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IN PRINCIPIO ERA IL SESSO

COME CI ACCOPPIAMO, CI LASCIAMO E VIVIAMO L'AMORE OGGI

ODOYA Bestseller del New York Times e già tradotto in 15 lingue, In principio era il Sesso (Sex at Dawn) è il più potente attacco al concetto di matrimonio vibrato tramite un volume. Per quanto le spiegazioni di antropologi e filosofi si siano affannate a ricondurre il matrimonio alle prime forme sociali e addirittura alle relazioni nei gruppi di scimmie antropomorfe, le loro conclusioni restano basate su fraintendimenti di fondo piuttosto grossolani. Ryan e Jethà decostruiscono le teorie di Darwin, Hobbes, Malthus, Hrdy, S. Goldberg, Morgan, Pinker, Chagnon e altri con l'arma dell'ironia e con argomentazioni ineccepibili. Non contenti della "narrazione standard" (di Sarah Blaffer Hrdy) che prevede la coppia esclusiva basata sullo scambio: la donna in cambio di carne (cibo) e di protezione per i figli dà all'uomo la certezza (con la fedeltà) che i figli siano suoi, i due autori mettono in campo un vero e proprio armamentario di dati su tribù del presente e del passato la cui sessualità non ripercorre lo schema predetto.

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SEX AT DAWN

THE PREHISTORIC ORIGINS OF MODERN SEXUALITY

Scribe Publications Since Darwin's day, we've been told that sexual monogamy comes naturally to our species. Mainstream science — as well as religious and cultural institutions — has maintained that men and women evolved in families in which a man's possessions and protection were exchanged for a woman's fertility and fidelity. In this groundbreaking book, however, Christopher Ryan and Cacilda Jethá argue that human beings evolved in egalitarian groups that shared food, child care, and, often, sexual partners. Weaving together evidence from anthropology, archaeology, primatology, anatomy, and psychosexuality, the authors show how far from human nature monogamy really is. With intelligence and humour, Ryan and Jethá explain how our promiscuous past haunts our contemporary struggles. They explore why many people find long-term fidelity so difficult; why sexual passion tends to fade even as love deepens; why homosexuality persists in the face of standard evolutionary logic; and what the human body reveals about the prehistoric origins of modern sexuality. Shocking, enlightening, and ultimately inspiring, *Sex at Dawn* offers a revolutionary understanding of why we live and love as we do.

THE NOTEBOOK

THE LOVE STORY TO END ALL LOVE STORIES

Hachette UK Celebrating 25 years of *The Notebook* - the classic novel which became the heart-wrenching film. * Once again, just as I do every day, I begin to read the notebook aloud... Noah Calhoun has returned from war and, in an attempt to escape the ghosts of battle, he sets his mind and his body to restoring an old plantation home to its former beauty. But he is haunted by memories of the beautiful girl he met there years before. A girl who stole his heart at the funfair, whose parents didn't approve, a girl he wrote to every day for a year. When Allie Hamilton shows up on his doorstep, exactly as he has held her in his memory for all these years, Noah has one last chance to win her back. Only this time, it's not just her parents in the way - Allie is engaged and she's not a woman to go back on her promises. *The Notebook* is the love story to end all love stories - it will break your heart, heal it back up and break it all over again.

Praise for Nicholas Sparks: 'A fiercely romantic and touching tale' Heat 'An A-grade romantic read' OK! 'Pulls at the heartstrings' Sunday Times 'An absorbing page-turner' Daily Mail 'This one won't leave a dry eye' Daily Mirror

THE BOOK OF DISQUIET

Profile Books Sitting at his desk, Bernardo Soares imagined himself free forever of Rua dos Douradores, of his boss Vasques, of Moreira the book-keeper, of all the other employees, the errand boy, the post boy, even the cat. But if he left them all tomorrow and discarded the suit of clothes he wears, what else would he do? Because he would have to do something. And what suit would he wear? Because he would have to wear another suit. A self-deprecating reflection on the sheer distance between the loftiness of his feelings and the humdrum reality of his life, The Book of Disquiet is a classic of existentialist literature.

PRACTICING THE POWER OF NOW

ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS, MEDITATIONS, AND EXERCISES FROM THE POWER OF NOW

New World Library New York Times bestselling author Eckhart Tolle — A key to happiness is living in the now Practice The Power of Now: If you, like many others, have benefited from the transformative experience of reading The Power of Now, you will want to own and read Practicing the Power of Now. Eckhart Tolle: Eckhart Tolle, a spiritual teacher and author who was born in Germany and educated at the Universities of London and Cambridge, is rapidly emerging as one of the world's most inspiring spiritual teachers. His views go beyond any particular religion, doctrine, or guru. In The Power of Now and his subsequent book Practicing the Power of Now, Eckhart shares the enlightenment he himself experienced after a profound inner transformation radically changed the course of his life. Your path to enlightenment: Practicing the Power of Now extracts the essence from Eckhart's teachings in his New York Times bestseller, The Power of Now (translated into 33 languages). Practicing the Power of Now shows us how to free ourselves from "enslavement to the mind." The aim is to be able to enter into and sustain an awakened state of consciousness throughout everyday life. Through meditations and simple techniques, Eckhart shows us how to quiet our thoughts, see the world in the present moment, and find a path to "a life of grace, ease, and lightness." The next step in human evolution: Eckhart's profound yet simple teachings have already helped countless people throughout the world find inner peace and greater fulfillment in their lives. At the core of the teachings lies the transformation of consciousness, a spiritual awakening that he sees as the next step in human evolution. An essential aspect of this awakening involves

transcending our ego-based state of consciousness. This is a prerequisite not only for personal happiness but also for the ending of violence on our planet. Readers of other transformational self-help books such as *The Four Agreements*, *The Miracle Morning*, *Braving the Wilderness*, and *The Book of Joy* will want to read *Practicing the Power of Now*.

EROS AND PATHOS

SHADES OF LOVE AND SUFFERING

Why do we fear love? How do we invite betrayal? What can we learn about ourselves from eroticism, abandonment, solitude? What unconscious drives are at work and seduction and jealousy? Are love, suffering and creativity connected? This book brings to light a treasure in the darkness.

Q

Random House "Set in Reformation Europe, *Q* begins with Luther's nailing of his 95 theses on the door of the cathedral church in Wittenberg. *Q* traces the adventures and conflicts of two central characters: an Anabaptist, a member of the most radical of the Protestant sects and the anarchists of the Reformation, and a Catholic spy and informer, on their thrilling journey across Germany, Italy and the Netherlands."--

IF ON A WINTER'S NIGHT A TRAVELLER

Random House 'Breathtakingly inventive' David Mitchell You go into a bookshop and buy *If on a Winter's Night a Traveller* by Italo Calvino. You like it. But alas there is a printer's error in your copy. You take it back to the shop and get a replacement. But the replacement seems to be a totally different story. You try to track down the original book you were reading but end up with a different narrative again. This remarkable novel leads you through many different books including a detective adventure, a romance, a satire, an erotic story, a diary and a quest. But the real hero is you, the reader. 'The greatest Italian writer of the twentieth century' Guardian

THE POWER IS WITHIN YOU

Hay House, Inc "Louise Hay writes to your soul—where all healing begins. I love this book... and I love Louise Hay." — Dr. Wayne W. Dyer In *The Power Is Within You*, Louise L. Hay expands her philosophies of loving the self through: ·

learning to listen and trust the inner voice; · loving the child within; · letting our true feelings out; · the responsibility of parenting; · releasing our fears about growing older; · allowing ourselves to receive prosperity; · expressing our creativity; · accepting change as a natural part of life; · creating a world that is ecologically sound; · where it's safe to love each other'; · and much more. She closes the book with a chapter devoted to meditations for personal and planetary healing.

SURVIVAL IN AUSCHWITZ

Simon and Schuster The author describes his twenty month ordeal in the Nazi death camp.

AD LUCILIUM EPISTULAE MORALES

Rarebooksclub.com This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1920 edition. Excerpt: ...hoc bonis 31 malisque conveniet. Erunt qui voluptates laudent, erunt qui labores malint; erunt qui dolorem maximum malum dicant, erunt qui ne malum quidem appellent; divitias aliquis ad summum bonum admittet, alius illas dicet malo vitae humanae repertas, nihil esse eo locupletius, cui quod donet fortuna non invenit. In tanta iudiciorum diversitate referendam bene merentibus gratiam omnes tibi uno, quod aiunt, ore adfirmabunt. In hoc tam discors turba consentiet; cum interim iniurias pro beneficiis reddimus, et prima causa est, cur quis ingratus sit, si satis 32 gratus esse non potuit. Eo perductus est furor, ut periculosissima res sit beneficia in aliquem magna conferre; nam quia putat turpe non reddere, non vult esse, cui reddat. Tibi habe, quod accepisti; we should take counsel regarding them, not with their reputation but with their nature; those things possess no grandeur wherewith to enthral our minds, except the fact that we have become accustomed to marvel at them. For they are not praised because they ought to be desired, but they are desired because they have been praised; and when the error of individuals has once created error on the part of the public, then the public error goes on creating error on the part of individuals. But just as we take on faith such estimates of values, so let us take on the faith of the people this truth, that nothing is more honourable than a grateful heart. This phrase will be echoed by all cities, and by all races, even those from savage countries. Upon this point good and bad will agree. Some praise pleasure, some prefer toil; some say that pain is the greatest of evils, some say it is no evil at all; some will include riches in the Supreme Good, others will say that their discovery meant harm to...

BOOK OF EROTIC FANTASY

Arthaus

THE METAMORPHOSIS OF PLANTS

MIT Press Goethe's influential text, newly illustrated with stunning color photographs. The *Metamorphosis of Plants*, published in 1790, was Goethe's first major attempt to describe what he called in a letter to a friend "the truth about the how of the organism." Inspired by the diversity of flora he found on a journey to Italy, Goethe sought a unity of form in diverse structures. He came to see in the leaf the germ of a plant's metamorphosis—"the true Proteus who can hide or reveal himself in all vegetal forms"—from the root and stem leaves to the calyx and corolla, to pistil and stamens. With this short book—123 numbered paragraphs, in the manner of the great botanist Linnaeus—Goethe aimed to tell the story of botanical forms in process, to present, in effect, a motion picture of the metamorphosis of plants. This MIT Press edition of *The Metamorphosis of Plants* illustrates Goethe's text (in an English translation by Douglas Miller) with a series of stunning and starkly beautiful color photographs as well as numerous line drawings. It is the most completely and colorfully illustrated edition of Goethe's book ever published. It demonstrates vividly Goethe's ideas of transformation and interdependence, as well as the systematic use of imagination in scientific research—which influenced thinkers ranging from Darwin to Thoreau and has much to teach us today about our relationship with nature.

GRAVITY AND GRACE

U of Nebraska Press Simone Weil, the French philosopher, political activist, and religious mystic, was little known when she died young in 1943. Four years later the philosopher-farmer Gustave Thibon compiled *La pesanteur et la grâce* from the notebooks she left in his keeping. In 1952 this English translation accelerated the fame and influence of Simone Weil. The striking aphorisms in *Gravity and Grace* reflect the religious philosophy of Weil's last years. Written at the onset of World War II, when her health was deteriorating and her left-wing social activism was giving way to spiritual introspection, this masterwork makes clear why critics have called Simone Weil "a great soul who might have become a saint" and "the Outsider as saint, in an age of alienation."

NETWORKED

THE NEW SOCIAL OPERATING SYSTEM

MIT Press How social networks, the personalized Internet, and always-on mobile connectivity are transforming—and expanding—social life. Daily life is connected life, its rhythms driven by endless email pings and responses, the chimes and beeps of continually arriving text messages, tweets and retweets, Facebook updates, pictures and videos to post and discuss. Our perpetual connectedness gives us endless opportunities to be part of the give-and-take of networking. Some worry that this new environment makes us isolated and lonely. But in *Networked*, Lee Rainie and Barry Wellman show how the large, loosely knit social circles of networked individuals expand opportunities for learning, problem solving, decision making, and personal interaction. The new social operating system of “networked individualism” liberates us from the restrictions of tightly knit groups; it also requires us to develop networking skills and strategies, work on maintaining ties, and balance multiple overlapping networks. Rainie and Wellman outline the “triple revolution” that has brought on this transformation: the rise of social networking, the capacity of the Internet to empower individuals, and the always-on connectivity of mobile devices. Drawing on extensive evidence, they examine how the move to networked individualism has expanded personal relationships beyond households and neighborhoods; transformed work into less hierarchical, more team-driven enterprises; encouraged individuals to create and share content; and changed the way people obtain information. Rainie and Wellman guide us through the challenges and opportunities of living in the evolving world of networked individuals.

GIORDANO BRUNO'S THE HEROIC FRENZIES

A TRANSLATION WITH INTRODUCTION AND NOTES

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OCEAN SEA

Canongate Books A handful of disparate lives converge at a remote seaside inn: a lovelorn professor, a renowned painter, an inscrutable seductress - and a beautiful young girl, fatally ill, brought to the sea by a desperate father's last hope. An intricate web of destinies and associations begins to reveal itself, but it is not until the arrival of a mysterious sailor called Adams that the truth in all its dreamlike beauty and cruelty becomes clear. Adams may furnish the key to the girl's salvation, but only the fulfilment of his obsessive secret purpose - to answer murder with murder - can conclude the journey that has brought him from the ends of the earth. Alternately playful and profoundly serious, Baricco's novel surges with the hypnotic power of the ocean sea.

MANITUANA

Verso Books 1775—The conflict between the British Empire and the American colonies erupts in all-out war. Rebels and loyalists to the British Crown compete for an alliance with the Six Nations of the Iroquois, the most powerful Indian confederation, boasting a constitution hundreds of years old. In the Mohawk River Valley, Native Americans and colonists have co-existed for generations. But as the thunder of war approaches and the United States struggles violently into existence, old bonds are broken, friends and families are split by betrayal, and this mixed community is riven by hatred and resentment. To save his threatened world, the Mohawk war chief Joseph Brant sets off in a restless journey that will take him from New York to the salons of Georgian London at the heart of the British Empire.

VISUALISING FACEBOOK

A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

UCL Press Since the growth of social media, human communication has become much more visual. This book presents a scholarly analysis of the images people post on a regular basis to Facebook. By including hundreds of examples, readers can see for themselves the differences between postings from a village north of London, and those from a small town in Trinidad. Why do women respond so differently to becoming a mother in England from the way they do in Trinidad? How are values such as carnival and suburbia expressed visually? Based on an examination of over 20,000 images, the authors argue that phenomena such as selfies and memes must be analysed in their local context. The book aims to highlight the importance of visual images today in patrolling and controlling the moral values of

populations, and explores the changing role of photography from that of recording and representation, to that of communication, where an image not only documents an experience but also enhances it, making the moment itself more exciting.

DIGITAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Taylor & Francis Anthropology has two main tasks: to understand what it is to be human and to examine how humanity is manifested differently in the diversity of culture. These tasks have gained new impetus from the extraordinary rise of the digital. This book brings together several key anthropologists working with digital culture to demonstrate just how productive an anthropological approach to the digital has already become. Through a range of case studies from Facebook to Second Life to Google Earth, Digital Anthropology explores how human and digital can be defined in relation to one another, from avatars and disability; cultural differences in how we use social networking sites or practise religion; the practical consequences of the digital for politics, museums, design, space and development to new online world and gaming communities. The book also explores the moral universe of the digital, from new anxieties to open-source ideals. Digital Anthropology reveals how only the intense scrutiny of ethnography can overturn assumptions about the impact of digital culture and reveal its profound consequences for everyday life. Combining the clarity of a textbook with an engaging style which conveys a passion for these new frontiers of enquiry, this book is essential reading for students and scholars of anthropology, media studies, communication studies, cultural studies and sociology.

AFTER

Simon and Schuster "Book one of the After series--the Internet sensation with millions of readers. Tessa didn't plan on meeting Hardin during her freshman year of college. But now that she has, her life will never be the same"--

LOVE AS PASSION

THE CODIFICATION OF INTIMACY

John Wiley & Sons In this important book Niklas Luhmann - one of the leading social thinkers of the late 20th century - analyses the emergence of 'love' as the basis of personal relationships in modern societies. He argues that, while

family systems remained intact in the transition from traditional to modern societies, a semantics for love developed to accommodate extra-marital relationships; this semantics was then transferred back into marriage and eventually transformed marriage itself. Drawing on a diverse range of historical and literary sources, Luhmann retraces the emergence and evolution of the special semantics of passionate love that has come to form the basis of modern forms of intimacy and personal relationships. This classic book by Luhmann has been widely recognized as a work of major importance. It is an outstanding contribution to social theory and it provides an original and illuminating perspective on the nature of modern marriage and sexuality.

IL DECAMERON

LAUDATO SI'

ON THE CARE OF THE COMMON HOME

Le vie della Cristianità Laudato Si 'is Pope Francis' second encyclical which focuses on the theme of the environment. In fact, the Holy Father in his encyclical urges all men and women of good will, the rulers and all the powerful on earth to reflect deeply on the theme of the environment and the care of our planet. This is our common home, we must take care of it and love it - the Holy Father tells us - because its end is also ours.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

DAILY MEDITATIONS WITH KRISHNAMURTI

Penguin Books India Inspired By Krishnamurti S Belief That Truth Is Found Through Living, The Book Of Life Presents 365 Timeless Daily Meditations, Developed Thematically Over Seven Days, Illuminating The Concepts Of Freedom, Personal Transformation, Living Fully Awake And Much More. For Everyone Who Has Come To Cherish The Wisdom Of This Extraordinary Spiritual Sage As Well As Anyone Discovering Krishnamurti For The First Time The Book Of Life Is A Profound Collection Of Insights To Treasure Everyday. The Story Of Mankind Is In You, The Vast Experience, The Deep-Rooted Fears, Anxieties, Sorrow, Pleasure And All The Beliefs That Man Has Accommodated Throughout The Millennia. You Are That Book. J. Krishnamurti

HEAVEN AND HELL

ALSO THE WORLD OF SPIRITS OR INTERMEDIATE STATE FROM THINGS HEARD AND SEEN BY EMANUEL SWEDENBORG

GENERATING TRACES IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

NEW TRACES OF THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP **Generating Traces in the History of the World** is a synthesis of Monsignor Luigi Giussani's reflection on the Christian experience. His exploration of Christianity as an unforeseen and unforeseeable event in which the mystery became a man reveals how, by acknowledging this fact, an individual is simultaneously able to use reason and be moved by affection. Discussing the ways in which Christ continues to be present in history through the companionship of those whom He joins to himself in Baptism, Giussani illuminates how a sense of Christ's mercy can overcome negativity and encourage a useful life. A profound and moving work, **Generating Traces in the History of the World** will interest all those who have been inspired by Giussani's thought.

BORN FOR LOVE

REFLECTIONS ON LOVING

Ballantine Books **Essays by the popular author of Love** treat every facet of relationships and challenge readers to earn the love they seek through soul-searching, prizing differences between partners, and making the hard decision between fidelity and moving on. Reprint.

THE FANATICISM OF THE APOCALYPSE

SAVE THE EARTH, PUNISH HUMAN BEINGS

John Wiley & Sons **The planet is sick. Human beings are guilty of damaging it. We have to pay. Today, that is the orthodoxy throughout the Western world. Distrust of progress and science, calls for individual and collective self-sacrifice to 'save the planet' and cultivation of fear: behind the carbon commissars, a dangerous and**

counterproductive ecological catastrophism is gaining ground. Modern society's susceptibility to this kind of thinking derives from what Bruckner calls "the seductive attraction of disaster," as exemplified by the popular appeal of disaster movies. But ecological catastrophism is harmful in that it draws attention away from other, more solvable problems and injustices in the world in order to focus on something that is portrayed as an Apocalypse. Rather than preaching catastrophe and pessimism, we need to develop a democratic and generous ecology that addresses specific problems in a practical way.

LOVE YOURSELF, HEAL YOUR LIFE WORKBOOK

Hay House, Inc The Love Yourself, Heal Your Life Workbook directly applies Louise's techniques of self-love and positive thinking to a wide range of topics that affect us all on a daily basis, including: health, fears and phobias, sex, self-esteem, money and prosperity, friendship, addictive behavior, work, and intimacy. As Louise says, "These exercises will give you new information about yourself. You will be able to make new choices. If you are willing, then you can definitely create the kind of life you say you want."

THE RISE OF THE NETWORK SOCIETY

John Wiley & Sons This first book in Castells' groundbreaking trilogy, with a substantial new preface, highlights the economic and social dynamics of the information age and shows how the network society has now fully risen on a global scale. Groundbreaking volume on the impact of the age of information on all aspects of society Includes coverage of the influence of the internet and the net-economy Describes the accelerating pace of innovation and social transformation Based on research in the USA, Asia, Latin America, and Europe

UNLIMITED POWER, 1998

Scribner For all people in search of the knowledge and courage to remake their lives and achieve their dreams, this inspirational calendar presents 365 daily reminders and suggestions.

ON THE CHRISTIAN MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING

Published on February 11, 1984, Salvifici Doloris addresses the question of why God allows suffering. This 30th anniversary edition includes the complete text of the letter plus commentary by Myles N. Sheehan, SJ, MD, a priest and

physician trained in geriatrics with an expertise in palliative care. Acknowledgments of recent episodes of violence bring the papal document into a modern context. Insightful questions suited for individual or group use, applicable prayers, and ideas for meaningful action invite readers to personally respond to the mystery of suffering.

TWILIGHT

Hachette UK Fall in love with the addictive, suspenseful love story between a teenage girl and a vampire with the book that sparked a "literary phenomenon" and redefined romance for a generation (New York Times). Isabella Swan's move to Forks, a small, perpetually rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Isabella's life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. Up until now, Edward has managed to keep his vampire identity a secret in the small community he lives in, but now nobody is safe, especially Isabella, the person Edward holds most dear. The lovers find themselves balanced precariously on the point of a knife -- between desire and danger. Deeply romantic and extraordinarily suspenseful, Twilight captures the struggle between defying our instincts and satisfying our desires. This is a love story with bite. It's here! #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight with the highly anticipated companion, Midnight Sun: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." - The New York Times

PARLIAMO ITALIANO!

Houghton Mifflin College Division The Second Edition of Parliamo italiano! instills five core language skills by pairing cultural themes with essential grammar points. Students use culture—the geography, traditions, and history of Italy—to understand and master the language. The 60-minute Parliamo italiano! video features stunning, on-location footage of various cities and regions throughout Italy according to a story line corresponding to each unit's theme and geographic focus.

THE PROMISE OF POLITICS

Schocken After the publication of The Origins of Totalitarianism in 1951, Hannah Arendt undertook an investigation of Marxism, a subject that she had deliberately left out of her earlier work. Her inquiry into Marx's philosophy led her to a

critical examination of the entire tradition of Western political thought, from its origins in Plato and Aristotle to its culmination and conclusion in Marx. *The Promise of Politics* tells how Arendt came to understand the failure of that tradition to account for human action. From the time that Socrates was condemned to death by his fellow citizens, Arendt finds that philosophers have followed Plato in constructing political theories at the expense of political experiences, including the pre-philosophic Greek experience of beginning, the Roman experience of founding, and the Christian experience of forgiving. It is a fascinating, subtle, and original story, which bridges Arendt's work from *The Origins of Totalitarianism* to *The Human Condition*, published in 1958. These writings, which deal with the conflict between philosophy and politics, have never before been gathered and published. The final and longer section of *The Promise of Politics*, titled "Introduction into Politics," was written in German and is published here for the first time in English. This remarkable meditation on the modern prejudice against politics asks whether politics has any meaning at all anymore. Although written in the latter half of the 1950s, what Arendt says about the relation of politics to human freedom could hardly have greater relevance for our own time. When politics is considered as a means to an end that lies outside of itself, when force is used to "create" freedom, political principles vanish from the face of the earth. For Arendt, politics has no "end"; instead, it has at times been-and perhaps can be again-the never-ending endeavor of the great plurality of human beings to live together and share the earth in mutually guaranteed freedom. That is the promise of politics.

THE END OF LOVE

A SOCIOLOGY OF NEGATIVE RELATIONS

John Wiley & Sons Western culture has endlessly represented the ways in which love miraculously erupts in people's lives, the mythical moment in which one knows someone is destined for us, the feverish waiting for a phone call or an email, the thrill that runs down our spine at the mere thought of him or her. Yet, a culture that has so much to say about love is virtually silent on the no less mysterious moments when we avoid falling in love, where we fall out of love, when the one who kept us awake at night now leaves us indifferent, or when we hurry away from those who excited us a few months or even a few hours before. In *The End of Love*, Eva Illouz documents the multifarious ways in which relationships end. She argues that if modern love was once marked by the freedom to enter sexual and emotional bonds according to one's will and choice, contemporary love has now become characterized by practices of non-choice, the freedom to withdraw from relationships. Illouz dubs this process by which relationships fade,

evaporate, dissolve, and break down “unloving.” While sociology has classically focused on the formation of social bonds, *The End of Love* makes a powerful case for studying why and how social bonds collapse and dissolve. Particularly striking is the role that capitalism plays in practices of non-choice and “unloving.” The unmaking of social bonds, she argues, is connected to contemporary capitalism which is characterized by practices of non-commitment and non-choice, practices that enable the quick withdrawal from a transaction and the quick realignment of prices and the breaking of loyalties. Unloving and non-choice have in turn a profound impact on society and economics as they explain why people may be having fewer children, increasingly living alone, and having less sex. *The End of Love* presents a profound and original analysis of the effects of capitalism and consumer culture on personal relationships and of what the dissolution of personal relationships means for capitalism.

SAFE HAVEN

Grand Central Publishing In a small North Carolina town, a mysterious and beautiful woman running from her past slowly falls for a kind-hearted store owner . . . until dark secrets begin to threaten her new life. When a mysterious young woman named Katie appears in the small North Carolina town of Southport, her sudden arrival raises questions about her past. Beautiful yet self-effacing, Katie seems determined to avoid forming personal ties until a series of events draws her into two reluctant relationships: one with Alex, a widowed store owner with a kind heart and two young children; and another with her plainspoken single neighbor, Jo. Despite her reservations, Katie slowly begins to let down her guard, putting down roots in the close-knit community and becoming increasingly attached to Alex and his family. But even as Katie begins to fall in love, she struggles with the dark secret that still haunts and terrifies her . . . a past that set her on a fearful, shattering journey across the country, to the sheltered oasis of Southport. With Jo's empathetic and stubborn support, Katie eventually realizes that she must choose between a life of transient safety and one of riskier rewards . . . and that in the darkest hour, love is the only true safe haven.

EUROPE AND EMPIRE

ON THE POLITICAL FORMS OF GLOBALIZATION

Fordham Univ Press The European Union and the single currency have given Europe more stability than it has known in the past thousand years, yet Europe seems to be in perpetual crisis about its global role. The many European empires are now reduced to a multiplicity of ethnicities, traditions, and civilizations. Europe will never be One, but to survive as

a union it will have to become a federation of “islands” both distinct and connected. Though drawing on philosophers of Europe’s past, Cacciari calls not to resist Europe’s sunset but to embrace it. Europe will have to open up to the possibility that in few generations new exiles and an unpredictable cultural hybridism will again change all we know about the European legacy. Though scarcely alive in today’s politics, the political unity of Europe is still a necessity, however impossible it seems to achieve.