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Essentially a poet, Giono has an acute faculty of penetration, a lucidity of spiritual vision, and a tender sympathy.
—Ray C.B. Brown

Ennemonde

Jean Giono

translated from the French by Bill Johnston
Jean Giono’s writing possesses a vigor, a surprising texture, a contagious joy, a sureness of touch and design, an arresting originality, and that sort of unfeigned strangeness that always goes along with sincerity when it escapes from the ruts of convention.

—André Gide, unpublished letter

Ennemonde Girard: Obese. Toothless. Beautiful. Razor-sharp. Loving mother and murderous wife: a character like none other in literature. In telling us Ennemonde’s astounding story of undetected crimes, Giono immerses us in the perverse and often lurid lifeways of the people of the High Country, where vengeance is an art form, hearts are superfluous, and only boldness and cunning like Ennemonde’s can win the day. A gleeful, broad sardonic grin of a novel.

Jean Giono (1895-1970) was a novelist, essayist, and playwright, and one of the most prolific and respected French writers of the twentieth century. His first major literary success came with Colline, which won him the Prix Brentano. He received the Prince Rainier of Monaco Prize for lifetime achievement in 1953, was elected to the Academie Goncourt in 1954, and became a member of the Literary Council of Monaco in 1963.

Bill Johnston is Professor of Comparative Literature at Indiana University. His translations have earned him the AATSEEL Translation Award for Magdalena Tulli’s Dreams and Stones in 2005, the inaugural Found in Translation Award for Tadeusz Rozewicz’s new poems in 2008, the PEN Translation Prize and Three Percent’s Best Translated Book Award for Myśliwski’s Stone Upon Stone in 2012, and the 2019 National Translation Award in Poetry for Adam Mickiewicz’s Pan Tadeusz.
The Dog of Tithwal

Saadat Hasan Manto

translated from the Urdu by
Khalid Hasan & Muhammad Umar Memon

with a preface by
Vijay Seshadri

The undisputed master of the modern Indian short story.

—Salman Rushdie
Manto’s irony and humanity raise him on par with Gogol.

—Anita Desai

In *The Dog of Tithwal*, Saadat Hasan Manto conjures the vitality on the streets of Bombay – its prostitutes, pimps, artists, writers, and strays. Also, the pain and bewilderment of the Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs pitted against each other by the India-Pakistan partition. Manto is perhaps best known for his dry-eyed portrayals of the partition’s horrors. From a stray dog (with Hindu or Muslim leanings?) caught in the crossfire at the border of India and Pakistan to friendly neighbors turned enemy soldiers pausing for tea together in a short cease-fire, Manto blurs the edges of geographic, cultural, and social boundaries with an unflinching gaze and great humanity. These stories – half a century later – illuminate so many of the glaring and silenced conflicts that plague our world today.

In his short career, **Saadat Hasan Manto** produced a powerful and original body of work, writing numerous collections of short stories, radio dramas, essays, film scripts, and a novel. Unafraid to portray the grit and violence of street-life in Bombay, Manto wrote stories fueled by desire. He was tried for obscenity six times. Manto sunk into alcoholism and died at the age of 42. He was posthumously awarded the prestigious Nishan-e-Imtiaz Award by the Government of Pakistan in 2012.

Born in Kashmir, journalist, author, and translator **Khalid Hasan** is best remembered for his translations of the poetry of Faiz Ahmed Ahmed and Saadat Hasan Manto’s short fiction.

**Muhammad Umar Memon** was a critic, short story writer, and translator. He edited *The Annual of Urdu Studies* and was a professor of Urdu Literature and Islamic Studies at the University of Wisconsin.
Her style, brilliantly translated by Martin Aitken, is quiet and mesmeric.
—The Irish Times

The Pastor

Hanne Ørstavik
translated from the Norwegian by Martin Aitken
After losing a dear friend, Liv leaves her German seminary to serve as the pastor in a small town in northern Norway. An introvert by nature, Liv struggles with her many new roles in the parish: counselor, cleric, confidant, newcomer. Soon she is drawn into the lives of the villagers and is tasked with finding a way to comfort the parents of an adolescent who takes her own life. As she comes to know the village and its rhythms intimately, and begins to belong to it herself, fresh questions about faith and identity arise. Probing the far reaches of intimacy and empathy, The Pastor explores how we build a common (and a private) vocabulary to will our beliefs and identities into existence.

Hanne Ørstavik, one of the most admired and prominent writers in contemporary Norwegian fiction, published her first novel Cut in 1994. She has been awarded a host of literary prizes, including the Dobloug Prize, presented annually by the Swedish Academy. The English translation of Love was a finalist for a National Book Award. Ørstavik’s Ti amo is forthcoming from Archipelago.

Martin Aitken has translated numerous novels from Danish and Norwegian, including works by Karl Ove Knausgaard, Ida Jessen, Peter Høeg, Helle Helle, and Kim Leine. In 2012, he was awarded the American-Scandinavian Foundation’s Nadia Christensen Translation Prize. His translation of Ørstavik’s Love won the PEN Translation Prize.
Hermans is one of Holland’s great 20th-century writers.
—David Mills, The Times

A Guardian Angel Recalls

W. F. Hermans

translated from the Dutch by David Colmer
Underrated: the Dutch writer Willem Frederik Hermans, especially his novel *An Untouched House*.
—Ian McEwan, *Times Literary Supplement*

On May 9th, 1940 – the eve of Nazi occupation of the Netherlands – a frenzied and lovelorn public prosecutor by the name of Alberegt, whose Jewish lover has just fled the country, speeds through Hook of Holland in his black Renault. Guiding his every move is a guardian angel, and with calm and patience, the angel flits about from the hood of Alberegt’s car to the rim of his windswept hat, attempting to quell his anxieties and doubts. Momentarily distracted, the angel forgets Alberegt at the wheel and he swerves into a young girl crossing the road. This tragedy spins its nightmarish web. Alberegt attempts to unravel the story of the girl he killed as the world around him collapses. Reminiscent of Albert Camus, *A Guardian Angel Recalls* is an unnerving and gripping wartime novel, one that searches for order and hope in a world seemingly filled with chaos and tragedy.

W. F. Hermans was one of the most prolific and versatile Dutch authors of the twentieth century. He wrote essays, scientific studies, short stories, and poems, but was best known for his several novels, the most famous of which are *The Tears of the Acacias* (1949), *The Darkroom of Damocles* (1958), and *Beyond Sleep* (1966). In 1977, he received the Dutch Literature Prize.

David Colmer is a writer and translator of Dutch. He is a four-time winner of the David Reid Poetry Translation Prize and received the 2009 Biennial NSW Premier and PEN Translation Prize. His translation of Gerbrand Bakker’s *The Twin* (Archipelago) was awarded the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and he received – along with Bakker – the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize for Bakker’s novel *The Detour*.
One of my favorite writers in the world is Jacques Poulin.

—Rawi Hage

Autumn Rounds

Jacques Poulin

translated from the French by Sheila Fischman
For decades Poulin has been teaching us that great literature can be about small things: the language of love and the love of language, the pleasure of solitude and the grief of loneliness, the value of work and the importance of play. While each of his novels stands on its own, together they create a world that is instantly recognizable and immediately endearing.

— Alyson Waters

A man living alone in Quebec City hears a brassy tune waft through his apartment window. He follows its chirping out to the street, and there he meets a rollicking troupe of acrobats, jugglers, and musicians—among them a charming Katherine Hepburn lookalike. He is taken by the ensemble’s joyful irreverence and they are drawn to his devotion to books, cats, and the iris-mottled Quebec countryside. They set off together in his bookmobile, up the craggy coast of the St. Lawrence River. Along the way, he falls in love and lends book upon book to the devoted readers of the towns he visits every summer. Autumn Rounds is a tender travelogue punctuated by picnics, sandy coves, and the voices of Billie Holiday, Gabrielle Roy, and Anne Hébert. It’s a tale of abandon, of how books speak and sing through us.

Jacques Poulin is the author of fourteen novels. Among his many honors are the Governor General’s Award, the Molson Prize in the Arts, the Gilles-Corbeil Prize, and the France-Quebec Prize. His novels Mister Blue, Translation is a Love Affair, and Spring Tides have been published by Archipelago Books. He lives in Québec City.

Sheila Fischman has published more than 130 translations of contemporary French-Canadian works. Fischman was named to the Order of Canada in 2002 and to the Ordre national du Québec in 2008; in the same year, she received the Molson Prize in the Arts.
Milongas

Edgardo Cozarinsky

translated from the Spanish by Valerie Miles

with an introduction by Alberto Manguel

A master of the image and the word.
—La Nación
Cozarinsky, who is a filmmaker turned writer, or a writer turned filmmaker, has produced here an album of postcards made of words. But his postcards might well take visual form . . . a kind of lived literature. —Susan Sontag on Cozarinsky’s Urban Voodoo

From its origins in the gritty bars of Buenos Aires, in his playful conspiratorial tone Cozarinsky moves us through the rich and varied culture of tango, circling the globe to hidden milongas tucked away in the crypt of a London Church, a café in Krakow, the quays of the Seine, to the Red Square of Moscow. At neighborhood dance halls vibrant and alive in the early hours of the morning, where young and old, foreign and native, novice and master come together in a tradition that traverses borders, demographics, and social mores, “it is impossible to distinguish the dance from the dancer.” As erudite as he is candid and informal, Cozarinsky shares the culture of this timeless dance with us through glimmering anecdote, to celebrate its traditions, evolution, and the devotees who give it life.

Born in Argentina, Edgar Cozarinsky is the author of numerous novels, including La ausencia de guerra (2015), Dinero para fantasmas (2012), and Lejos de donde (2009), which was awarded the prize for the Academia Argentina de Letras. His literary essay collections include El pase de testigo (2001), Museo del chisme (2005), and Blues (2010). Cozarinsky is also well known as a screenwriter and director, whose films blur the boundaries between fiction and documentary. He resides in Buenos Aires and in Paris. El ruffian moldavo (The Moldavian Pimp) was published by Vintage in 2007 and La novia de Odessa (The Bride from Odessa) was published by FSG in 2004.

Valerie Miles, an editor, writer, translator, book critic, and professor, is the co-founding editor of the literary journal Granta in Spanish.
Christine Angot, who despises proper sentiment, has a fascinating, exhilarating, dazzling sensitivity.

—Yann Moix, Le Figaro littéraire

An Impossible Love

Christine Angot

translated from the French by Armine Kotin Mortimer
Incest is a thrilling book. It’s a formally daring and passionate performance of the depths of human self-loathing, and the sufferings of attachment. It cut deep inside me with its truths. In every moment of reading it, I both wanted to keep reading it and wanted to write. I don’t think I will ever forget this book. —Sheila Heti

Reaching back into a world before she was born, Christine Angot describes the inevitable encounter of two young people at a dance in the early 1950s: Rachel and Pierre, her mother and father. Their love twists around Pierre’s decisive judgments about class, nationalism, and beauty, and winds its way towards dissolution and Christine’s own birth. Though it is Pierre’s ideas that are most often voiced, Rachel slowly and clearly comes into view, her determination and hunger forming a radiant, enigmatic disposition. Equal parts subtle and suspenseful, An Impossible Love is an unwavering advance toward a brutal sequence of events that mars both Christine’s and Rachel’s lives. Angot the author carves Angot the narrator out of this corrosive element, exposing an unmendable rupture, and at the same time offering a portrait of a striking, ineradicable bond between mother and daughter.

Christine Angot is one of the most controversial authors writing today in France. Since the 1999 publication of Incest, Angot has continued to push the boundaries of what society allows an author to express. Angot received the Prix France Culture in 2005, the Prix Flore in 2006, and the Prix Sade in 2012, which she refused on the grounds that the theme of the prize did not correspond to the book she had written. In 2015 she won the Prix Décembre for her novel Un Amour impossible.

Armine Kotin Mortimer is the translator of Philippe Sollers’s Mysterious Mozart and his Casanova the Irresistible, as well as Julia Kristeva’s The Enchanted Clock. Her long career as a professor of French literature was recognized by the French government with the Palmes Académiques in 2009.
Maja Haderlap’s poetry and prose combine poetic brilliance with explosive political power.

—2018 Max Frisch Prize jury

distant transit

Maja Haderlap

translated from the German by Tess Lewis
The desire to abolish borders, to free confined discourse, is inscribed in these poems as an ambivalent back and forth between escape and groundedness. —Ilma Rakusa, NZZ

Haderlap’s novel seems to transcend the boundaries between languages and histories. —Iga Nowicz, *The Glossa on Angel of Oblivion*

Infused with movement, Maja Haderlap’s *distant transit* traverses Slovenia’s scenic landscape and violent history, searching for a sense of place within its ever-shifting boundaries. Avoiding traditional forms and pronounced rhythms, Haderlap unleashes a flow of evocative, captivating passages whose power lies in their associative richness and precision of expression, vividly conjuring Slovenia’s natural world – its rolling meadows, snow-capped alps, and sparkling Adriatic coast. Belonging to the Slovene ethnic minority and its inherited, transgenerational trauma, Haderlap explores the burden of history and the prolonged aftershock of conflict – warm, lavish pastoral passages conceal dark memories, and musings on the way language can create and dissolve borders reveal a deep longing for a sense of home. At its core, *distant transit* is an ode to survival, building a monument to traditions and lives lost.

**Maja Haderlap** is a Slovenian-German Austrian writer and translator. She has published volumes of poetry and essays in Slovenian and German, and translations from Slovenian. Haderlap was awarded the Ingeborg-Bachmann-Preis and the Rauriser Literaturpreis for her debut novel *Engel des Vergessens* (*Angel of Oblivion*).

**Tess Lewis** is a translator from German and French and an Advisory Editor of *The Hudson Review*. She has been awarded translation grants from PEN America and PEN UK, an NEA Translation Fellowship, and a Max Geilinger Translation Grant for her translation of Philippe Jaccottet. She won the 2017 PEN Translation Prize for her work on Haderlap’s *Angel of Oblivion*. 
Laxness is a beacon in twentieth-century literature, a writer of splendid originality, wit, and feeling.

—Alice Munro

Salka Valka

Halldór Laxness

translated from the Icelandic by Philip Roughton
Laxness brought the Icelandic novel out from the sagas’ shadow... to read Laxness is also to understand why he haunts Iceland—he writes the unearthly prose of a poet cased in the perfection of a shell of plot, wit, and clarity.

—The Guardian

On a winter night, an eleven-year-old Salvör and her unmarried mother Sigurlína disembark at the remote, run-down fishing village of Óseyri, where life is “lived in fish and consists of fish.” The two struggle to make their way amidst the rough, salt-worn men of the town. After Sigurlína’s untimely death, Salvör pays for her funeral and walks home alone, precipitating her coming of age as a daring, strong-willed young woman who chops off her hair, earns her own wages, educates herself through political and philosophical texts, and soon becomes an advocate for the town’s working class, organizing a local chapter of the seamen’s union. A feminist coming-of-age tale, an elegy to the plight of the working class and the corrosive effects of social and economic inequality, and a poetic window into the arrival of modernity in a tiny industrial town, Salka Valka is a novel of epic proportions, living and breathing with its vibrant cast of characters, filled with tenderness, humor, and remarkable pathos.

Halldór Laxness (1902-1998) is the undisputed master of modern Icelandic fiction. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1955. His body of work includes novels, essays, poems, plays, stories, and memoirs: more than sixty books in all. His works available in English include Independent People, The Fish Can Sing, World Light, Under the Glacier, The Great Weaver from Kashmir, and Wayward Heroes.

Philip Roughton is an award-winning translator of Icelandic literature. His translations include works by Laxness, Jón Kalman Stefánsson, Bergsveinn Birgisson, Steinunn Sigurðardóttir, and others. He was awarded the 2015 American-Scandinavian Foundation Translation Prize for his translation of Wayward Heroes and the Oxford-Weidenfeld Prize for 2016 for his translation of Jón Kalman Stefánsson’s The Heart of Man.
For Abreu, writing is a form of salvation: from madness, from death, from invisibility, and, especially, from the self.

—Bruna Dantas Lobato
Books like *Moldy Strawberries* fulfill what Caio said was a writer’s purpose: to create a sort of “biography of emotions” of their time.

—Michel Laub, *Valor*

In eighteen exhilarating stories, Caio Fernando Abreu navigates a Brazil transformed by the AIDS epidemic and stifling military dictatorship of the 80s. Suspended between fear and longing, Abreu’s characters grasp for connection. A man speckled with Carnival glitter crosses a crowded dance floor and seeks the warmth and beauty of another body. A budding office friendship between two young men grows into a “strange and secret harmony.” One man desires another but fears that their complot might crumble with one clumsy word or gesture. Junkies, failed revolutionaries, poets, and conflicted artists face threats at every turn. But, inwardly ferocious and resilient, they heal. For Abreu there is beauty on the horizon, mingled with the light of memory and decay.

**Caio Fernando Abreu** (1948-1996) was one of the most influential Brazilian writers of the 1970s and 80s. The author of twenty books, including twelve story collections and two novels, he has been awarded major literary prizes, including the prestigious Jabuti Prize for Fiction a total of three times. During the military dictatorship in Brazil, his homoerotic writing was heavily censored. In 1994, while exiled in France, he tested HIV positive. He died two years later in his hometown.

**Bruna Dantas Lobato** received an MFA in Fiction from New York University and an MFA in Literary Translation from the University of Iowa. Her stories, essays, and translations from Portuguese have appeared or are forthcoming in *The Kenyon Review*, *Harvard Review*, *A Public Space*, *BOMB*, *Two Lines*, and *Massachusetts Review*. She was a 2018 *A Public Space* Fellow, a 2019 PEN/Heim recipient, and a Yaddo resident.
A Postcard for Annie

Ida Jessen

translated from the Norwegian by Martin Aitken

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Fiction

An engaging, honest, and beautifully written look at love, loss, and self-realization.

—Kirkus on A Change of Time
In *A Postcard for Annie*, Ida Jessen has honed to perfection her own quite unique form of psychological realism, in a work in which, once more, the women take center stage; in which secrets, irrational forces and often anything but sensible explanations prevail – and in which, yet again, she proves herself to be a brilliant depicter of people who find themselves in situations that are both familiar and far-out.

—Danish Literary Magazine

A young woman witnesses a terrible accident with unexpected consequences, a mother sits with her unconscious son in a hospital room, a pair of sisters remember their mother’s hands braiding their hair. The women in these quietly intense stories are all in one way or another out of sync with their lives and with themselves, women who appease and indulge, fret and acquiesce. Women who yearn to connect, who struggle to come to terms with unfulfilled love, for a husband, a son, a friend, who are locked inside wordless, sexless marriages, or impossibly bound by maternal bonds. Through all six stories, Jessen’s women cling to someone, someone from whom love, despite their efforts, cannot be wrung.

_Ida Jessen_ made her literary debut in 1989 with the collection of short stories _Under Stones_. Her fiction and children’s books have won an array of awards, including The Egholt Prize, The Albert Dam Grant, The Jytte Borberg Prize, and Danish Booksellers’ Golden Laurels. In 2016, _A Change of Time_ won the Blixen Award as well as the Danish Broadcasting Corporation’s Best Novel Award.

_Martin Aitken_ is the translator of numerous novels from Danish and Norwegian, including works by Karl Ove Knausgaard, Peter Høeg, Kim Leine, Hanne Ørstavik, and Josefine Klougart. In 2012, he was awarded the American-Scandinavian Foundation’s Nadia Christensen Translation Prize.
The Whale

Myeong-kwan Cheon

translated from the Korean by Chi-Young Kim

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FICTION

Fast-paced and imaginative.
—Dennis Maloney,
Modern Family
The Whale has leaped over the boundaries of a novel and entered a new space, just like South American fiction.

—Shin Su-jeong

The Whale, set in a remote village in South Korea, follows the lives of three linked characters: Geumbok, an extremely ambitious woman who has been chasing an indescribable thrill ever since she first saw a whale crest in the ocean; her mute daughter, Chunhui, who communicates with elephants; and a one-eyed woman who controls honeybees with a whistle. Brimming with surprises and wicked humor, The Whale is an adventure-satire of epic proportions by one of the most original voices in South Korea.

Myeong-kwan Cheon is a South Korean novelist and screenwriter. Upon publication of his first story, “Frank and I” (2003), he received the prestigious Munhakdongne New Writer Award. His debut novel, Whale, was published the following year, won the 10th Munhakdongne Novel Award and became one of the most loved novels in South Korea, where it is regarded as a modern classic. His novels have been translated into Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Thai, Turkish, Russian, and Vietnamese.

Chi-Young Kim is a literary translator and editor based in Los Angeles. A recipient of the Man Asian Literary Prize for her work on Please Look After Mom by Kyung-sook Shin (2011), she has translated over a dozen books, including works by Ae-ran Kim, You-jeong Jeong, and Young-ha Kim, among others.
In the Meadow of Fantasies

Hadi Mohammadi

Illustrated by Nooshin Safakhoo

translated from the Persian by Sara Khalili
I was in love with Nooshin Safakhoo’s drawings from the first time I saw them. Every line she draws is hers and no one else’s.

—Marit Törnqvist

A young girl with a physical handicap gazes up at a mobile of spinning horses. As she watches them prance about, the tufted snout of a real live horse peeks through her bedroom door. Soon enough, our bright protagonist is cantering off on an adventure with seven majestic horses. The first six are easily understood: their colors, dreams, families, and origins are described and accompanied with exquisite drawings. The seventh horse, however, is an enigmatic creature with no clear hue or history, a lack that is soon filled in by the loving offerings of the other ponies. A story about dreaming and about caring for others, In the Meadow of Fantasies will remind young readers of their own reveries and conjure new fantasies of friendly creatures in far off lands.

Hadi Mohammadi is a distinguished Iranian children’s book writer, researcher, and critic. A strong proponent of women’s rights, Mohammadi has centered strong and confident girls as his heroines throughout his career. He was nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2006 and in 2021, In the Meadow of Fantasies was selected for IBBY’s Collection for Young People with Disabilities.

Eminent Iranian illustrator Nooshin Safakhoo was born in Tehran in 1980. After teaching painting classes and illustrating magazine articles, she began a long career of painting precise, lyrical images for children’s books. Her illustrations for In the Meadow of Fantasies have earned her numerous awards, including a Nami Concours Prize, and she has been selected three times to show her work at the Bologna Children’s Book Fair.

Sara Khalili is an editor and translator of contemporary Iranian literature. Her translations include Moon Brow and Censoring an Iranian Love Story by Shahriar Mandanipour and The Pomegranate Lady and Her Sons by Goli Taraghi.
The seven horses were and were not of seven colors.
The first horse was white.
The second horse was black.
The third horse was red.
The fourth horse was yellow.
The fifth horse was grey.
The sixth horse was brown.

But the seventh horse had no color at all.
Blaze and the Castle Cake for Bertha Daye

Claude Ponti

translated from the French by Alyson Waters & Margot Kerlidou
Ponti’s illustrations – equally rich in warm feeling and surreal, precisely drawn figures and details – give the tale wings.

— Kirkus, starred review for Hīznobyūti

A rabble of soft, golden “chicklets” are awoken one morning to a startling proclamation: they only have ten short days to prepare for their best friend Bertha Daye’s party. It’s time to get to work building a larger-than-life castle cake to house and feed the revelers. This will be the best – and kookiest – cake of all time. Oodles of distinctive chicklets fill every page, scurrying, fluttering, napping, tumbling, helping, and getting up to no good. When the party day arrives, guests pour into the pastry palace, many of them unmistakable characters from iconic stories’ past, offering a marvelous who’s-who of storybook history. Claude Ponti’s nimble wordplay and punning, combined with his phantasmagorical and joyful illustrations, create an endearing gem of a book, bound to be a bedtime story favorite.

Claude Ponti is a French illustrator and children’s author known for his inventive and playful use of words and the symbolic nature of his illustrations. Ponti was awarded the 2006 Sorcières Spécial prize for his contribution to literature, which now includes over seventy books of all types and for all ages.

Alyson Waters is a translator of modern and contemporary literary fiction. She teaches literary translation workshops at Yale University, New York University, and Columbia, and has been the editor of Yale French Studies for almost twenty years.

Margot Kerlidou is a photographer, French tutor, and herbalist. Claude Ponti was her favorite author when she was a child. She lives and works in Brooklyn.
also published by elsewhere editions

My Little One
by Germano Zullo illustrated by Albertine
translated from the French by Katie Kitmura

Juan Hormiga
by Gustavo Roldán
translated from the Spanish by Robert Croll

Sleepy Stories
by Mario Levrero illustrated by Diego Bianki
translated from the Spanish by Alicia López

Charcoal Boys
by Roger Mello
translated from the Portuguese by Daniel Hahn

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by Toon Tellegen illustrated by Ingrid Godon
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by Roger Mello
translated from the Portuguese by Daniel Hahn

What Feelings Do When No One’s Looking
by Tina Oziewicz  📚 illustrated by Aleksandra Zajaç
translated from the Polish by Jennifer Croft
Igifu
Scholastique Mukasonga
Translated from the French by Jordan Stump

Haunted though they are by the memory of the unspeakable atrocities visited on her family and her people, these stories by Scholastique Mukasonga breathe upon a vanished world and bring it to life in all its sparkling multifariousness.

—J. M. Coetzee

Born in Rwanda in 1956, Scholastique Mukasonga experienced from childhood the violence and humiliation of the ethnic conflicts that shook her country. Her first novel, Our Lady of the Nile was adapted into a film by Atiq Rahimi in 2019. The New York Times named her memoir Cockroaches one of the “50 Best Memoirs of the Past 50 Years.” In 2019, The Barefoot Woman was a finalist for the National Book Award for Translated Literature.

Jordan Stump received the 2001 French-American Foundation’s Translation Prize, and in 2006, was named Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. He has translated the work of Marie NDiaye, Éric Chevillard, Marie Redonnet, Patrick Modiano, Honoré de Balzac, and Jules Verne, among others.
South African novelist Vladislavić delivers a moving, closely observed study in family dynamics in a time of apartheid . . . Vladislavić’s tale unfolds with grace and precision. A memorable, beautifully written story of love and loss. —Kirkus, starred review

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Giuseppe Ungaretti was born in 1888 to Italian settlers in Alexandria. While at the Sorbonne, he befriended Guillaume Apollinaire, Paul Valéry, Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque, and Fernand Léger. Ungaretti wrote his first book of poetry while serving in the Italian Army in World War I. He translated a collection of Shakespeare sonnets, poetry by William Blake, and Jean Racine’s Phèdre, among other works. He died in Milan in 1970.

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