

Beneath The Cypress Tree

The Balkans, also known as the Balkan Peninsula, is a geographic area in Southeast Europe with various definitions and meanings, including geopolitical and historical. Critic August Nemo has selected seven short stories by authors from the Balkans so that you can enjoy the rich and diverse literary culture of this region. This book contains: - Brother Gáeštin by Jaroslav Vrchlický. - Easter Candles by Ion Luca Caragiale. - The Journey by Svatoopluk Cech. - The Robbers by Lazar K. Lazarević. - Maja by Ksaver Šandor Gjalski. - A Trip to the Other World by Kálmán Mikszáth. - A Pogrom in Poland by Joachim Friedenthal. When Archer blew out of town six years ago, he took Annabeth Richards's heart with him. With a head full of hope and promises, she waited for his return. But when he didn't, Annabeth was left to pick up the pieces without him. Archer Beaufait signed up for the Army fresh on the heels of Graduation. He wanted to make something of himself, but he never expected to be going to war. He'd made his fair share of mistakes, but after six long years, he realized it was time to come home. The only problem was, the life he'd left behind and the people he hurt weren't real eager to see him return. Especially not Annabeth Richards. When the two meet again, old wounds are brought to the surface along with some feelings that never quite went away. But when secrets start coming out of the woodworks, and they realize that time has changed them both, it's one obstacle they aren't certain they can overcome.

The Summer Queen is an evocative and grand historical novel from Margaret Pemberton, the bestselling author of A Season of Secrets and Beneath the Cypress Tree. August 1879, Osborne House. Queen Victoria has occupied the British throne for over forty years. Bringing together her extended family from across Europe offers a chance for old alliances to be strengthened and new unions to be forged. May Teck, daughter of a Duke and Princess, is constantly reminded that she lacks the pedigree to be a true royal. Considering herself an outsider, she finds comfort in meeting two kindred spirits at Osborne; creating a bond with them that she thinks will last forever. Alicky lives in the shadow of her older siblings and has never recovered from the death of her mother. Until she meets Nicky, heir to the Russian throne, who sweeps her off to his homeland where life will never be the same again. And then there is Willy, destined to be the future Kaiser of Germany. Suffering from a birth defect, he's always kept his true feelings locked away and all the world sees is the bombastic persona he projects. As shifting forces of power send warning ripples across Europe, an unavoidable war looms on the horizon . . .

Collier's

Haskay Bay Nay Ntay

Tapestry of Fear

Young Singleton, by Talbot Gwynne

Reprint of the original, first published in 1869.

'But I don't hate Chung King!' Gianetta cried passionately. 'I love it. I love the temples and pagodas and the plum blossom and the junks on the river. What I hate is only being able to see these things from a distance. I want to visit the temples. I want to walk out on the hills beneath the plum trees. I want to enjoy China, not be protected from it!'

Beneath the light of the moon the Chinese Moonflower blooms only one night of the year. No European has seen it blossom, and Zachary Cartwright is determined to do so. Giannetta Hollis, niece of the British Envoy, becomes an uninvited member of the expedition, to travel to the remotest part of China in search of Moonflowers. It is a decision that transforms her life, bringing her more adventure than she had ever dreamed possible, and love beyond her wildest imaginings.

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Poems

The Cypress Tree

Young Singleton

Philosophy at the Foot of the Cross

Rendezvous With Danger

In the Alaskan Klondike, at the height of the gold-rush, respectable women were thin on the ground and the San Franciscan based Peabody Marriage Bureau did a roaring trade despatching mail-order brides to women-starved stampeders. When half-Irish Lilli Stullen boarded the S.S. Senator as a Peabody bride, she did so not because she was hungry for a gold-rich husband but because it was the only way she could remove her orphaned younger brother and sister from the clutches of their hated uncle. To Lilli, the sacrifice of marrying a man she had never met was small in comparison to ensuring Leo and Lottie's happiness - or it was until she met 'Lucky' Jack Coolidge, a professional gambler with devilry in his eyes - a man no woman had ever been able to hold. Lilli was certain that when they arrived in the Klondike, Jack Coolidge would pay off her husband-to-be and marry her himself. She had reckoned, however, without the man who awaited her arrival. Ringan Cameron was a hard-muscled, fiery-haired Scot with a mysterious past and Lilli, despite her Irish temper and recklessness, soon discovered she had met her match. . .

Includes music.

They were girls of the 60s - as unlike each other as it was possible to be. Abbra - the quiet, lovely, Californian college girl - reared to a life of good behaviour and doing the right thing. She was swept off her feet into a whirlwind marriage before she had time to grow up. She never really got to know her husband before he was shipped out to fight the Vietcong. Serena was an English debutante, a spoilt brat who had everything. She married her equally irresponsible playboy husband because it seemed like fun. But the fun backfired and she found herself abandoned right after the wedding. Gabrielle - half French, half Vietnamese, with a foot in both camps. She fell wildly in love with an Australian newsman on his way to Saigon. Alone and pregnant in Paris, she never stopped loving him. As their worlds began to collapse around them, the three joined forces and, with a courage born of desperation, set out for Vietnam to find the men they loved - and to find themselves.

CliffsNotes on Steinbeck's The Red Pony, Chrysanthemums, and Flight

The National Weekly

Scopophilia

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The Island of Missing Trees

June 1944 in occupied France, and the embattled coast of Normandy anxiously awaits the Allied invasion. Lisette de Valmy – just eighteen years old and an ardent member of the Resistance, she is torn between loyalty to the Cause and her love for one man. Dieter Meyer – a German officer, handsome and courageous, he must fight for his country and for his future with Lisette. Greg Dering – generous and warm-hearted, he liberates the de Valmy home but falls captive to the sad beauty of the girl who welcomes him to France. And Luke Brandon – obsessed by Lisette from the start, he can never forget her and his all-consuming passion threatens to destroy them all . . . From the devastation of war-torn France to the glamour and riches of San Francisco, Never Leave Me is a moving story of heartbreak and love and of the destructive legacy of war. ‘. . . takes off

passionately, unstopppably . . . Turbulent stuff!’ She

A REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK *A wise novel of love and grief, roots and branches, displacement and home, faith and belief. Balm for our bruised times." -David Mitchell, author of Utopia Avenue A rich, magical new novel on belonging and identity, love and trauma, nature and renewal, from the Booker-shortlisted author of 10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World. Two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, meet at a taverna on the island they both call home. In the taverna, hidden beneath garlands of garlic, chilli peppers and creeping honeysuckle, Kostas and Defne grow in their forbidden love for each other. A fig tree stretches through a cavity in the roof, and this tree bears witness to their hushed, happy meetings and eventually, to their silent, surreptitious departures. The tree is there when war breaks out, when the capital is reduced to ashes and rubble, and when the teenagers vanish. Decades later, Kostas returns. He is a botanist looking for native species, but really, he's searching for lost love. Years later a Ficus carica grows in the back garden of a house in London where Ada Kazantzakis lives. This tree is her only connection to an island she has never visited--- her only connection to her family's troubled history and her complex identity as she seeks to untangle years of secrets to find her place in the world. A moving, beautifully written, and delicately constructed story of love, division, transcendence, history, and eco-consciousness, The Island of Missing Trees is Elif Shafak's best work yet.

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A Multitude of Sins

Beneath the Cypress Tree

Godey's Magazine

Transactions of the Wagner Free Institute of Science of Philadelphia

The Knickerbocker

A magnificent tale of romance and war sweeping through the first half of the twentieth centurySweeping from the Great War, through the Jazz Age to the 1940s, this unforgettable tale follows the entwined lives of the Fentons, an aristocratic family from Yorkshire.Thea, the eldest daughter of Viscount Gilbert Fenton, flouts the unwritten rules of her class by embarking on a love affair with Hal, the fiercely socialist son of one of her father's tenant farmers. Carrie, her close childhood friend and granddaughter of the Viscount's nanny, has always been expected to marry Hal - but when she goes into service she finds herself longing for the one person she can never hope to marry.Olivia, the middle Fenton sister, follows a more conventional path, forging friendships with the British royal family and attending a finishing school in Germany. Her relationship with Count von der Schulenburg does not raise eyebrows, but as the mid-1930s approach, she finds herself in a country experiencing rapid, radical and dangerous social change. Violet, the youngest of the Fenton sisters, is also the most reckless. She dreams of becoming an actress in Hollywood, unaware her life will be filled with more drama than any part she will ever play. And then there is Rosalind, their American cousin, who is secretly in love with a married U.S. senator. Her ambitions to become a photojournalist will also take her into the heart of Hitler's Germany.Set against the rich canvas of the first half of the twentieth century, A Season of Secrets is an unforgettable

The gripping story of a dramatic eighteenth-century voyage of discovery from Naomi J. Williams In her wildly inventive debut novel, Naomi J. Williams reimagines the historical La Pérouse expedition, a voyage of exploration that left Brest in 1785 with two frigates, two hundred men, and overblown Enlightenment ideals and expectations, in a brave attempt to circumnavigate the globe for science and the glory of France. Deeply grounded in historical fact but refracted through a powerful imagination, Landfalls follows the exploits and heartbreaks not only of the men on the ships but also of the people affected by the voyage:natives and other Europeans the explorers encountered, loved ones left waiting at home, and those who survived and remembered the expedition later. Each chapter is told from a different point of view and is set in a different part of the world-ranging from London to Tenerife, Alaska to remote South Pacific islands and Siberia, and eventually back to France. The result is a beautifully written and absorbing tale of the high seas, scientific exploration, human tragedy, and the world on the cusp of the modern era. By turns elegiac, profound, and comic, Landfalls reinvents the maritime adventure novel for the twenty-first century.

Alison Russell's holiday is rudely shattered by gunfire when Basque separatists try to smuggle arms into the quiet fishing village in which she is staying. Accompanied only by Miss Daventry, a tough old English eccentric who fought in the Spanish Civil war, Alison reluctantly goes to the aid of Jose and Luis Villada. It is a mission of mercy that turns into a nightmare. Miss Daventry and Luis disappear and Jose and Alison are hunted not only by the police but by the psychopathic killer, Angel Garmendia. They flee on horseback across the Pyrenees and into France, only to find that friend has turned into foe and the treachery of the war years stretches long fingers into the present. Terrified for the safety of her elderly friend, heartbroken at the death of the man she has come to love, Alison waits alone in the deserted village of Cotanes as the hunters close in.

Transactions

Vengeance in the Sun

More Tales from the Blue Gonk Cafe

Arthur's Illustrated Home Magazine

Forget-Me-Not Bride

Susan Carter's idyllic Bavarian holiday was rudely shattered while picnicking on the hillside by the sound of a speeding car, followed by a crash. Looking through her binoculars she saw the occupants leave their wrecked car and then take off in her own small Morris. If only Susan hadn't read the newspaper account of the murder of a German minister! If only she hadn't recognized the photograph of the car—said to have been used by the assassins! For Susan life gradually takes on the horror of a nightmare. Nor does she know which of her 'rescuers' to trust—Stephen Maitland or Gunther Cliburn.

A huge saga - of a world destroyed by war - and a woman made triumphant by love Since she was ten Elizabeth had been forced to give way to the men in her life. First her father, a lonely, selfish widower who needed his daughter as his companion, then Adam, her middle-aged husband, who carried her off to the brittle world of Hong Kong society, ignoring the burning musical talent that she constantly had to repress. And then she met Raefe Elliot, womaniser, soldier of fortune, who repeatedly rocked Hong Kong with his scandals, and between the two of them flared a wild release of love that exploded into the most shocking scandal of all. As the Japanese prepared to invade Hong Kong, as the old world was about to be forever destroyed, Elizabeth at last found happiness - in her love, and in her progress as a musician. And then the thunder of a savage and terrifying battle broke over her life, and she and Raefe became fugitives in a war-torn world.

A sweeping saga of friends and lovers, set in Crete during the Second World War.

The New Monthly Magazine and Humorist

Beneath the Wings of Geronimo's Spirit

An Embarrassment of Riches

A Novel

Under the Cypress Tree

'Here she is!' Alexander was shouting. 'This is your new daughter-in-law! An Irish peasant . . . An illegitimate . . . illiterate . . . Irish peasant!' 1860: Alexander Karolyis, only son of the wealthiest entrepreneur in New York, spends most of his adolescence battling within his father. Nothing he does is considered correct. The girl he loves is highly unsuitable, his behaviour is unruly, and, in a last-ditch attempt to marry him off to a suitable Protestant aristocrat, his father packs him off on a European Grand Tour. And while Alexander was feuding with his father, beautiful Maura Sullivan, illegitimate daughter of an Irish peasant, was befriended and raised by Lord Clanmar on his idyllic Ballacharnish estate. Only when he died unexpectedly did Maura's world crash about her ears. His will left her little option but to leave Ireland and start a new life in New York. It was there, on the emigrant boat to America, that Maura and Alexander met for the first time - she in the poverty of the steerage section, he as a privilege class passenger. It was there that Maura fell overwhelmingly in love with the spoilt young aristocrat whose heart was full of hatred for his father. And it was only when it was too late that Maura realised she had been used as a weapon of revenge and must enter the world of New York society who had nothing but contempt for the new Irish Karolyis family.

A broken love affair takes Lucy Matthews to the Villa d'Este as governess to the six-year-old Danielle Van de Naude. But instead of a refuge Lucy finds she has entered a world of intrigue and fear. Why did Danielle's previous governess die? Is someone trying to kill her too? Determined to find out, Lucy encounters death and murder as Danielle is kidnapped to thwart her father's political ambitions, and only Lucy can save her life. But who can she trust to help her? Ian Lyall, who watches her so disturbingly? Steve Patterson who wishes to marry her? The suave Bradley Van de Naude, Danielle's step-brother? Or Max Rampling, the man who has her heart but holds another woman in his arms? One of them is a ruthless killer, but who? And why? As Lucy faces death in an attempt to save Danielle, the façades finally drop and the truth is revealed.

Scratch the veneer of opulence at the 'Enclave', a cluster of villas bought for the movie star Rosalind by her millionaire husband, and a reality of fear, frustration, guilt and love betrayed glimmer from beneath. Rosalind's cousin Jenny is there to fight her despair over killing a woman and child in a car accident. The stranger Jonathan is burdened by some darkness in his past. Mary also has something to conceal. When Rosalind is found dead, the knot of intrigue tightens. Blackmail, passion and revenge — each takes its turn in this tautly told story of mystery and malice.

Exclusive of the Florida Keys

Never Leave Me

Landfalls

Lion of Languedoc

Moonflower Madness

Accused of witchcraft and hunted by Louis XIV's fanatical inquisitor, Marietta Riccardi is only rescued from being burned alive by the intervention of Léon de Villeneuve — the Lion of Languedoc. Small wonder that she falls in love with him! Yet Léon is on his way to marry his childhood sweetheart, Elise, and to him Marietta is nothing but a tiresome peasant girl. . . .

beautiful and seductive perhaps, but an unwelcome distraction from his forthcoming wedding, Marietta knows that she should leave France — escape her persecutors and her hopeless love — yet she cannot tear herself away from Languedoc, or from Léon . . .

Selby Parker's novel is a shocking and imaginative tale of murder, mayhem, and out-of-body fantasies, filled with plot twists and provocative issues that tear at the fabric of three families who become involved with a New York psychiatrist. A rich Jewish widow recovering from a failed marriage, a Vietnam veteran who suffers night terrors, and a successful Jewish businessman who learns that his mother was a mistress to a Cuban mobster all make for interesting clients, whilst endangering the psychiatrist's life. The soldier's dreams reveal him to be the reincarnation of Prince Albert Victor, the grandson of Queen Victoria. His lurid tale under hypnosis reveals the culpable parties in the unsolved Jack the Ripper murders in London's White Chapel. Rich with descriptive details of London, San Francisco, and Sicily, the novel offers gritty realism, powerful characters, and historical fantasy all woven together in a common thread.

The story of three generations of Iranian women - Kamín, her mother and her grandmother - which portrays the history of twentieth century Iran.

The Knickerbocker: Or, New-York Monthly Magazine

7 Best Short Stories: Balkans

Plants Of The Bible

The Guilty Secret

South Sea Dreamer

San Augustino said quietly. Be careful with that blade Robert. You might cut yourself! San Augustino was rewarded with Robert shouting a fearful battle cry and charging with his saber held high in an anticipated downward thrust! Gasps of horror could be heard at the display of the ungentlemanly like conduct! Robert on the other hand, was beginning to become disheartened with what he thought was going to be an easy victory with his surprise attack. He was mentally out of balance because his saber had only cut air and hit the ground! Worse was the sudden realization that he had complexly missed San Augustino and was now lying with his face in the mud! Robert immediately jumped up screaming in frustrated anger aided by the feeling of the pain of an imaginary saber blade in his back! Robert knew in his heart that he would have taken advantage of the situation, if the tables had been turned and Augustino had been the one sliding on his face. Robert neednt have feared, because San Augustino was still standing perfectly poised about ten feet away almost in the same position that he had been standing when Robert had originally charged! It was almost as if San Augustino had not moved! Robert suddenly felt a stinging sensation on his chest and looking down was horrified to see a thin red streak that was starting to spread his across his white shirt! It was the thinnest of cuts and although not very wide looked painfully deep and more importantly, was rapidly bleeding his strength away!

New Monthly Magazine

A Season of Secrets

Arthur's Home Magazine

Every Saturday

The Summer Queen