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"A Conspicuous Blossoming:" The Emergence of Prose Writing by Ukrainian Women.



Canadian Jenn Farrell's brazen collection *The Devil You Know* is closely examined by Joyce Nickel.

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BIG GIRL SMALL Rachel DeWoskin

Judy Lohden is smart and talented; she has a scathing sense of humour and is just a little bit conceited. She is 16 years old, starting a new year in a new school, trying to find her place in the often vicious, often changing world that is high school.

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Arlene McKanic interviews the Caribbean author, editor and poet

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THE BOOK OF HAPPENSTANCE

Ingrid Winterbach

Translated from the Afrikaans by Dirk and Ingrid Winterbach

When reading this novel, the words meditate, ruminate, and reflect all come to mind—a contemplation of the meaning of our lives, on loss and how we can deal with it in an increasingly secularized and fragmented world where the traditional comforts of family, religion and the "old ways" are disappearing.

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THE SELECTED STORIES OF MERCÈ RODOREDÀ

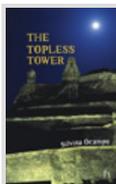
Mercè Rodoreda

Translated from the Catalan by Martha Tennent

When General Franco took power in Spain, he repressed all regional languages including Catalan, prompting the twenty-six year old Merce Rodoreda to go into exile, where she did not write for twenty years. Now a legendary Catalan writer...

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Reviewed by Andrew Stancek



THE TOPLESS TOWER

Silvina Ocampo

Translated from the Spanish by James Womack

Little Leandro, nine, having displeased a gentleman visitor who may be the Devil, finds himself a prisoner in the tower which gives this story its title. He discovers a room set up with all the requisites a painter could need. He begins to paint.

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DILEMMAS OF DEOKIE

Carol Sammy

Deokie Ramoutar is different from the other girls in her Trinidadian village. Nineteen years old, she is more sober and thoughtful than her giddy, frivolous friends and not really interested in boys. Instead, Deokie ...

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AMERICA PACIFICA

Anna North

Anna Gavalda



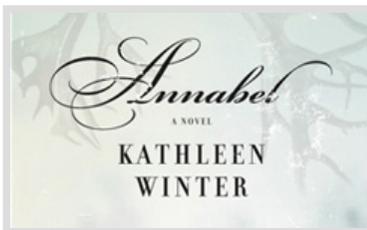
Read Chapter One of Anna Gavalda's recently translated novel, *French Leave*, a charming story of escaping to the past to find the future.

PEN Free the Word! festival in London



Charlotte Simpson reports on this exciting literary event.

CONVERSATIONS:



Three readers discuss Kathleen Winter's Award-Winning novel, *Annabel*

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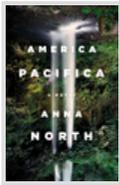
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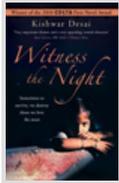
LIBRARY THING



Anna North's young adult novel, *America Pacifica*, is a grungy, thrill-a-minute frappe of familiar dystopian elements—suzzy landscape, crazy tyrants, social and environmental exploitation—garnished with ...

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Reviewed by Jean Raber



WITNESS THE NIGHT

Kishwar Desai

It is September 2007, and police in the Punjab region of India ask social worker Simran Singh for her help in talking to an uncommunicative fourteen-year-old girl. The girl, Durga, was found loosely tied up and...

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Reviewed by Joyce Nickel



THE FOLDED EARTH

Anuradha Roy

This rich evocative novel takes you into the tranquil hills of Ranikhet, a little town set deep in the Himalayan Mountains, with Maya and a host of colorful hill people who become her family when she seeks refuge there in an attempt to get over the loss of her husband.

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Reviewed by Akeela Gaibie-Dawood

announced

The shortlist for this year's Caine Prize has just been announced and three women are in the running for the prestigious award. This is always an exciting time of year – the Prize is a great way to discover short stories by excellent writers. Lucky for us, the Prize's website links to a copy of ...[Read the Rest](#)

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