water Division in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. In addition to tying flies for his grandsons and traveling the world with his wife, William Sonzogni is professor emeritus in environmental chemistry at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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Wild Rice Goose and Other Dishes of the Upper Midwest
John G. Motoviloff

“John Motoviloff possesses an unequaled breadth of knowledge in combining regional hunting and fishing. His enthusiasm for the subject leads to equally enthusiastic, indeed sometimes lyrical, prose.”
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This is your guide to cooking wildfoods that you can hunt, fish, or forage—or buy from a growing number of wildfoods vendors—in the Upper Midwest. You’ll savor treasured recipes like Rabbit Pie, Venison Stew, Orange Pheasant, Morel Mushroom Scramble, and Cathy’s Plum Lake Bluegill. You’ll also discover a wealth of dishes reflecting the region’s ethnic riches—from Hassenpfeffer to savory Pierogies with Oyster Mushrooms, from flaky-crusted Goose Tortiere to Catfish Curry.

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John G. Motoviloff is a hunter, fisher, forager, and writer. He’s out in the field more than 100 days a year and shares his kitchen expertise in wildfoods-cooking workshops throughout the region. He’s the author of the books Wisconsin Wildfoods and Fly Fisher’s Guide to Wisconsin and Iowa. Motoviloff lives in Wisconsin, where he splits his time between Madison and a timber-frame cabin in the Kickapoo Valley.

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Living a Land Ethic
A History of Cooperative Conservation on the Leopold Memorial Reserve
Stephen A. Laubach
Foreword by Stanley A. Temple

“A significant and important story about how a small group of landowners, inspired by Aldo Leopold, pioneered private conservation and ecological restoration. It offers an insightful reflection on what it means to live the ‘land ethic’ that is quite relevant to today’s growing conservation challenges.” — Tia Nelson

In 1935, in the midst of relentless drought, Aldo Leopold purchased an abandoned farm along the Wisconsin River near Baraboo, Wisconsin. An old chicken coop, later to become famous as the Leopold “Shack,” was the property’s only intact structure. The Leopold family embraced this spent farm as a new kind of laboratory—a place to experiment on restoring health to an ailing piece of land. Here, Leopold found inspiration for writing *A Sand County Almanac*, his influential book of essays on conservation and ethics.

*Living a Land Ethic* chronicles the formation of the 1,600-acre reserve surrounding the Shack. When the Leopold Memorial Reserve was founded in 1967, five neighboring families signed an innovative agreement to jointly care for their properties in ways that honored Aldo Leopold’s legacy. In the ensuing years, the Reserve’s Coleman and Leopold families formed the Sand County Foundation and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. These organizations have been the primary stewards of the Reserve, carrying on a tradition of ecological restoration and cooperative conservation. Author Stephen A. Laubach draws from the archives of both foundations, including articles of incorporation, correspondence, photos, managers’ notes, and interviews to share with readers the Reserve’s untold history and its important place in the American conservation movement.

“Two generations after Aldo Leopold’s passing, his legacy lives on through his readers, his family, and his students, and through the policies he promoted, the organizations he shaped, and the ideas he fostered. But it lives on most tangibly in the many places he worked to conserve. And of these, no place was so intimately essential to his life and thought as the Leopold Shack and the surrounding Leopold Memorial Reserve. In *Living a Land Ethic*, Steve Laubach explores the many-layered natural and cultural history of the Leopold Reserve, and recounts the innovative efforts to protect and steward its diverse landscape. He shows us that the land ethic continues to evolve in the very place where Leopold conceived it. The land endures, and the story continues.” — Curt Meine, author of *Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work*

Stephen A. Laubach teaches in the education and biology programs at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. He also works for the Earth Partnership program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum to promote community-based ecological restoration and water stewardship in schools. He has a PhD in environmental studies and science education.
The Land Remembers
A Story of a Farm and Its People
With a new afterword
Ben Logan

“Ben Logan is strikingly successful in recalling his own boyhood world, a lonely ridge farm in southwestern Wisconsin. . . . He reviews his growing-up years in the 1920s and 1930s less with nostalgia than with a naturalist’s eye for detail, wary of the distortions of memory and sentiment.”

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This classic American memoir is about a farm and its people, of a boyhood on a southwestern Wisconsin hilltop world in the 1930s. Ben Logan grew up on Seldom Seen Farm with his three brothers, father, mother, and hired hand Lyle—“the fifth Logan boy.” The boys discussed and argued and joked over the events around their farm, marked the seasons by the demands of the land, tested each other and themselves, and grew up learning timeless lessons. This paperback edition features Logan’s never-before-published afterword that traces the Logan land to an earlier time, bringing the story full circle to the farm and its people.

“Reading Logan’s memoir is like a refreshing vacation from the demands and problems of modern life. A book to be cherished and remembered.”
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“This is a book that encourages the reader to listen to his own thoughts. . . . Some collective memory that says that this is all familiar, that we ourselves have experienced it.”—Time Magazine

Ben Logan traveled as a merchant seaman and worked many years as a novelist, producer and writer of films and television, and lecturer while living forty miles north of New York City. His roots remained in the southwestern driftless area of Wisconsin and he returned, in the mid-1980s, to his childhood farm where he has lived ever since.

Sand County Songs: Inspired by Aldo Leopold’s Sand County Almanac
Tim Southwick Johnson

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Odes
Horace
Translated and with commentary by David R. Slavitt

“Horace is the quintessential lyric poet of the Silver Age, the poet of wit, urbanity, sophistication, and a unique balance of irony and ingenuous passion. David Slavitt is just such a writer in American English. He has given us in this translation an experience equivalent to the excitement of reading Horace in Latin.” — Daniel Mark Epstein, translator of The Bacchae

The Odes of Horace are a treasure of Western civilization, and this new English translation is a lively rendition by one of the prominent poet-translators of our own time, David R. Slavitt. Horace was one of the great poets of Rome’s Augustan age, benefiting (as did fellow poet Vergil) from the friendship of the powerful statesman and cultural patron Maecenas. These Odes, which take as their formal models Greek poems of the seventh century BCE — especially the work of Sappho and Alcaeus — are the observations of a wry, subtle mind on events and occasions of everyday life. At first reading, they are modest works but build toward a comprehensive attitude that might fairly be called a philosophy. Charming, shrewd, and intimate, the voice of the Odes is that of a sociable wise man talking amusingly but candidly to admiring friends.

This edition is also notable for Slavitt’s extensive notes and commentary about the art of translation. He presents the problems he encountered in making the translation, discussing possible solutions and the choices he made among them. The effect of the notes is to bring the reader even closer to the original Latin and to understand better how to gauge the distance between the two languages.

David R. Slavitt is the author of more than one hundred books including novels, poetry, reportage, and translations of Horace, Petrarch, Boethius, Sophocles, Lucretius, Dante, and others. He is coeditor of the Johns Hopkins Complete Roman Drama series and the Penn Complete Greek Drama series. His own most recent verse collection is Civil Wars. Horace (65–8 BCE) was a Roman lyric poet of the age of Caesar Augustus. His surviving other works include the Satires, Epodes, Epistles, and Ars Poetica.

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Otherwise Unseeable
Betsy Sholl

Winner of the 2014 Four Lakes Poetry Prize

What if ruin is a good thing? What if each day is built on the ruin of the one before? What if all our attempts to avoid ruin only make us bitter or closed off from what’s around us? What if only by exploring our ruins do we become human?

The poems in Otherwise Unseeable examine such questions. It is a poetry full of music and surprise, in voices that are personal, invented, and historical, sometimes belonging to the poet and sometimes to others. Betsy Sholl probes what there is still to learn from the devastations of the twentieth century, and she explores the roots of human envy, greed, and generosity in lively, unexpected ways, enacting the kinds of arguments we have with ourselves: between control and relinquishment, grief and ecstasy, regret and acceptance, faith and skepticism. The end result is a book of verbal wrestling, a girl-Jacob mixing it up with one kind of angel or another, limping for sure, but still blessed.

“For a good four decades now, Betsy Sholl has been producing a poetry of stern self-reflection, risky lyrical fluency, and a deeply empathetic social consciousness. With Otherwise Unseeable, she gives us her finest collection thus far, a book which has refined itself into something I can only call wisdom—sometimes rueful, sometimes fierce. This is work in which, as one poem memorably puts it, we must ‘unlatch our wounds and love our ruins.’” —David Wojahn

Betsy Sholl is the author of seven collections of poetry, including Late Psalm and Don’t Explain, 1997 winner of the Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry. A former poet laureate of Maine, Sholl teaches at the University of Southern Maine and in the MFA Program of Vermont College. She lives in Portland, Maine.

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Jennifer Boyden

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POETRY

The Sleeve Waves
Angela Sorby

Winner of the 2014 Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry, selected by Naomi Shihab Nye

“Sometimes, if you’re very patient and a little lucky, a set of truly original poems will jolt you upright again, and you will read their unexpected, eccentric turns, their mesmerizing content and cadence, with gratitude and amazement and feel so glad you’re still alive.”—Naomi Shihab Nye, Felix Pollak Prize judge

Inspired by thrift store knit sleeves, punk rock record sleeves, and, of course, print book sleeves, Angela Sorby explores how the concrete world hails us in waves of color and sound. She asks implicitly, “What makes the sleeve wave? Is it the body or some force larger than the self?” As Sorby’s tough, ironic, and subtly political voice repeatedly insists, we apprehend, use, and release more energy than we can possibly control. This collection includes two main parts—one visual, one aural—flanking a central pastoral poem sung by Virgilian sheep. Meant to be read both silently and aloud, the poems in The Sleeve Waves meditate on how almost everything—like light and sound—comes to us in waves that break and vanish and yet continue.

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Angela Sorby is an associate professor of English at Marquette University. She is the author of three books: Distance Learning: Poems; Schoolroom Poets: Childhood, Performance, and the Place of American Poetry; and Bird Skin Coat, winner of the 2009 Brittingham Prize in Poetry.

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“His poems seem dark, but it’s a darkness that comes from irony and is an almost comical view of our foibles as humans.”—Ruth Moritz, director of the 2013 Salina Spring Poetry Reading Series

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My Favorite Tyrants
Joanne Diaz

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The word “tyrant” carries negative connotations, but in this new collection, Joanne Diaz tries to understand what makes tyranny so compelling, even seductive. These dynamic, funny, often poignant poems investigate the nature of tyranny in all of its forms—political, cultural, familial, and erotic. Poems about Stalin, Lenin, and Castro appear beside poems about deeply personal histories. The result is a powerful exploration of desire, grief, and loss in a world where private relationships are always illuminated and informed by larger, more despotic forces.

“Rich with smart, deft scenes—places you may not have been before, exactly, but feel strangely at home in. Congratulations to this transporting, potent, poet.” —Naomi Shihab Nye, Brittingham Prize judge

“Forged of equal parts brains and brass, these poems bleed and shine and all but blind us. How wild they are, how beautiful! I love the way Joanne Diaz uses light and noise to tell us more than any history book can of the tyrants who distort yet give meaning to our lives: Castro, Stalin, our teachers, our parents, ourselves.” —David Kirby

Joanne Diaz is an assistant professor of English at Illinois Wesleyan University. She is the author of an earlier collection of poems, The Lessons, and her poetry has appeared in AGNI, The American Poetry Review, and Prairie Schooner, among other publications. She is also a past recipient of writing fellowships from the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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A Rescuer’s Story
Pastor Pierre-Charles Toureille in Vichy France
Tela Zasloff

The story of a French Huguenot pastor who rescued hundreds of refugees from the Nazis

In telling Pierre-Charles Toureille’s story, Tela Zasloff also describes the wide-ranging network of Protestant pastors and lay people in southern French villages who participated in an aggressive rescue effort. She delves into their motivations, including their Huguenot heritage as members of a religious minority.

“Pastor Toureille was an energetic leader in the international effort to help war refugees, mostly Jewish, in defeated France after 1940. Tela Zasloff, in a labor of love, explores the moral dilemmas of charity within an evil tyranny and brings back the memory of Toureille himself in all his prickly and indomitable humanity.”—Robert O. Paxton, author of Vichy France

“Zasloff’s skillful use of surviving records fills in the background of Vichy France’s shameful collaboration with the Germans, and the dilemma of the Christian churches, torn between their loyalty to the French state and their humanitarian sympathies with those suffering at the Nazis’ hands.”—Congress Monthly

Tela Zasloff is the author of Saigon Dreaming and Restoring Vision. She lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts.
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Memory’s Turn
Reckoning with Dictatorship in Brazil
Rebecca J. Atencio

“An extremely well-written, engaging, and interesting contribution to the scholarship on postdictatorial memory construction in Latin America. Atencio allows readers to see the multiple and layered ways in which postconflict societies construct and contest the meanings of the past.” —Michael J. Lazzara, author of Chile in Transition

After twenty-one years of military dictatorship, Brazil returned to democratic rule in 1985. Yet over the following two decades, the country largely ignored human rights crimes committed by state security agents, crimes that included the torture, murder, and disappearance of those who opposed the authoritarian regime.

In clear and engaging prose, Rebecca J. Atencio tells the story of the slow turn to memory in Brazil, a turn that has taken place in both politics and in cultural production. She shows how testimonial literature, telenovelas, literary novels, theatrical plays, and memorials have interacted with policies adopted by the Brazilian state, often in unexpected ways. Under the right circumstances, official and cultural forms of reckoning combine in Brazil to produce what Atencio calls cycles of cultural memory. Novel meanings of the past are forged, and new cultural works are inspired, thus creating the possibility for further turns in the cycle.

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Rebecca J. Atencio is an assistant professor of Brazilian literary and cultural studies at Tulane University. Founder of the blog Transitional Justice in Brazil, she lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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“A deeply penetrating critique of dominant trends in the human rights literature. This volume poses a persuasive challenge to those scholars who overlook the uneven and nonlinear development of human rights.”
—Victor Peskin, author of International Justice in Rwanda and the Balkans

Human rights are paradoxical. Advocates across the world invoke the idea that such rights belong to all people, no matter who or where they are. But since humans can only realize their rights in particular places, human rights are both always and never universal.

The Human Rights Paradox is the first book to fully embrace this contradiction and reframe human rights as history, contemporary social advocacy, and future prospect. In case studies that span Africa, Latin America, South and Southeast Asia, and the United States, contributors carefully illuminate how social actors create the imperative of human rights through relationships whose entanglements of the global and the local are so profound that one cannot exist apart from the other. These chapters provocatively analyze emerging twenty-first-century horizons of human rights—on one hand, the simultaneous promise and peril of global rights activism through social media, and on the other, the force of intergenerational rights linked to environmental concerns that are both local and global. Taken together, they demonstrate how local struggles and realities transform classic human rights concepts, including “victim,” “truth,” and “justice.”

Edited by Steve J. Stern and Scott Straus, The Human Rights Paradox enables us to consider the consequences—for history, social analysis, politics, and advocacy—of understanding that human rights belong both to “humanity” as abstraction as well as to specific people rooted in particular locales.

Steve J. Stern (left) is the Alberto Flores Galindo and Hilldale Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He received the Bolton-Johnson Prize from the Conference in Latin American History in 2007 and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012. Scott Straus (right) is a professor of political science and international studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He is the author of The Order of Genocide and a coeditor of Remaking Rwanda.

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We Shall Bear Witness
Life Narratives and Human Rights
Edited by Meg Jensen and Margaretta Jolly
Foreword by Mary Robinson

“Of use and appeal to a broad range of readers wherever they might be situated: the prison, the field, the court, the stage or gallery, or even the classroom. No other volume does this kind of work.”—Laura E. Lyons, University of Hawai‘i

Personal testimonies are the life force of human rights work, and rights claims have brought profound power to the practice of life writing. This volume explores the connections and conversations between human rights and life writing through a dazzling, international collection of essays by survivor-writers, scholars, and human rights advocates.

In We Shall Bear Witness, editors Meg Jensen and Margaretta Jolly assemble moving personal accounts from those who have endured persecution, imprisonment, and torture; meditations on experiences of injustice and protest by creative writers and filmmakers; and innovative research on ways that digital media, commodification, and geopolitics are shaping what is possible to hear and say. The book’s primary sections—testimony, recognition, representation, and justice—evoke the key stages in turning experience into a human rights life story and attend to such diverse and varied arts as autobiography, documentary film, report, oral history, blog, and verbatim theater. The result is a groundbreaking book that sensitively examines how life and rights narratives have become so powerfully entwined. Also included is an innovative guide to teaching human rights and life narrative in the classroom.

“This volume aims to correct cultural, scholarly, and pedagogical tendencies to see human rights from a legalistic perspective by drawing attention to the deeply important, but also contradictory and complex, role that life narrative plays in the practical realization of human rights.”—James Dawes, author of Evil Men

Meg Jensen (top) is the director of the Centre for Life Narratives at Kingston University and the author of The Open Book: Creative Misreading in the Works of Selected Modern Writers. Margaretta Jolly (bottom) is the director of the Centre for Life History and Life Writing Research at the University of Sussex. She is the author of In Love and Struggle: Letters in Contemporary Feminism, winner of the Feminist and Women’s Studies Association UK Book Prize.

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Jennie E. Burnet
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Winner, Elliot Skinner Award, Association for Africanist Anthropology
Finalist, Melville J. Herskovits Award, African Studies Association
Archiving the Unspeakable
Silence, Memory, and the Photographic Record in Cambodia
Michelle Caswell

“An exemplary work. Caswell’s biography of an archive is made compelling by her fine scholarship, skilled storytelling, and passion for justice.”
—Verne Harris, author of Archives and Justice

Roughly 1.7 million people died in Cambodia from untreated disease, starvation, and execution during the Khmer Rouge reign of less than four years in the late 1970s. The regime’s brutality has come to be symbolized by the multitude of black-and-white mug shots of prisoners taken at the notorious Tuol Sleng prison, where thousands of “enemies of the state” were tortured before being sent to the Killing Fields. In Archiving the Unspeakable, Michelle Caswell traces the social life of these photographic records through the lens of archival studies and elucidates how, paradoxically, they have become agents of silence and witnessing, human rights and injustice as they are deployed at various moments in time and space. From their creation as Khmer Rouge administrative records to their transformation beginning in 1979 into museum displays, archival collections, and databases, the mug shots are key components in an ongoing drama of unimaginable human suffering.

“An important book that will reward re-reading for years to come. Using an archival frame of reference, Caswell describes the reasons for the creation and subsequent uses of the familiar yet tragic mug shots of Tuol Sleng prison victims, demonstrating the many silences these records encode and illustrating how they can be employed to transform narratives of victimhood into narratives of agency and witness.”—Andrew Flinn, University College London

Michelle Caswell is an assistant professor of archival studies in the Department of Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is also an affiliated faculty member with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.
The Cross of War
Christian Nationalism and U.S. Expansion in the Spanish-American War
Matthew McCullough

“A very important piece of scholarship in the burgeoning literature on religion and war.” —Andrew Murphy, Rutgers University

The Cross of War documents the rise of “messianic interventionism”—the belief that America can and should intervene altruistically on behalf of other nations. This stance was first embraced in the Spanish-American War of 1898, a war that marked the dramatic emergence of the United States as an active world power and set the stage for the foreign policy of the next one hundred years. Responding to the circumstances of this war, an array of Christian leaders carefully articulated and defended the notion that America was responsible under God to extend freedom around the world—by force, if necessary. Drawing from a wide range of sermons and religious periodicals across regional and denominational lines, Matthew McCullough describes the ways that many American Christians came to celebrate military intervention as a messianic sacrifice, to trace the hand of God in a victory more painless and complete than anyone had imagined, and to justify the new shift in American foreign policy as a divine calling.

“As McCullough shows in rich detail, the Spanish-American War marked the critical juncture where American foreign policy instincts shifted from isolationism to interventionism. He proves this transition could not have taken place without the active role of churches and clergy in explaining to Americans, paradoxically, how they could be imperialistic and altruistic at the same time.”
—Harry S. Stout, Yale University

Matthew McCullough earned a PhD in American religious history from Vanderbilt University and serves as the pastor of Trinity Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Of related interest

The American Jeremiad
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Studies in American Thought and Culture
Into New Territory
American Historians and the Concept of US Imperialism
James G. Morgan

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The idea that the United States—a nation founded after a war of independence—operates as an imperialist power on the world stage has gained considerable traction since the turn of the twenty-first century. But just a few decades earlier, this position was considered radical and even “un-American.” How did this dramatic change come about?

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The Eighteenth Century and the Russian Cultural Imagination

Luba Golburt

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Luba Golburt is an associate professor at the University of California, Berkeley, where she teaches nineteenth-century Russian literature in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

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Jacqueline Dougan Jackson is the author of fourteen books, including Stories from the Round Barn, More Stories from the Round Barn, and the first two volumes of The Round Barn, A Biography of an American Farm. She is a founding faculty member of Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois–Springfield, and her books have been featured on Wisconsin Public Radio.
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