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This 'dream-laden and spooked' (Marina Warner, London Review of Books) story is to many one of the best-loved books of the twentieth century. Munthe spent many years working as a doctor in Southern Italy, labouring unstintingly during typhus, cholera and earthquake disasters. It was during this period that he came across the ruined Tiberian villa of San Michele, perched high above the glittering Bay of Naples on Capri. With the help of Mastro Nicola and his three sons, and with only a charcoal sketch roughly drawn on a garden wall to guide them, Munthe devoted himself to rebuilding the house and chapel. Over five long summers they toiled under a sapphire-blue sky, their mad-cap project leading them to buried skeletons and ancient coins, and to hilarious encounters with a rich cast of vividly-drawn villagers. The Story of San Michele reverberates with the mesmerising hum of a long, hot Italian summer. Peopled with

unforgettable characters, it is as brilliantly enjoyable and readable today as it was upon first publication. The book quickly became an international best-seller and has now been translated into more than 30 languages; it is today an established classic, and sales number in the millions.

Un vascello misterioso. Un capitano leale e coraggioso. Una straordinaria storia di pirati... e di amicizia. Dopo mille scorribande e incredibili peripezie, Capitan Fox e la sua fedele ciurma fa finalmente ritorno all'Isola delle Nebbie. E' il momento di riabbracciare mogli, fidanzate, madri e sorelle. E' il momento di riposarsi e di festeggiare per il ritorno a casa. Perché, forse pochi lo sanno, ma i pirati sono dei gran sentimentali! Ma evidentemente il destino dei nostri prodi non prevede lunghi e tranquilli periodi di riposo... E infatti, proprio mentre festeggiano allegramente, ecco piombare sui pirati il segreto di un tesoro misterioso e, niente-dimeno, una bottiglia con un messaggio dentro! Di chi sarà? Nuove avventure e

nuovi incontri, nuovi successi e nuove sfortune aspettano la ciurma. E, come sempre, il piccolo Ricky Rat li trasformerà tutti in un prezioso racconto...

Now a major motion picture directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, a riveting novel of an aging rodeo star's last ride. Mike's best years are behind him. There was a time when he was the best rider in the circuit, but a divorce and years of hard living have worn his body down. After an accident, his career comes to an abrupt end, but his boss gives him one last job: he must cross the border into Mexico, kidnap his boss's son, Rafo, from his boss's ex-wife, to be used as leverage in their ongoing divorce. Mike arrives to find the boy has already run away, and his plan is immediately exposed to the local police. When he finds Rafo living on the streets of Mexico city, supporting himself through petty crime and winnings from the occasional cockfight, Mike convinces the boy to come back to Texas. Still running from the law, the two set out on a journey northward that forges an unlikely friendship and forces both to reckon with the choices they've made in pursuit of being "macho." Originally published in 1976, N. Richard Nash's novel of friendship and the search for identity is now being adapted for the big screen.

This edition of *Ívar Néz Cabeza de Vaca's Relación* offers readers Rolena Adorno and Patrick Charles Pautz's celebrated translation of Cabeza de Vaca's account of the 1527 Pánfilo de Narváez expedition to North America. The dramatic narrative tells the story of some of the first Europeans and the first-known African to encounter the North American wilderness and its Native inhabitants. It is a fascinating tale of survival against the highest odds, and it highlights Native

Americans and their interactions with the newcomers in a manner seldom seen in writings of the period. In this English-language edition, reproduced from their award-winning three-volume set, Adorno and Pautz supplement the engrossing account with a general introduction that orients the reader to Cabeza de Vaca's world. They also provide explanatory notes, which resolve many of the narrative's most perplexing questions. This highly readable translation fires the imagination and illuminates the enduring appeal of Cabeza de Vaca's experience for a modern audience.

The original story of Peter Pan.

An elegant novel set in Prague about the possibility of freedom in an unfree state, from the acclaimed author of *The Songlines* and *In Patagonia* Utz collects Meissen porcelain with a passion. His collection, which he has protected and enlarged through both World War II and Czechoslovakia's years of Stalinism, numbers more than 1,000 pieces, all crammed into his two-room Prague flat. Utz is allowed to leave the country each year, and although he has considered defection, he always returns. He cannot take his precious collection with him, but he cannot leave it, either. And so Utz is as much owned by his porcelain as it is owned by him, as much of a prisoner of the collection as of the Communist state. A fascinating, enigmatic man, Kaspar Utz is one of Bruce Chatwin's finest creations. And his story, as delicately cast as one of Utz's porcelain figures, is unforgettable.

Born around 1532 in Vienne, France, Innocent Gentillet was a Huguenot lawyer who fled to Geneva after the Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572. In 1576, he published *Discours sur les moyens de bien gouverner & maintenir*

en paix un Royaume, ou autre Principauté, Contre Nicolas Machiavel Florentin, popularly known as Anti-Machiavel. Despite a papal ban in 1605, Anti-Machiavel went through twenty-four editions in French, Latin, English, German, and Dutch; it was read and used by Montaigne and Shakespeare. This edition presents Simon Patericke's 1602 English translation, revised for modern spelling and grammar, and explores Anti-Machiavel's connections with other works of the period.

Following discussions on scientific biography carried out over the past few decades, this book proposes a kaleidoscopic survey of the uses of biography as a tool to understand science and its context. It offers food for thought on the role played by the gender of the biographer and the biographee in the process of writing. To provide orientation in such a challenging field, some of the authors have accepted to write about their own professional experience while reflecting on the case studies they have been working on. Focusing on (auto)biography may help us to build bridges between different approaches to men and women's lives in science. The authors belong to a variety of academic and professional fields, including the history of science, anthropology, literary studies, and science journalism. The period covered spans from 1732, when Laura Bassi was the first woman to get a tenured professorship of physics, to 2009, when Elizabeth H. Blackburn and Carol W. Greider were the first women's team to have won a Nobel Prize in science.

The ideal popular guide to the key Spaghetti Westerns - mainly the good but also the bad and the ugly - this is an authoritative, entertaining and comprehensive companion to the films that created the mythical Spaghetti West in the

most improbable circumstances. Sergio Leone's "Dollars" trilogy is covered, with many more major and minor Spaghetti Westerns, including Sergio Corbucci's "Navajo Joe", Carlo Lizzani's "The Hills Run Red" and Duccio Tessari's "A Pistol for Ringo". This popular guide explores the films through the biographies and filmographies of key personnel, stories of the films' making, their locations and sets, sources, musical scores, detailed cast information, box office fortunes internationally, with many illustrations, including original posters and stills.

Un vascello misterioso. Un capitano leale e coraggioso. Una straordinaria storia di pirati... e di amicizia. Con il cuore pieno di nostalgia e una missione da compiere, il giovane Ricky sbarca a Porto Rat. Ma ad aspettarlo troverà un viscido nemico senza scrupoli e un vorace mostro con la bocca spalancata! Tutto ormai sembra perduto...

Past (Im)perfect Continuous. Trans-Cultural Articulations of the Postmemory of WWII presents an international and interdisciplinary approach to the comprehension of the postmemory of WWII, accounting for a number of different intellectual trajectories that investigate WWII and the Holocaust as paradigms for other traumas within a global and multidirectional context. Indeed, by exceeding the geographical boundaries of nations and states and overcoming contextual specificities, postmemory foregrounds continuous, active, connective, transcultural, and always imperfect representations of violence that engage with the alterity of other histories and other subjects. 75 years after the end of WWII, this volume is primarily concerned with the convergence between postmemory and underexamined aspects of the history and aftermath of WWII, as well as with several

sociopolitical anxieties and representational preoccupations. Drawing from different disciplines, the critical and visual works gathered in this volume interrogate the referential power of postmemory, considering its transcultural interplay with various forms, media, frames of reference, conceptual registers, and narrative structures.

Renaissance Fun is about the technology of Renaissance entertainments in stage machinery and theatrical special effects; in gardens and fountains; and in the automata and self-playing musical instruments that were installed in garden grottoes. How did the machines behind these shows work? How exactly were chariots filled with singers let down onto the stage? How were flaming dragons made to fly across the sky? How were seas created on stage? How did mechanical birds imitate real birdsong? What was 'artificial music', three centuries before Edison and the phonograph? How could pipe organs be driven and made to play themselves by waterpower alone? And who were the architects, engineers, and craftsmen who created these wonders? All these questions are answered. At the end of the book we visit the lost 'garden of marvels' at Pratolino with its many grottoes, automata and water jokes; and we attend the performance of Mercury and Mars in Parma in 1628, with its spectacular stage effects and its music by Claudio Monteverdi - one of the places where opera was born. Renaissance Fun is offered as an entertainment in itself. But behind the show is a more serious scholarly argument, centred on the enormous influence of two ancient writers on these subjects, Vitruvius and Hero. Vitruvius's Ten Books on Architecture were widely studied by Renaissance theatre designers. Hero of Alexandria wrote the Pneumatics, a collection of designs for

surprising and entertaining devices that were the models for sixteenth and seventeenth century automata. A second book by Hero On Automata-Making - much less well known, then and now - describes two miniature theatres that presented plays without human intervention. One of these, it is argued, provided the model for the type of proscenium theatre introduced from the mid-sixteenth century, the generic design which is still built today. As the influence of Vitruvius waned, the influence of Hero grew.

Reframing Luchino Visconti: Film and Art gives new and unique insights into the roots of the visual vocabulary of one of Italy's most reputed film authors. It meticulously researches Visconti's appropriation of European art in his set and costume design, from pictorial citations and the archaeology of the set to the use of portraits and pictorial references in costume design. Yet it also investigates Visconti's cinematography in combination with his *mise-en-scène* in terms of staging, framing, mobile framing, and mirroring. Here not only aesthetic conventions from art but also those from silent and sound cinema have been clearly appropriated by Visconti and his crew. This book gives answers to the question: where does the visual splendour of Visconti's films come from? "This book, apart from showing a long-standing passion and fidelity, gives us one of the most original international researches ever produced on Visconti's work. Through thorough archival research and numerous interviews with people close to Visconti such as his crew members, Ivo Blom's monograph reveals the extraordinary network of iconographic and cultural connections that unite Visconti's work, expose Visconti's cinematographic signature and link different historic events

with crucial moments in Visconti's personal life." - Gian Piero Brunetta (Università di Padova) CLUES is an international scientific series covering research in the field of culture, history and heritage which have been written by, or were performed under the supervision of members of the research institute CLUE+.

A sinister Gothic tale in the tradition of *The Woman in Black* and *The Fall of the House of Usher*

John Wells introduces the opera with a high-spirited account of the action-packed career of the author, in many respects the prototype of Figaro himself. Basil Deane explores the score: he shows that Mozart's characters are illuminated here not so much in soliloquies but in their reactions to each other. Composer Stephen Oliver discusses how the comedy exists not just in the words but, essentially, in the music. The full Italian text is given, with a note on the order of scenes in Act Three and the alternative passages Mozart wrote for the 1789 revival. The classic translation of E.J. Dent is an excellent way to get to know the twists and turns of the plot and the stylish wit of da Ponte's innuendos. Contents: *A Society Marriage*, John Wells; *A Musical Commentary*, Basil Deane; *Music and Comedy in 'The Marriage of Figaro'*, Stephen Oliver; *Beaumarchais's Characters*; *Le nozze di Figaro: Libretto* by Lorenzo da Ponte; *The Marriage of Figaro: English version* by Edward J. Dent

Buenos Aires, settembre 1930. Il conte Antoine de Saint-Exupéry ha già pubblicato i primi romanzi, ma la sua vita è dedicata al volo: esperto aviatore, dirige a Buenos Aires la linea aeropostale Argentina-Francia, inaugurando nuove rotte in tutta l'America Latina. È in questo ruolo che conosce la giovane Consuelo Suncín Sandoval. Scrittrice, giornalista, scultrice

e pittrice, Consuelo è uno spirito libero, al limite dello scandalo: a poco meno di trent'anni ha già un divorzio e due matrimoni alle spalle. Molti la descrivono come un vulcano, dalla cui forza vitale Antoine de Saint-Exupéry rimane affascinato. Tra i due, immediatamente, esplode la passione. La loro relazione turbolenta, fatta di continue separazioni e commoventi ricongiungimenti, darà vita a una delle più belle corrispondenze d'amore del XX secolo. La vita della coppia sarà tutt'altro che semplice: il loro amore è continuamente messo alla prova dalle lunghe fughe di «Tonio» e dal desiderio di libertà di Consuelo, ma a unirli è la comune capacità di immaginare storie e creare mondi popolati di stelle, piccoli animali e ogni genere di tesori. La promessa reciproca di un amore incondizionato permetterà loro di sopportare l'inquietudine e la lontananza, quando Saint-Exupéry deciderà di arruolarsi volontario nella seconda guerra mondiale. Tonio è consapevole dei rischi che corre e sa che potrebbe non tornare più, mentre Consuelo non smetterà mai di credere al ritorno del suo principe volante. Poco prima dell'incidente nel quale perderà la vita, lo scrittore aviatore aveva pubblicato a New York il libro destinato a diventare il suo più grande successo: una fiaba sognante e delicata nella quale un giovane principe compare magicamente davanti a un aviatore in panne, in mezzo al deserto del Sahara. L'immaginario è lo stesso che troviamo nel lessico amoroso di queste lettere inedite, che svelano in controtuce la realtà dietro la fantasia, permettendoci di vedere *Il Piccolo Principe* come la più bella lettera d'amore di Tonio a Consuelo, del principe alla sua rosa.

Modern communications allow the instant dissemination of information and images, creating a sensation of virtual pres-

ence - or 'contemporaneity' - at events that occur far away. But how were time and space conceived before modernity? When did this begin to change in Europe? To help answer such questions, this volume looks at the exchange of information and the development of communications networks at the dawn of journalism, when widespread public and private networks first emerged for the transmission of political news. The collection offers the first panoramic view of the way stories were born, grew and matured during their transmission from source to source, from country to country. The results published here suggest that a continent-wide network, including manuscript and print, for the transmission of stories from place to place, existed and was effective.

In 1999 a collection of documents were found in the archives of the Italian Institute of Human Palaeontology belonging to Luigi Cardini, one of the founders of the Institute. These documents included site notebooks, photographs, drawings and maps relating to work carried out in Albania from 1930-39 where he was sent on a governmental mission to 'reinforce Italian supremacy in Albania through archaeological research'. This monograph publishes extracts from these notebooks within a historical, political and archaeological context. The work he carried out is synthesised and a report is included on survey work carried out in 2000 and 2001 to attempt to relocate many of Cardini's cave sites described in his notebooks.

An award-winning translator presents the Peruvian poet's first novel, an avant-garde narrative of a young man's experiences told in a series of images, flashes, moods and scenes originally published in 1928. Original.

Accepting Dante's prophetic truth claims on their own terms, Teodolinda Barolini proposes a "detheologized" reading as a global new approach to the Divine Comedy. Not aimed at excising theological concerns from Dante, this approach instead attempts to break out of the hermeneutic guidelines that Dante structured into his poem and that have resulted in theologized readings whose outcomes have been overdetermined by the poet. By detheologizing, the reader can emerge from this poet's hall of mirrors and discover the narrative techniques that enabled Dante to forge a true fiction. Foregrounding the formal exigencies that Dante masked as ideology, Barolini moves from the problems of beginning to those of closure, focusing always on the narrative journey. Her investigation--which treats such topics as the visionary and the poet, the One and the many, narrative and time--reveals some of the transgressive paths trodden by a master of mimesis, some of the ways in which Dante's poetic adventuring is indeed, according to his own lights, Ulyssean.

C'è posta per Ricky! Sull'isola delle Nebbie è arrivata una lettera indirizzata al reggi-binocolo ufficiale della ciurma. Il mittente è il papà che lo informa che a casa tutto va per il meglio. Sarà vero? Vulpirio è convinto del contrario... sulla lettera ci sono chiari segni di lacrime! E allora che fare? Capitan Fox non ha dubbi: è il momento di partire alla volta di Crocodile City per capire cosa affligge il povero Gonzalo! Durante il viaggio la ciurma del Vascello Camaleonte si ferma sull'isola Gadolla, dove capitan Fox incontra un suo vecchio amico, l'astrologo Astruso, un mago da quattro soldi che si diverte a prendere per il naso i suoi clienti... È il momento di fermarlo e il capitano decide di portarlo con sé a Cro-

codile City dove la sua presenza, incredibilmente, sarà fondamentale per liberare Gonzalo Rat da una brutta situazione! Che cosa succederà a Ricky e alla ciurma del capitano? Vuoi scoprire come andrà a finire l'ultimo avvincente episodio di capitan Fox?

A comprehensive overview of the cultural world and diplomatic strategies of Florentine patricians by revealing their contribution to the court culture of the Medici and the mechanisms behind their brokerage activities.

During the First World War, mass media achieved an enormous and continuously growing importance in all belligerent countries. Newspaper, illustrated magazines, comics, pamphlets, and instant books, fictional works, photography, and the new-born "theater of imagery", the cinema, were crucial in order to create a heroic vision of the events, to mobilize

and maintain the consensus on the war. But their role was pivotal also in creating the image of the war's end and finally, together with a widespread, new literary genre, the war memoirs, to shape the collective memory of the conflict for the next generations. Even before November 1918, the media raised high expectations for a multifaceted peace: a new global order, the beginning of a peaceful era, the occasion for a regenerating apocalypse. Likewise, in the following decades, particularly war literature and cinema were pivotal to reverse the icon of the Great War as an epic crusade and a glorious chapter of the national history and to create the hegemonic image of a senseless carnage. The Mediatization of War and Peace focalizes on the central role played by mass media in the tortuous transition to the post-war period as well as on the profound disenchantment generated by their prophesies.