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[The Talented Miss Highsmith](#) Dec 18 2023
Patricia Highsmith's *The Price of Salt* is now a major motion picture (Carol) starring Cate Blanchett and Mia Wasikowska, directed by Todd Haynes A 2010 New York Times Notable Book A 2010 Lambda Literary Award Winner A 2009 Edgar Award Nominee A 2009 Agatha Award Nominee A Publishers Weekly Pick of the Week Patricia Highsmith, one of the great writers of twentieth-century American fiction, had a life as darkly compelling as that of her favorite "hero-criminal," the talented Tom Ripley. Joan Schenkar maps out this richly bizarre life from her birth in Texas to Hitchcock's filming of her first novel, *Strangers*

on a Train, to her long, strange self-exile in Europe. We see her as a secret writer for the comics, a brilliant creator of disturbing fictions, and an erotic predator with dozens of women (and a few good men) on her love list. *The Talented Miss Highsmith* is the first literary biography with access to Highsmith's whole story: her closest friends, her oeuvre, her archives. It's a compulsive page-turner unlike any other, a book worthy of Highsmith herself. **The Best of Frank O'Connor** Aug 22 2021 The most generous one-volume collection ever published of short stories, autobiographical writings, poetry, and essays by the writer Yeats called "Ireland's Chekhov." Selected and

arranged thematically by Julian Barnes, the rich mix of writings in *The Best of Frank O'Connor* starts off with his most famous short story, "Guests of the Nation," set during the Irish War of Independence; chronicles his childhood with an alcoholic father and protective mother; and traces his literary influences in brilliant essays on Joyce and Yeats. O'Connor's wonderfully polyphonic tales of family, friendship, and rivalry are set beside those that bring to life forgotten souls on the fringes of society. O'Connor's writings about Ireland vividly evoke the land he called home, while other stories probe the hardships and rewards of Irish emigration. Finally, we see O'Connor grappling, in both fiction and memoir, with the largest questions of religion and belief. *The Best of Frank O'Connor* is a literary monument to a truly great writer.

Strangers on a Train May 23 2024 Two psychopaths meet on train and plan to trade murders.

Edith's Diary Feb 13 2021 To escape the

terrible realities of an alcoholic son, a departed husband, a bedridden uncle, and a dreary parttime job, Edith records the activities of a happy family in her journal.

Deep Water Apr 10 2023 The great revival of interest in Highsmith continues with "Deep Water," set in the small town of Little Wesley. Vic and Melinda's loveless marriage is held together only by Melinda's extramarital affairs. Eventually, Vic tries to win her back by asserting himself through a tall tale of murder--one that soon comes true.

Strangers on a Train: A Novel Apr 22 2024 "Strangers on a Train has lost none of its power to disturb...We will likely be reading Patricia Highsmith for the next one hundred years." —Paula Hawkins Just in time for the centennial celebration of groundbreaking noir fiction writer Patricia Highsmith comes a reissue of her propulsive, engrossing debut, *Strangers on a Train*, with a new introduction by best-selling author Paula Hawkins. Guy Haines and Charles

Anthony Bruno are passengers on the same train. Haines is a successful architect in the midst of a divorce, Bruno a mysterious smooth-talker with a sadistic proposal: he'll murder Haines's wife if Haines will murder Bruno's father. As Bruno carries out his twisted plan, Guy finds himself trapped in Highsmith's perilous world, where, under the right circumstances, ordinary people are capable of extraordinary crimes. The inspiration for Alfred Hitchcock's classic 1951 film, *Strangers on a Train* launched Highsmith's prolific career, proving her a master at depicting the unsettling forces that tremble beneath the surface of everyday life.

Strangers on a Train [by] Patricia Highsmith, Adapted for the Stage by Chris Warner May 19 2021 Theatre program.

Nothing That Meets the Eye: The Uncollected Stories of Patricia Highsmith

Jan 07 2023 "Highsmith is no more a practitioner of the murder mystery genre...than

are Doestoevsky, Faulkner and Camus."—Joan Smith, Los Angeles Times The Patricia Highsmith renaissance continues with *Nothing That Meets the Eye*, a brilliant collection of twenty-eight psychologically penetrating stories, a great majority of which are published for the first time in this collection. This volume spans almost fifty years of Highsmith's career and establishes her as a permanent member of our American literary canon, as attested by recent publication of two of these stories in *The New Yorker* and Harper's. The stories assembled in *Nothing That Meets the Eye*, written between 1938 and 1982, are vintage Highsmith: a gigolo-like psychopath preys on unfulfilled career women; a lonely spinster's fragile hold on reality is tethered to the bottle; an estranged postal worker invents homicidal fantasies about his coworkers. While some stories anticipate the diabolical narratives of the Ripley novels, others possess a Capra-like sweetness that forces us to see the author in a new light. From this new

collection, a remarkable portrait of the American psyche at mid-century emerges, unforgettably distilled by the inimitable eye of Patricia Highsmith. A New York Times Notable Book and a Washington Post Rave of 2002.

Strangers on a Train Jun 24 2024 Reading level: 4 [red].

Double Indemnity Apr 29 2022 A true crime masterpiece, and highly acclaimed 1940s movie 'DOUBLE INDEMNITY is among the finest of all American novels, regardless of genre or style' LA TIMES 'Cain is the master' Tom Wolfe DOUBLE INDEMNITY is the classic tale of an evil woman motivated by greed who corrupts a weak man motivated by lust. Walter Huff is an insurance investigator like any other until the day he meets the beautiful and dangerous Phyllis Nirdlinger and falls under her spell. Together they plot to kill her husband and split the insurance. It'll be the perfect murder . . .

The Two Faces of January Feb 08 2023 The award-winning “classic psychological thriller” by

the author of *Strangers on a Train* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (USA Today). In a grubby Athens hotel, Rydal Keener is bored and killing time with petty scams. But when he runs into another American, Chester MacFarland, dragging a man’s body down the hotel hall, Rydal impulsively agrees to help, perhaps because Chester looks like his father. Then Rydal meets Collete, Chester’s younger wife, and captivated, becomes entangled in their sordid lives, as the drama marches to a shocking climax at the ruins of the labyrinth at Knossos. A winner of a Crime Writers of America award, *The Two Faces of January* was the basis of a film starring Viggo Mortensen, Kirsten Dunst, and Oscar Isaac. “An offbeat, provocative and absorbing suspense novel.” —The New York Times “Patricia Highsmith is one of the few suspense writers whose work transcends genre.” —The Austin American-Statesman

A Game for the Living Nov 05 2022 An “elegant and psychologically sophisticated”

novel about two men with a murdered woman between them (Cleveland Plain Dealer). Ramón, a devout Catholic, fixes furniture in Mexico City, not far from where he was born into poverty. Theodore, a rich German expatriate and painter, believes in nothing at all. You'd think the two had nothing in common. Except, of course, that both had slept with Lelia. The two form an unlikely friendship, until Lelia is found brutally murdered. Both are suspects—and each suspects the other. Twisting in a limbo of tension and doubt, Ramón and Theodore seize on a third man, a thief seen at Lelia's apartment, and their hunt takes them from Mexico City to sun-drenched Acapulco, and to a small colonial mountain town. An atmospheric, psychologically complex novel, *A Game for the Living* is Highsmith at her best.

Beautiful Shadow Aug 02 2022 The life of Patricia Highsmith was as secretive and unusual as that of many of the best-known characters who populate her "peerlessly disturbing" thrillers

and short stories. Yet even as her work has found new popularity in the last few years, the life of this famously elusive writer has remained a mystery. For *Beautiful Shadow*, the first biography of Highsmith, British journalist Andrew Wilson mined the vast archive of diaries, notebooks, and letters she left behind, astonishing in their candor and detail. He interviewed her closest friends and colleagues as well as some of her many lovers. But Wilson also traces Highsmith's literary roots in the work of Poe, noir, and existentialism, locating the influences that helped distinguish Highsmith's writing so startlingly from more ordinary thrillers. The result is both a serious critical biography and one that reveals much about a brilliant and contradictory woman, one who despite her acclaim and affairs always maintained her solitude.

Patricia Highsmith: Her Diaries and Notebooks: 1941-1995 Aug 14 2023 New York Times • Times Critics Top Books of 2021 The Times (of

London) • Best Books of the Year Excerpted in The New Yorker Profiled in The Los Angeles Times Publishing for the centenary of her birth, Patricia Highsmith's diaries "offer the most complete picture ever published" of the canonical author (New York Times). Relegated to the genre of mystery during her lifetime, Patricia Highsmith is now recognized as one of "our greatest modernist writers" (Gore Vidal). Beloved by fans who were unaware of the real psychological turmoil behind her prose, the famously secretive Highsmith refused to authorize a biography, instead sequestering herself in her Switzerland home in her final years. Posthumously, her devoted editor Anna von Planta discovered her diaries and notebooks in 1995, tucked in a closet—with tantalizing instructions to be read. For years thereafter, von Planta meticulously culled from over eight thousand pages to help reveal the inscrutable figure behind the legendary pen. Beginning with her junior year at Barnard in 1941, Highsmith

ritualistically kept a diary and notebook—the former to catalog her day, the latter to brainstorm stories and hone her craft. This volume weaves diary and notebook simultaneously, exhibiting precisely how Highsmith's personal affairs seeped into her fiction—and the sheer darkness of her own imagination. Charming yet teetering on the egotistical, young "Pat" lays bare her dizzying social life in 1940s Greenwich Village, barhopping with Judy Holliday and Jane Bowles, among others. Alongside Flannery O'Connor and Chester Himes, she attended—at the recommendation of Truman Capote—the Yaddo artist colony in 1948, where she drafted *Strangers on a Train*. Published in 1950 and soon adapted by Alfred Hitchcock, this debut novel brought recognition and brief financial security, but left a heartsick Highsmith agonizing: "What is the life I choose?" Providing extraordinary insights into gender and sexuality in mid-twentieth-century America, Highsmith's

diaries convey her euphoria writing *The Price of Salt* (1951). Yet her sophomore novel would have to be published under a pseudonym, so as not to tarnish her reputation. Indeed, no one could anticipate commercial reception for a novel depicting love between two women in the McCarthy era. Seeking relief from America, Highsmith catalogs her peripatetic years in Europe, subsisting on cigarettes and growing more bigoted and satirical with age. After a stay in Positano with a new lover, she reflects in her notebooks on being an expat, and gleefully conjures the unforgettable *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1955); it would be this sociopathic antihero who would finally solidify her true fame. At once lovable, detestable, and mesmerizing, Highsmith put her turbulent life to paper for five decades, acutely aware there must be “a few usable things in literature.” A memoir as significant in our own century as Sylvia Plath’s journals and Simone de Beauvoir’s writings were to another time, Patricia

Highsmith: *Her Diaries and Notebooks* is an historic work that chronicles a woman’s rise against the conventional tide to unparalleled literary prominence.

A Crooked Tree Feb 25 2022 My mother made a snap decision. How could we know it would change us forever? THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER 'Brimming with curiosity and wonder.' Irish Times 'Lushly atmospheric.' Daily Mail 'Thoroughly gripping.' Lucy Caldwell 'Brilliant.' Sara Baume Rage. That's the feeling engulfing the car as Ellen's mother swerves over to the hard-shoulder and orders her daughter out onto the roadside. Ignoring the protests of her other children, she accelerates away, leaving Ellen standing on the gravel verge in her school pinafore and knee socks as the light fades. What would you do as you watch your little sister getting smaller in the rear view window? How far would you be willing to go to help her? The Gallagher children are going to find out. This moment is the beginning of a

summer that will change everything.**Una Mannion's latest novel, TELL ME WHAT I AM, is available to pre-order now**

The China Factory Oct 24 2021 An elderly schoolteacher recalls the single act of youthful passion that changed her life forever. A young gardener has an unsettling encounter with a suburban housewife. A teenage girl strikes up an unlikely friendship with a lonely bachelor. In these twelve haunting stories award-winning writer Mary Costello examines the passions and perils of everyday life with startling insight, casting a light into the darkest corners of the human heart.

Strangers on a Train Jan 19 2024 "When Guy Haines meets Charles Bruno in the dining car of a Texas-bound train, they share their secrets in the way that only strangers can. Charles confides his hatred for his controlling father, Guy confesses that he is divorcing his unfaithful wife. As the drink flows and the conversation turns darker, Charles proposes the perfect

solution to both their problems - a murder swap - and Guy laughingly agrees. Back home, he quickly forgets their drunken pact: but Charles does not. Soon Guy is facing a nightmarish choice - fulfil his part of the bargain, or be framed for a murder he didn't commit...

Dramatised for radio by award-winning playwright Craig Warner, this disturbing tale of obsession, blackmail, guilt and fear stars Michael Sheen (*Good Omens*, *Staged*) as Guy Haines and Anton Lesser (*Game of Thrones*, *Endeavour*) as Charles Bruno." --Back cover.
Plotting and Writing Suspense Fiction Jun 19 2021 Named by *The Times* as the all-time number one crime writer, Patricia Highsmith was an author who broke new ground and defied genre clichés with novels such as *The Talented Mr Ripley* and *Strangers on a Train*. In the classic creative writing guide *Plotting and Writing Suspense Fiction*, Highsmith reveals her secrets for producing world-class crime and thrillers, from imaginative tips for generating

ideas to useful ways of turning them into stunning stories.

The Selected Stories of Patricia Highsmith Sep 15 2023 With the savage humor of Waugh and the macabre sensibility of Poe, Patricia Highsmith (1921-1995) brought a distinctly contemporary acuteness to her prolific body of noir fiction. Including over 60 short stories written throughout her career, this collection reveals the stunning versatility and terrifying power of her work.

The Blunderer Jul 01 2022 "Highsmith's novels are peerlessly disturbing...bad dreams that keep us thrashing for the rest of the night." —The New Yorker For two years, Walter Stackhouse has been a faithful and supportive husband to his wife, Clara. She is distant and neurotic, and Walter finds himself harboring gruesome fantasies about her demise. When Clara's dead body turns up at the bottom of a cliff in a manner uncannily resembling the recent death of a woman named Helen Kimmel who was

murdered by her husband, Walter finds himself under intense scrutiny. He commits several blunders that claim his career and his reputation, cost him his friends, and eventually threaten his life. The Blunderer examines the dark obsessions that lie beneath the surface of seemingly ordinary people. With unerring psychological insight, Patricia Highsmith portrays characters who cross the precarious line separating fantasy from reality.

The Tremor of Forgery Jul 13 2023 An expatriate is beset by dark temptations in this tale by the author of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*: "Her best novel" (*The New Yorker*). Set in Tunisia in the mid-1960s, this is the story of Howard Ingham, an American writer who has gone abroad to gather material for a movie too sordid to be set in America. Ingham is cool toward the girlfriend he left behind in New York—but his feelings start to change when she doesn't answer his increasingly aggravated letters, and the filmmaker who hired Ingham fails to show in

Tunisia. Amid the tea shops and alleys of the souk, the sun-blasted architecture, and the beaches and hotels frequented by international tourists, Ingham tries to pass the time by working on a writing project. But a series of peculiar events—a hushed-up murder, a vanished corpse, secret broadcasts to the Soviet Union—will pull him in, and may finally put his increasingly fragile sense of morality to the test. “Highsmith’s finest novel.” —Graham Greene, author of *The Quiet American* “Her books have stylistic texture, psychological depth, mesmeric readability.” —The Sunday Times

The Ballad of Peckham Rye Nov 24 2021 A slender satirical gem from the “master of malice and mayhem” (The New York Times) *The Ballad of Peckham Rye* is a wickedly farcical tale of an English factory town turned upside-down by a Scot who may or may not be in league with the Devil. Dougal Douglas is hired to do “human research” into the lives of the workers, Douglas stirs up mutiny and murder.

Eleven Jul 21 2021 The legendary writer Patricia Highsmith is best remembered today for her chilling psychological thrillers *The Talented Mr. Ripley* and *Strangers on a Train*. A critically acclaimed best seller in Europe, Highsmith has for too long been underappreciated in the United States. Starting in 2011, Grove Press will begin to reissue nine of Highsmith's works. *Eleven* is Highsmith's first collection of short stories, an arresting group of dark masterpieces of obsession and foreboding, violence and instability. Here naturalists meet gruesome ends and unhinged heroes disturb our sympathies. This is a captivating, important collection from “one of the truly brilliant short-story writers of the twentieth century” (Otto Penzler). Includes an introduction by Graham Greene.

A Suspension of Mercy Sep 03 2022 A major new reissue of the work of a classic noir novelist.

The Price of Salt Apr 17 2021 A chance encounter between two lonely women leads to a passionate romance in this lesbian cult classic.

Therese, a struggling young sales clerk, and Carol, a homemaker in the midst of a bitter divorce, abandon their oppressive daily routines for the freedom of the open road, where their love can blossom. But their newly discovered bliss is shattered when Carol is forced to choose between her child and her lover. Author Patricia Highsmith is best known for her psychological thrillers *Strangers on a Train* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*. Originally published in 1952 under a pseudonym, *The Price of Salt* was heralded as "the novel of a love society forbids." Highsmith's sensitive treatment of fully realized characters who defy stereotypes about homosexuality marks a departure from previous lesbian pulp fiction. Erotic, eloquent, and suspenseful, this story offers an honest look at the necessity of being true to one's nature. The book is also the basis of the acclaimed 2015 film *Carol*, starring Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara.

The Faster I Walk, The Smaller I Am Dec 06 2022 Mathea Martinsen has never been good at

dealing with other people. After a lifetime, her only real accomplishment is her longevity: everyone she reads about in the obituaries has died younger than she is now. Afraid that her life will be over before anyone knows that she lived, Mathea digs out her old wedding dress, bakes some sweet cakes, and heads out into the world—to make her mark. She buries a time capsule out in the yard. (It gets dug up to make room for a flagpole.) She wears her late husband's watch and hopes people will ask her for the time. (They never do.) Is it really possible for a woman to disappear so completely that the world won't notice her passing? *The Faster I Walk, the Smaller I Am* is a macabre twist on the notion that life "must be lived to the fullest." [Patricia Highsmith on Screen](#) May 31 2022 This book is the first full-length study to focus on the various film adaptations of Patricia Highsmith's novels, which have been a popular source for adaptation since Alfred Hitchcock's *Strangers on a Train* (1952). The collection of essays examines

films such as *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *The Two Faces of January*, and *Carol*, includes interviews with Highsmith adaptors and provides a comprehensive filmography of all existing Highsmith adaptations. Particular attention is paid to queer subtexts, mythological underpinnings, philosophical questioning, contrasting media environments and formal conventions in diverse generic contexts. Produced over the space of seventy years, these adaptations reflect broad cultural and material shifts in film production and critical approaches to film studies. The book is thus not only of interest to Highsmith admirers but to anyone interested in adaptation and transatlantic film history.

Strangers on a Train May 11 2023 Guy Haines and Charles Bruno meet on a train. Because they're strangers they can say anything they like to one another. Bruno proposes the perfect murder: he will kill Guy's unfaithful wife if Guy will kill his much-hated father. Guy never

imagines Bruno is serious. But Bruno is deadly serious.

People Who Knock on the Door Mar 17 2021 BY THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY, CAROL AND STRANGERS ON A TRAIN 'Venomously accurate' SUNDAY TIMES 'A border zone of the macabre, the disturbing, the not quite accidental . . . Highsmith achieves the effect of the occult without any resources to supernatural machinery' NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW 'No one has created psychological suspense more densely and deliciously satisfying' VOGUE *People Who Knock on the Door* is a tale about blind faith and the slippery notion of justice that lies beneath the peculiarly American veneer of righteousness. In a pitiless story of prying suburban self-righteousness, Patricia Highsmith introduces the Alderman family as they descend into moral crisis. When small-town insurance salesman Richard Alderman becomes a born-again Christian, his once tight-knit family

quickly begins to rip apart at the seams. He and his youngest son, Robbie, embrace their newfound faith, while his elder son Arthur rejects it. Caught in the middle of the ensuing web of lies, his wife, Lois, tries to keep the family together, but when the church elders start to interfere in Arthur's love life, events spiral toward violence. In this masterful late work, Highsmith weaves a powerful tale about blind faith and the peculiar ideas of justice that lie underneath the veneer of respectability.

The Metal Heart Sep 22 2021 “The story of true innocents caught up in the machinery of war. Exquisitely researched, beautifully told, this tiny corner of Scotland came alive for me in all of my senses and I found myself rooting for the central characters with all my heart.” —Mary Beth Keane, author of *Ask Again, Yes* In the dark days of World War II, an unlikely romance blossoms between a Scottish woman and an Italian prisoner of war in this haunting novel with the emotional complexity of *The Boat*

Runner and All the Light We Cannot See—a powerful and atmospheric story of love, jealousy, and conscience that illuminates the beauty of the human spirit from the author of *The Glass Woman*. In the wake of the Allies’ victory in North Africa, 1,000 Italian soldiers have been sent to a remote island off the Scottish coast to wait out the war. Their arrival has divided the island’s community. Nerves frayed from three years of war and the constant threat of invasion, many locals fear the enemy prisoners and do not want them there. Where their neighbors see bloodthirsty enemies, however, orphaned sisters Dorothy and Constance see sick and wounded men unused to the freezing cold of an Orkney winter, and volunteer to nurse them. While doing so Dorothy finds herself immediately drawn to Cesare, a young man broken by the horrors of battle. But as the war drags on, tensions between the islanders and the outsiders deepen, and Dorothy’s connection to Cesare threatens the bond she shares with Constance.

Since the loss of their parents, the sisters have relied on each other. Now, their loyalty will be tested, each forced to weigh duty against desire . . . until, one fateful evening, a choice must be made, one that that will have devastating consequences.

Strangers on a Train Nov 17 2023 Alfred Hitchcock's 1951 thriller based on the novel of the same name by Patricia Highsmith (author of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*) is about two men who meet on a train: one is a man of high social standing who wishes to divorce his unfaithful wife; the other is an enigmatic bachelor with an overbearing father. Together they enter into a murder plot that binds them to one another, with fatal consequences. This Queer Film Classic delves into the homoerotic energy of the film, especially between the two male characters (played by Farley Granger and Robert Walker). It builds on the question of the sexuality the film puts on view, not to ask whether either character is gay so much as to explore the queer

relations between sexuality and murder and the strong antisocial impulses those relations represent. The book also includes a look at the making of the film and the critical controversies over Hitchcock's representations of male homosexuality. **QUEER FILM CLASSICS** is a critically acclaimed film book series that launched in 2009. It features twenty-one of the most important and influential films about and/or by LGBTQ people, made in eight different countries between 1950 and 2005, and written by leading LGBTQ film scholars and critics. Jonathan Goldberg is a professor at Emory University, where he directs the Studies in Sexualities program. He is the author of many books and editor of Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick's posthumous 2012 book *The Weather in Proust*. **Patricia Highsmith: Selected Novels and Short Stories** Jun 12 2023 The remarkable renaissance of Patricia Highsmith ("*Strangers on a Train*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley*") continues with the publication of "*The Highsmith Reader*,"

featuring two groundbreaking novels as well as a trove of penetrating short stories.

Strangers on a Train Oct 16 2023 CLASSIC THRILLER BEHIND THE HITCHCOCK FILM AND HIGHSMITH'S FIRST NOVEL By the bestselling author of *The Talented Mr Ripley* and *Carol* 'Her books have stylistic texture, psychological depth, mesmeric readability' SUNDAY TIMES 'The original, the best, the gloriously twisted Queen of Suspense' MARK BILLINGHAM 'A gem . . . A magnificent suspense' DAILY MAIL The psychologists would call it folie a deux . . . 'Bruno slammed his palms together. "Hey! Cheeses, what an idea! I kill your wife and you kill my father! We meet on a train, see, and nobody knows we know each other! Perfect alibis! Catch?"' Guy Haines and Charles Anthony Bruno are passengers on the same train. Haines is a successful architect in the midst of a divorce, Bruno a mysterious smooth-talker with a sadistic proposal: he'll murder Haines's wife if Haines will murder

Bruno's father. As Bruno carries out his twisted plan, Guy finds himself trapped in Highsmith's perilous world, where, under the right circumstances, ordinary people are capable of extraordinary crimes. From this moment, almost against his conscious will, he is trapped in a nightmare of shared guilt and an insidious merging of personalities.

The Children Of Dynmouth Oct 04 2022 *The Children Of Dynmouth* - a classic prize-winning novel by William Trevor Penguin Decades bring you the novels that helped shape modern Britain. The 1970s was a decade of anger and discontent. Britain endured power cuts and strikes. America pulled out of Vietnam and saw its President resign from office. Feminism and face lifts vied for women's hearts (and minds). And for many, prog rock, punk and disco weren't just music but ways of life. William Trevor's *The Children of Dynmouth* (Winner of the Whitbread Award and shortlisted for the Booker Prize) was first published in 1976 and is a classic account

of evil lurking in the most unlikely places. In it we follow awkward, lonely, curious teenager Timothy Gedge as he wanders around the bland seaside town of Dynmouth. Timothy takes a prurient interest in the lives of the adults there, who only realise the sinister purpose to which he seeks to put his knowledge too late. 'A small masterpiece of understatement ... a work of rare compassion' Joyce Carol Oates, *New York Times*

If you enjoyed *The Story of Lucy Gault* and *Love and Summer*, you will love this book. It will also be adored by readers of Colm Toibin and William Boyd. William Trevor was born in Mitchelstown, County Cork. He has written eighteen novels and novellas, and hundreds of short stories, for which he has won a number of prizes including the Hawthornden Prize, the Yorkshire Post Book of the Year Award, the Whitbread Book of the Year Award and the David Cohen Literature Prize in recognition of a lifetime's literary achievement. In 2002 he was knighted for his services to literature. His books in Penguin are:

After Rain; A Bit on the Side; Bodily Secrets; Cheating at Canasta; The Children of Dynmouth; The Collected Stories (Volumes One and Two); Death in Summer; Felicia's Journey; Fools of Fortune; The Hill Bachelors; Love and Summer; The Mark-2 Wife; Selected Stories; The Story of Lucy Gault and Two Lives.

Highsmith Mar 29 2022 The author of *Shockproof* Sydney Skate provides rare insights into the life of the reclusive lesbian writer and creator of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, describing her own romance with Highsmith amidst the bohemian atmosphere of Greenwich Village during the 1950s. Original.

[Found in the Street](#) Mar 21 2024 When Ralph Linderman returns a stranger's wallet he found during a morning stroll through Greenwich Village, he is entirely unprepared for the complex maze of sexual obsession and disturbing psychological intrigue he is about to be drawn into. Patricia Highsmith, author of *The Tremor of Forgery*, *Strangers on a Train*, and *The Cry of*

the Owl has once again created an unsettling thriller that explores the bleakest alleyways of human desire. Highsmith has been called "one of the finest crime novelists" by the New York Times and is now considered one of the most original voices in twentieth-century American fiction.

Devils, Lusts and Strange Desires Dec 26 2021 A vibrant portrait of the acclaimed author Patricia Highsmith, nominated for the H.R.F. Keating Award.

Strangers on a Train by Patricia Highsmith (Book Analysis) Feb 20 2024 Unlock the more straightforward side of Strangers on a Train with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Strangers on a Train by Patricia Highsmith, which tells the story of two men whose lives become intertwined as a result of a chilling pact. Charles Anthony Bruno strikes up a conversation with the young architect Guy Haines and tells him that he can kill his wife,

who he wants to divorce so that he can marry someone else, if Guy will kill Bruno's father. Despite Guy's reluctance, Bruno forges ahead with the scheme, drawing the two men ever deeper into a morass of guilt and paranoia. Strangers on a Train was Patricia Highsmith's first novel, and its film adaptation by Alfred Hitchcock catapulted her to fame. Her reputation only grew with her subsequent novels, including the series of thrillers starring the charming murderer Tom Ripley. Find out everything you need to know about Strangers on a Train in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary

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Ripley Under Ground Mar 09 2023 "Ripley is an unmistakable descendant of Gatsby, that 'penniless young man without a past' who will stop at nothing."—Frank Rich Now part of American film and literary lore, Tom Ripley, "a bisexual psychopath and art forger who murders without remorse when his comforts are threatened" (New York Times Book Review), was Patricia Highsmith's favorite creation. In these volumes, we find Ripley ensconced on a French estate with a wealthy wife, a world-class art collection, and a past to hide. In *Ripley Under Ground* (1970), an art forgery goes awry and Ripley is threatened with exposure; in *The Boy Who Followed Ripley* (1980), Highsmith explores Ripley's bizarrely paternal relationship with a troubled young runaway, whose abduction draws them into Berlin's seamy underworld; and in *Ripley Under Water* (1991), Ripley is confronted

by a snooping American couple obsessed with the disappearance of an art collector who visited Ripley years before. More than any other American literary character, Ripley provides "a lens to peer into the sinister machinations of human behavior" (John Freeman, *Pittsburgh Gazette*).

The End of the World Is a Cul de Sac Jan 27 2022 Brilliant, dark stories of women's lives by "a very major talent" (Joseph O'Connor, *Irish Times*) In these visceral, stunningly crafted stories by the author of the much-acclaimed *Trespasses*, women's lives are etched by poverty—material, emotional, sexual—but also splashed by beauty, sometimes even joy, as they search for the good in the cards they've been dealt. A wife is abandoned by her new husband in a derelict housing estate, with blood on her hands. An expectant mother's worst fears about her husband's entanglement with a teenage girl are confirmed. A sister is tormented by visions of the man her brother murdered during the

Troubles. A woman struggles to forgive herself after an abortion threatens to destroy her marriage. Plumbing the depths of intimacy, violence, and redemption, these stories are “dazzling, heartbreaking . . . keen to share the lessons of a lifetime” (Guardian).

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