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alba donati was used to her hectic life working as a book publicist in italy a life that made her happy and allowed her to meet prominent international authors but she was ready to make a change one day she decided to return to lucignana the small village in the tuscan hills where she was born there she opened a tiny but enchanting bookshop in a lovely little cottage on a hill surrounded by gardens filled with roses and peonies with fewer than 200 year round residents alba s shop seemed unlikely to succeed but it soon sparked the enthusiasm of book lovers both nearby and across italy after surviving a fire and pandemic restrictions the bookshop on the hill soon became a refuge and destination for an ever growing community the locals took pride in the bookshop from alba s centenarian mother to her childhood friends and the many volunteers who help in the day to day running of the shop and in short time it has become a literary destination with many devoted readers coming from afar to browse enjoy a cup of tea and find comfort in the knowledge that alba will find the perfect read for them

in the yellow lighted bookshop buzbee a former bookseller and sales representative celebrates the unique experience of the bookstore the smell and touch of books the joy of getting lost in the deep canyons of shelves and the silent community of readers he shares his passion for books which began with ordering through the weekly reader i

an inspiring true story about losing your place finding your purpose and building a community one book at a time wendy welch and her husband had always dreamed of owning a bookstore so when they left their high octane jobs for a simpler life in an appalachian coal town they seized an unexpected opportunity to pursue thier dream the only problems a declining u s economy a small town with no industry and the advent of the e book they also had no idea how to run a bookstore against all odds but with optimism the help of their virginian mountain community and an abiding love for books they succeeded in establishing more than a thriving business they built a community the little bookstore of big stone gap is the little bookstore that could how two people two cats two dogs and thirty eight thousand books helped a small town find its heart it is a story about people and books and how together they create community

the trade in books has always been and remains an ambiguous commercial activity associated as it is with literature and the exchange of ideas this collection is concerned with the cultural and economic roles of independent bookstores and it considers how eight shops founded during the modernist era provided distinctive spaces of literary production that exceeded and yet never escaped their commercial functions as the contributors show these booksellers were essential institutional players in literary networks when the eight shops examined first opened their doors their relevance to literary and commercial life was taken for granted in our current context of box stores online shopping and ebooks we no longer encounter the book as we did as recently as twenty years ago by contributing to our understanding of bookshops as unique social spaces on the thresholds of commerce and culture this volume helps to lay the groundwork for comprehending how our relationship to books and literature has been and will be affected by the physical changes to the reading experience taking place in the twenty first century

in a prolific life of singular literary achievement larry mcmurtry has succeeded in a variety of genres in coming of age novels likethe last picture show in collections of essays likein a narrow grave and in the reinvention of the western on a grand scale in his pulitzer prize winning novel lonesome dove now inbooks a memoir mcmurtry writes about his endless passion for books as a boy growing up in a largely bookless world as a young man devouring the vastness of literature with astonishing energy as a fledgling writer and family man and above all as one of america s most prominent bookmen he takes us on his journey to becoming an astute adventurous book scout and collector who would eventually open stores of rare and collectible editions in georgetown houston and finally in his previously bookless

hometown of archer city texas in this work of extraordinary charm grace and good humor mcmurtry recounts his life as both a reader and a writer how the countless books he has read worked to form his literary tastes while giving us a lively look at the eccentrics who collect sell or simply lust after rare volumes books a memoiris like the best kind of diary full of mcmurtry s wonderful anecdotes amazing characters engaging gossip and shrewd observations about authors book people literature and the author himself at once chatty revealing and deeply satisfying books is like mcmurtry erudite life loving and filled with excellent stories it is a book to be savored and enjoyed again and again

some bookstores are filled with stories both inside and outside the bindings these are places of sanctuary even redemption and jeremy mercer has found both amid the stacks of shakespeare co paul collins author of sixpence house lost in a town of books in a small square on the left bank of the seine the door to a green fronted bookshop beckoned with gangsters on his tail and his meager savings in hand crime reporter jeremy mercer fled canada in 1999 and ended up in paris broke and almost homeless he found himself invited to a tea party amongst the riffraff of the timeless left bank fantasy known as shakespeare co in its present incarnation shakespeare co has become a destination for writers and readers the world over trying to reclaim the lost world of literary paris in the 1920s having been inspired by sylvia beach s original store the present owner george whitman invites writers who are down and out in paris to live and dream amid the bookshelves in return for work jeremy mercer tumbled into this literary rabbit hole and found a life of camaraderie with the other eccentric residents and became for a time george whitman s confidante and right hand man time was soft there is one of the great stories of bohemian paris and recalls the work of many writers who were bewitched by the city of light in their youth jeremy s comrades include simon the eccentric british poet who refuses to give up his bed in the antiquarian book room beautiful blonde pia who contributes the elegant spirit of parisian couture to the store the handsome american kurt who flirts with beautiful women looking for copies of tropic of cancer and george himself the man who holds the key to it all as time was soft there winds in and around the streets of paris the staff fall in and out of love straighten bookshelves host tea parties drink in the more down at the heels cafés sell a few books and help george find a way to keep his endangered bookstore open spend a few days with jeremy mercer at 37 rue de la bucherie and discover the bohemian world of paris that still bustles in the shadow of notre dame jeremy mercer has captured shakespeare co and its complicated owner george whitman with remarkable insight time was soft there is a charming memoir about living in whitman's shakespeare co and the strange broken lost and occasionally talented eccentrics and residents of this tumblewood hotel noel riley fitch author of sylvia beach and the lost generation a history of literary paris in the twenties thirties there does seem to be something about the odd ducks that work at bookstores jeremy mercer has captured the story of a wonderful unique store that could only be born out of a love for books and the written word liz schlegel the book revue bookshop huntington new york

he s tart tough minded terribly british an imposing grand master of aphorism argument and lightning bolt one liners wrote newsweek of sir peter medawar the nobel prize winning immunologist and renowned author in this incisive and witty memoir sir peter describes his exceptional life his early days in rio de janiero oxford in the 1930s the rewards and frustrations of his medical career his musical education his family travels and more a delight to read this highly personal account illuminates the life of one of the most engaging and impressive men of our time

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modernism s mythic pose recovers the tradition of delsartism a popular international movement that promoted bodily and vocal solo performances particularly for women this strain of classical antimodernism shaped dance film and poetics its central figure the mythic pose expressed both skepticism and nostalgia and functioned as an ambivalent

break from modernity

a rich immersive funny and heartbreaking memoir of the charming bookseller who runs three tiny bookshops in the remote village of manapouri in fiordland in the deep south of new zealand an extraordinary story shaun bythell the diary of a bookseller ruth shaw weaves together stories of the characters who visit her bookshops musings about favourite books and bittersweet stories from her full and varied life she's sailed through the pacific for years been held up by pirates worked at sydney s kings cross with drug addicts and prostitutes campaigned on numerous environmental issues and worked the yacht breaksea girl with her husband lance underlining all her wanderings and adventures are some very deep losses and long held pain balancing that out is her beautiful love story with lance and her delightful sense of humour this will make you weep and make you laugh and make you want to read more books and make you want to visit ruth and her two wee bookshops shaw s writing is pragmatic and restrained her voice is so strong and assured that when grief appears you gasp at its intrusion and your heart stops a second alexa dretzke readings hawthorn amazing jack tame newstalk zb a fascinating funny and moving story nicky pellegrino new zealand woman s weekly shaw can write about these peaks and troughs of her life without a skerrick of maudlin introspection or mawkishness battered and emotionally bruised she marches on in a word dauntless and it s exactly this quality that makes this memoir so readable chris moore nz listener utterly charming and filled with equal measures of heartbreak and humour ruth shaw s memoir will have you booking the first flight to new zealand to share a cup of tea at her wee bookshops shaw has been a cook a nurse sailor and world traveller and endured immeasurable loss but with lance the love of her life shaw has found her place bookselling in fiordland booksellers choice australia compelling shaw tells her own story free of over sentimentality or self pity she s straightforward frequently humorous her resilience optimism and willingness to help others is to be admired her remarkable story is to be read and reflected upon as it adds another vital perspective to a nz life dionne christian sunday star times

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in this inspiring delightful memoir a young woman decides to escape the daily grind and turn her what if fantasy into a

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