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for beauty honesty sheer weirdness and a haunting evocation of place kevin sampsell is my favorite oregon writer ken kesey chuck palahniuk make some room on the shelf sean wilsey author of oh the glory of it all kevin sampsell s a common pornography is a memoir told in vignettes that captures the history of one dysfunctional american family an extension of a 2003 memory experiment of the same name a common pornography weaves recollections of small town youth with darker threads from his family s story including incest madness betrayal and death a regular contributor to dave egger s the believer and mcsweeney s sampsell has written the kind of book where you want to thank the author for helping you feel less alone with being alive jonathan ames author of wake up sir and the double life is twice as good

this is between us kevin sampsell s utterly engrossing debut novel is a confessional tale of love between two resilient people who have staked their hearts on each other chronicling five years of a troubled romance this is between us offers an intimate view of one couple s struggle from the illicit beginnings of sexual obsession to the fragile architecture of a pieced together family full of sweet moments emotional time bombs unexpected humor and blunt sexuality the daily life of this man and woman both recently divorced with children and baggage in tow emerges in all of its complexity in this utterly engrossing debut novel kevin sampsell delivers a confessional tale of love between two resilient people who have staked their hearts on each other

explore the dark rainy underbelly of one of america s most beautiful but enigmatic cities akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book brand new stories by gigi little justin hocking christopher bolton jess walter monica drake jamie s rich illustrated by joëlle jones dan deweese zoe trope luciana lopez karen karbo bill cameron ariel gore floyd skloot megan kruse kimberly warner cohen and jonathan selwood from the introduction by kevin sampsell settled in 1843 and named by a coin flip we were almost named boston portland had troubles from the start the first sheriff william johnson was busted for selling ardent spirits he had been reduced by an evil heart said the indictment the first couple of decades were probably pretty rough what with the constant flooding and muddy streets making all the citizens cranky later in the 1940s and 50s the city practically thrived on criminal activity speakeasies brothels and gambling dens popped up across the downtown area portland became known as quite the decadent town even prompting bobby kennedy to wrangle up its main bad guys for a televised racketeering committee meeting in 1957 one senator said at the hearings if i lived there i would suggest they pull the flags down to half mast in public shame a lot of these places of shame remain standing and while many are occupied now by salons and offices some of them are probably still home to gambling and stripping portland does after all have more strip clubs per capita than any other city in america and yep they take it all off here portland continues to update its own version of a contemporary utopian society as more and more people flock here but even in utopia crime and unrest are always bubbling right under the surface

fiction creamy bullets is a new book of short stories by kevin sampsell with creamy bullets kevin sampsell has created a

weirdly sexual but wholly believable universe in just the briefest bursts of words each story is a savory gem capturing the gripping little deviant moments of life get off on his characters those working class anti heroes that roam the pacific northwest or get off on his tight like your uncle s wallet prose you can t lose with this book jami attenberg

kevin sampsell likes secrets in the short story collection beautiful blemish sampsell dives deep into the human psyche to reveal the layers of secret desire loneliness and hope buried in our hearts the stories in beautiful blemish display an american voice that mixes humor experimentation and unflinching pathos to full effect book jacket

curated by the 1 new york times bestselling author of wild this volume shares intimate perspectives from some of today s most acclaimed writers as cheryl strayed explains in her introduction the invisible unwritten last line of every essay should be and nothing was ever the same again the reader in other words should feel the ground shift if even only a bit in this edition of the acclaimed anthology series strayed has gathered twenty six essays that each capture an inexorable tectonic shift in life personal and deeply perceptive this collection examines a broad range of life experiences from a man s relationship with mormonism to a woman s search for a serial killer from listening to the music of joni mitchell to surviving five months at sea from triaging injured soldiers to giving birth to a daughter and much more the best american essays 2013 includes entries by alice munro zadie smith john jeremiah sullivan dagoberto gilb vicki weiqi yang j d daniels michelle mirsky and others

love and rockets new stories 1 reboots the ongoing love and rockets comic to a fat all new annual graphic novel length package that will be available in bookstores jaime launches the new format with a superhero yarn penny century has acquired superpowers but is half mad with grief and rampaging through the galaxy a motley group of superheroes assemble to try to stop her only the first half of the saga it combines jaime s razor sharp characterization and superlative art with wildly inventive kirby style action gilbert hernandez has these stories tammany rookie cop vs demonic drug users papa a turn of the century story involving a traveling businessman the new adventures of duke and sammy superpowered martin and lewis impostors in outer space the tender room into the wild as re imagined by beto chiro el indio written by third brother mario hernandez and never say never a kangaroo gets lucky in las vegas

the akashic noir series exploration of california continues with this spellbinding collection of stories curated by

sacramento native john freeman featuring brand new stories by naomi j williams william t vollmann maureen o leary reyna grande jamil jan kochai maceo montoya nora rodriguez camagna shelley blanton stroud luis avalos josé vadi janet rodriguez jen soong and john freeman in his introduction john freeman writes this book is an attempt to invite you into a variety of houses and apartments and spaces all over sacramento to imagine lives not yours or perhaps like yours as told by some of the city s most talented living writers what freedom is here in words to travel to visit to linger to hear stories from all across the city and to some degree across time here is sacramento in all of its splendor and deep not at all buried contradictions a frontier city that quickly used its wealth to gather power a locale that is somehow not quite sure it is still urban darkly compelling canopied gusted by river smells sacramento emerges from these thirteen stories like a character itself it s the kind of place that has sprawled widely enough and covered enough different landscapes that it is now many cities some of which do not interact with each other some of which are only remembered in names of neighborhoods which people who once lived there still use with each other sakura city the west end broderick what a joy and vivid dream it is to see these stories here together between these covers for all to visit

scandinavian writing has been dominating the global crime fiction landscape and this volume offers a delicious devious sampling the latest entry in the publisher s series 41 and counting proves the resilience of and market for these locale noirs editor bo tao michaëlis a danish book critic is both scholarly and insightful in the introduction and outlines how the stories reflect the greed and ennui of modern denmark in contrast to the danish idyll depicted in tourist brochures although some stories veer from noir orthodoxy there are fine examples of lyrical writing noir sensibilities and insight into the current danish psyche overall a very impressive anthology library journal the indefatigable noir series of anthologies orange county noir trinidad noir brooklyn noir 3 etc focuses in its 43rd volume on the home of hans christian andersen based on this collection copenhagen may be a great place to visit but nobody seems to live there at least not well or long kirkus reviews akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book brand new stories by naja marie aidt jonas t bengtsson helle helle christian dorph simon pasternak susanne staun lene kaaberbøl agente friis klaus rifbjerg gretelise holm georg ursin kristian lundberg kristina stoltz seyit Öztürk benn q holm and gunnar staalesen from the introduction by bo tao michaëlis copenhagen the little mermaid h c andersen soren kierkegaard and karen blixen a big city that perhaps more than any other is the absolute capital origin and center of northern european romanticism of

the 1800s denmark s copenhagen with its ramparts and moats forming the shell of the city and suburbs has retained a glint of back then that world of yesterday at one point our metropolis was presented as an idyllic modest sized big city where police stopped traffic when a mother duck guided her ugly ducklings across the street populated by cars bicycles and streetcars but naturally and quite unfortunately such is the case no longer copenhagen long ago abandoned its sleeping beauty slumber for a cosmopolitan night and day that never sleeps those times are gone forever all the short stories in copenhagen noir are about meaninglessness violence and murder in various districts of the city common for all the writers is a love for copenhagen and for the dark story of coincidence and necessity the good and bad luck of humans in a metropolis that both has a style of its own yet also resembles the other black pearls of cities across the globe new york los angeles london paris and berlin enjoy

we re not sure what to call sean the stick is it an existential children s tale a weird book for all ages is it a story about a person who becomes best friends with a stick is it a love story about nature nature versus nurture this beautiful hardcover book combines a kevin sampsell short story told in simple yet emotionally vast short sentences with colorful drawings by emma jon michael frank an artist whose celebrated works of vulnerability humor and empathy have garnered their work an enthusiastic and growing audience over the years where did this book come from about two years ago kevin asked em if they would make some art for the story sean which was originally published in diagram wanting to keep the project a secret kevin finished other projects in the meantime until finally putting the book together to drop on unsuspecting readers this is the first book on future tense published with full color art we hope it makes you smile

istanbul noir presents stories from a city at once ancient and modern asian and european postcard perfect and simmering with rage istanbul straddles the divide of europe and asia and its polyglot population of 12 million seethes with political religious and sexual tensions as shown in the 16 stories in this strong entry in akashic s noir anthology series a welcome complement to the mostly historical mysteries set in istanbul publishers weekly akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book brand new stories by müge iplikçi behçet Çelik ismail güzelsoy lydia lynch hikmet hükümenoglu riza kiraç sadik yemni baris müstecaplioglu yasemin aydinoglu feryal tilmaç mehmet bilâl

inan Çetin mustafa ziyalan jessica lutz tarkan barlas and algan sezgintüredi from the introduction by mustafa ziyalan amy spangler as submissions for istanbul noir started to come in it became increasingly clear to us that what was taking shape was not just some collection of dark stories set in old stamboul but a rich portrait of the city itself or at the very least a particularly revealing series of snapshots mind you it is a city shaped largely by the often vicious ebb and tide of the nation s politics although ankara may be the capital of the republic of turkey the truth of the matter is with a good twelve million people and thus a fifth of its population istanbul is the throbbing often bleeding heart of the country s politics and it shows lying at the crossroads of east and west istanbul belongs to neither and to both and it is precisely this elusive in betweenness upon which the city thrives no matter how much blood is spilled trying to conform to western standards they just don t stick in this slippery city here you don t break the rules you forge a loophole through them a den of sin and a bastion of virtue istanbul is a fog covered playground of power and resistance denial and repression and if you don t know the tricks of the game you ll likely feel the urge to abandon your marbles and go

addis ababa is a sprawling melting pot of cultures where rich and poor live side by side in relative harmony until they don t maaza mengiste s story dust ash flight has won the 2021 edgar award for best short story presented by the mystery writers of america several of the 14 stories here most of them striking and accomplished involve post revolution loss guilt and revenge some are surreal fitting for a culture where as mengiste writes in her introduction there are men who live in the mountains of ethiopia and can turn into hyenas washington post akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city brand new stories by maaza mengiste adam reta mahtem shiferraw linda yohannes sulaiman addonia meron haderi mikael awake lelissa girma rebecca fisseha solomon hailemariam girma t fantaye teferi nigussie tafa hannah giorgis and bewketu seyoun from the introduction by maaza mengiste what marks life in addis ababa are the starkly different realities coexisting in one place it s a growing city taking shape beneath the fraught weight of history myth and memory it is a heady mix it can also be disorienting and it is in this space that the stories of addis ababa noir reside these are not gentle stories they cross into forbidden territories and traverse the damaged terrain of the human heart the characters in these pages are complicated worthy of our judgment as much as they somehow manage to elude it the writers have each discovered their own ways to get us to lean in while forcing us to grit our teeth as we draw closer despite the varied and distinct voices in these pages no single

book can contain all of the wonderful intriguing vexing complexities of addis ababa but what you will read are stories by some of ethiopia s most talented writers living in the country and abroad each of them considers the many ways that myth and truth and a country s dark edges come together to create something wholly original and unsettling

a collection of sinister stories set in kansas city features contributions from such noted mystery authors as daniel woodrell nancy pickard and j malcolm garcia

accra joins lagos nairobi marrakech and addis ababa in representing the african continent in the noir series arena superb each story reaffirms how fundamental place is to the noir genre and how the locale shapes the story as much as the characters themselves strongly recommended library journal there s good writing as well as a strong sense of place and culture and the reader will absorb a side of accra that doesn t make it into the tourist brochures new york journal of books akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city brand new stories by nana ekua brew hammond kwame dawes adjoa twum kofi blankson ocansey billie mcternan ernest kwame nkrumah addo patrick smith anne sackey gbontwi anyetei nana ama danquah ayesha harruna attah eibhlín ní chléirigh and anna bossman from the introduction by nana ama danquah accra is the perfect setting for noir fiction the telling of such tales ones involving or suggesting death with a protagonist who is flawed or devious driven by either a self serving motive or one of the seven deadly sins is woven into the fabric of the city s everyday life accra is more than just a capital city it is a microcosm of ghana it is a virtual map of the nation s soul a complex geographical display of its indigenous presence the colonial imposition declarations of freedom followed by coups d état decades of dictatorship and then finally a steady march forward into a promising future much like accra these stories are not always what they seem the contributors who penned them know too well how to spin a story into a web it is an honor and a pleasure to share them and all they reveal about accra a city of allegories one of the most dynamic and diverse places in the world

fiction 2000 and what is a collection of short stories about the turn of the millennium these stories are about what it means to be alive during this particular era and vary in content as much as in style exuberance excess nihilism what unifies the writers collected here is their ability to avoid a predictable response to an inevitable event

from hollywood starlets to downtown taxi dancers from central avenue speakeasies to clapboard venice beach shacks to depression era hobos riding the rails this volume brings readers the masters of the genre penning tales of love lust and loss in the city of angels some like raymond chandler and james m cain are literary lions others like screenwriters paul cain and leigh brackett whose hard boiled prose shoots like bullets from a bootlegger s gun are mainly known by cognoscenti sequel to los angeles noir the bestselling volume in the akashic noir series

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