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Let's All Kill Constance Ray Bradbury 2013-04-30 On a dismal evening in the previous century, an unnamed writer in Venice, California, answers a furious pounding at his beachfront bungalow door and again admits Constance Rattigan into his life. An aging, once-glamorous Hollywood star, Constance is running in fear from something she dares not acknowledge -- and vanishes as suddenly as she appeared, leaving the narrator two macabre books: twin listings of the Tinseltown dead and soon to be dead, with Constance's name included among them. And so begins an odyssey as dark as it is wondrous, as the writer sets off in a broken-down jalopy with his irascible sidekick Crumley to sift through the ashes of a bygone Hollywood -- a graveyard of ghosts and secrets where each twisted road leads to

grim shrines and shattered dreams ... and, all too often, to death.

Eaters of the Dead Kevin J. Wetmore, Jr. 2021-09-16 Spanning myth, history, and contemporary culture, a terrifying and illuminating excavation of the meaning of cannibalism. Every culture has monsters that eat us, and every culture repels in horror when we eat ourselves. From Grendel to medieval Scottish cannibal Sawney Bean, and from the Ghuls of ancient Persia to The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, tales of being consumed are both universal and universally terrifying. In this book, Kevin J. Wetmore Jr. explores the full range of monsters that eat the dead: ghouls, cannibals, wendigos, and other beings that feast on human flesh. Moving from myth through history to contemporary popular culture, Wetmore considers everything from ancient Greek myths of feeding humans to the gods, through sky burial in Tibet and Zoroastrianism, to actual cases of cannibalism in modern societies. By examining these seemingly inhuman acts, Eaters of the Dead reveals that those who consume corpses can teach us a great deal about human nature—and our deepest human fears.

Bradbury Beyond Apollo Jonathan R. Eller 2020-08-22 Celebrated storyteller, cultural commentator, friend of astronauts, prophet of the Space Age—by the end of the 1960s, Ray Bradbury had attained a level of fame and success rarely achieved by authors, let alone authors of science fiction and fantasy. He had also embarked on a phase of his career that found him exploring new creative outlets while reinterpreting his classic tales for generations of new fans. Drawing on numerous interviews with Bradbury and privileged access to personal papers and private collections, Jonathan R. Eller examines the often-overlooked second half of Bradbury's working life. As Bradbury's dreams took him into a wider range of nonfiction writing and public lectures, the diminishing time that remained for creative pursuits went toward Hollywood productions like the award-winning series Ray Bradbury Theater. Bradbury developed the Spaceship Earth narration at Disney's EPCOT Center; appeared everywhere from public television to NASA events to comic conventions; published poetry; and mined past triumphs for stage productions that enjoyed mixed success. Distracted from storytelling as he became more famous,

Bradbury nonetheless published innovative experiments in autobiography masked as detective novels, the well-received fantasy *The Halloween Tree* and the masterful time travel story "The Toynbee Convector." Yet his embrace of celebrity was often at odds with his passion for writing, and the resulting tension continuously pulled at his sense of self. The revelatory conclusion to the acclaimed three-part biography, *Bradbury Beyond Apollo* tells the story of an inexhaustible creative force seeking new frontiers.

Tamar Mal Peet 2015-09-22 From acclaimed British sensation Mal Peet comes a masterful story of adventure, love, secrets, and betrayal in time of war, both past and present. When her grandfather dies, Tamar inherits a box containing a series of clues and coded messages. Out of the past, another Tamar emerges, a man involved in the terrifying world of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied Holland half a century before. His story is one of passionate love, jealousy, and tragedy set against the daily fear and casual horror of the Second World War -- and unraveling it is about to transform Tamar's life forever.

A Sound of Thunder and Other Stories Ray Bradbury 2013-05-21 With his disarmingly simple style and complex imagination, Ray Bradbury has seized the minds of American readers for decades. This collection showcases thirty-two of Bradbury's most famous tales in which he lays bare the depths of the human soul. The thrilling title story, *A Sound of Thunder*, tells of a hunter sent on safari -- sixty million years in the past. But all it takes is one wrong step in the prehistoric jungle to stamp out the life of a delicate and harmless butterfly -- and possibly something else much closer to home ...

Fahrenheit 451 Harold Bloom 2008 - Critical essays reflecting a variety of schools of criticism - Notes on the contributing critics, a chronology of the author's life, and an index - An introductory essay by Harold Bloom.

A Place of Execution Val McDermid 2010-04-01 Winter 1963: two children have disappeared off the streets of Manchester; the murderous careers of Myra Hindley and Ian Brady have begun. On a freezing day in December, another child goes missing: thirteen-year-old Alison Carter vanishes from her town, an insular community that distrusts the outside world. For the young George Bennett, a newly promoted

inspector, it is the beginning of his most difficult and harrowing case: a murder with no body, an investigation with more dead ends and closed faces than he'd have found in the anonymity of the inner city, and an outcome which reverberates through the years. Decades later he finally tells his story to journalist Catherine Heathcote, but just when the book is poised for publication, Bennett unaccountably tries to pull the plug. He has new information which he refuses to divulge, new information that threatens the very foundations of his existence. Catherine is forced to re-investigate the past, with results that turn the world upside down. A Greek tragedy in modern England, Val McDermid's *A Place of Execution* is a taut psychological thriller that explores, exposes and explodes the border between reality and illusion in a multi-layered narrative that turns expectations on their head and reminds us that what we know is what we do not know. *A Place of Execution* is winner of the 2000 Los Angeles Times Book Prize and a 2001 Edgar Award Nominee for Best Novel.

Ghost Monster Simon Clark 2009 For nearly two centuries a portrait has imprisoned the evil spirit of the notorious Justice Murrain and his gang of misfits. But now the portrait has been stolen and the malevolent spirits are free to possess the living. Original.

The Halloween Tree Ray Bradbury 2015 Story originally published: New York: Alfred A. Knopf, A1972.

Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction Kirk H. Beetz 1996

Now and Forever Ray Bradbury 2007-09-04 Presents two novellas, including "Somewhere a Band Is Playing," in which a young writer discovers that all is not as it seems in a nostalgic community, and "Leviathan '99," in which Ishmael Hunnicut Jones prepares for a first interstellar hunt.

Quicker Than the Eye Ray Bradbury 2013-04-30 The internationally acclaimed author of *The Martian Chronicles*, *The Illustrated Man*, and *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury is a magician at the height of his powers, displaying his sorcerer's skill with twenty-one remarkable stories that run the gamut from total reality to light fantastic, from high noon to long after midnight. A true master tells all, revealing the strange secret of growing young and mad; opening a Witch Door that links two intolerant centuries; joining an

ancient couple in their wild assassination games; celebrating life and dreams in the unique voice that has favored him across six decades and has enchanted millions of readers the world over.

Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury 1951 A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

Pure Andrew Miller 2011 A year of bones, of grave-dirt, relentless work. Of mummified corpses and chanting priests. A year of rape, suicide, sudden death. Of friendship too. Of desire. Of love... A year unlike any other he has lived. Deep in the heart of Paris, its oldest cemetery is, by 1785, overflowing, tainting the very breath of those who live nearby. Into their midst comes Jean-Baptiste Baratte, a young, provincial engineer charged by the king with demolishing it. At first Baratte sees this as a chance to clear the burden of history, a fitting task for a modern man of reason. But before long, he begins to suspect that the destruction of the cemetery might be a prelude to his own.

Exploring the Horror of Supernatural Fiction Miranda Corcoran 2020-05-07 Detailing the adventures of a supernatural clan of vampires, witches, and assorted monstrosities, Ray Bradbury's Elliott family stories are a unique component of his extensive literary output. Written between 1946 and 1994, Bradbury eventually quilted the stories together into a novel, *From the Dust Returned* (2001), making it a creative project that spanned his adult life. Not only do the stories focus on a single familial unit, engaging with overlapping twentieth-century themes of family, identity and belonging, they were also unique in their time, interrogating post-war American ideologies of domestic unity while reinventing and softening gothic horror for the Baby Boomer generation. Centred around diverse interpretations of the Elliott Family stories, this collection of critical essays recovers the Elliots for academic purposes by exploring how they form a collective gothic mythos while ranging across distinct themes. Essays included discuss the diverse ways in which the Elliott stories pose questions about difference and Otherness in America; engage with issues of gender, sexuality, and adolescence; and interrogate complex discourses surrounding history,

identity, community, and the fantasy of family.

A Memory of Murder Ray Bradbury 1984 Short stories depict the efforts of detectives to solve a variety of strange and baffling murders

A Graveyard for Lunatics Ray Bradbury 2013-04-16 Halloween Night, 1954. A young, film-obsessed scriptwriter has just been hired at one of the great studios. An anonymous investigation leads from the giant Maximus Films backlot to an eerie graveyard separated from the studio by a single wall. There he makes a terrifying discovery that thrusts him into a maelstrom of intrigue and mystery—and into the dizzy exhilaration of the movie industry at the height of its glittering power.

A Pleasure to Burn Ray Bradbury 2013-05-21 Ray Bradbury's novel Fahrenheit 451 is an enduring masterwork of twentieth-century American literature—a chilling vision of a dystopian future built on the foundations of ignorance, censorship, and brutal repression. The origins and evolution of Bradbury's darkly magnificent tale are explored in A Pleasure to Burn, a collection of sixteen selected shorter works that prefigure the grand master's landmark novel. Classic, thematically interrelated stories alongside many crucial lesser-known ones—including, at the collection's heart, the novellas "Long After Midnight" and "The Fireman"—A Pleasure to Burn is an indispensable companion to the most powerful work of America's preeminent storyteller, a wondrous confirmation of the inimitable Bradbury's brilliance, magic . . . and fire.

The Anthem Sprinters Ray Bradbury 1963 Four one-act plays. For contents, see Author Catalog.

The Martian Chronicles Ray Bradbury 2012-04-17 The tranquility of Mars is disrupted by humans who want to conquer space, colonize the planet, and escape a doomed Earth.

Ray Bradbury Gene Beley 2006 "The Definitive Ray Bradbury Book" "I volunteered for the Moorpark College newsroom assignment. The speech changed my life just listening to Bradbury speak. I thought he was the greatest orator I had ever heard and thought to myself, "If he can write as well as he can talk, I'll read everything he's written and seek out magazines to sell an article about him." Back then (1968), I

had started my freelance writing career and was always looking for new ideas. That first Bradbury speech changed my life and his advice gave me my life's philosophy: 'Follow your loves! Don't listen to anyone else-even your own spouse. However, if you have the love of a good spouse and several good friends, you'll be successful. If you don't yet know what you want to do in life, go out and find your loves and you'll have a happy life.'" You'll find this biography may be more of a self-help book and "the definitive Ray Bradbury" revealed like no other book has yet done. Whether you are a science fiction fan, student, attorney, architect, writer, priest, or just a person trying to find your mission on planet Earth, there is a piece of the jigsaw puzzle to your life awaiting you in this book. If you are going on a trip or simply want something to read for a weekend, this book is designed as a quick, entertaining read for all people. And you need not know anything about science fiction to enjoy reading the study of this genius and American icon. Enjoy! -Gene Beley, author

Rip-roaring Reads for Reluctant Teen Readers Gale W. Sherman 1993 Forty books for teen readers are reviewed, listing genres, themes, reading level, interest level, reviews, author information, plot summary, book talks and literature extensions.

The Mysterious Stranger Mark Twain

Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History

Yunte Huang 2010-08-30 Winner of the 2011 Edgar Award for Best Critical/Biographical Book and Shortlisted for the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award in Biography: "An ingenious and absorbing book...It will permanently change the way we tell this troubled yet gripping story." —Jonathan Spence Hailed as "irrepressibly spirited and entertaining" (Pico Iyer, Time) and "a fascinating cultural survey" (Paul Devlin, Daily Beast), this provocative first biography of Charlie Chan presents American history in a way that it has never been told before. Yunte Huang ingeniously traces Charlie Chan from his real beginnings as a bullwhip-wielding detective in territorial Hawaii to his reinvention as a literary sleuth and Hollywood film icon. Huang finally resurrects the "honorable detective" from the graveyard of detested

postmodern symbols and reclaims him as the embodiment of America's rich cultural diversity. The result is one of the most critically acclaimed books of the year and a "deeply personal . . . voyage into racial stereotyping and the humanizing force of story telling" (Donna Seaman, Los Angeles Times).

Weird New England Joseph A. Citro 2005 A brand new entry in the best-selling Weird U.S. series, Weird New England proves without a doubt that the pilgrims landed in one very strange spot. So travel down our region's highways and byways with your tour guide par excellence, and learn all the stuff about New England that our school marms never taught us. Colonists, clambakes, and the Coast Guard. Sure, those things define New England, as do witches and whale watching. And don't forget the Red Sox and the Patriots. But there's more. New England is also filled to the brim with serious strangeness. And there's no one better to chronicle the odd goings-on in our patriotic, but extremely weird section of the country than Joe Citro, a citizen in full possession of the 'weird eye.' For years, Joe has traveled our six states with camera and notepad in hand, mosquito netting or snowshoes firmly in place, in search of the bizarre and the offbeat. And he found them everywhere. He has tracked down some unbelievable tales that have just enough truth in them to create the same uneasiness a chance meeting with Lizzie Borden's ghost would. We promise; it's a journey you'll never forget.

The Black Book of Secrets F. E. Higgins 2010-07-20 A boy arrives at a remote village in the dead of night. His name is Ludlow Fitch—and he is running from a most terrible past. What he is about to learn is that in this village is the life he has dreamed of—a safe place to live, and a job, as the assistant to a mysterious pawnbroker who trades people's deepest, darkest secrets for cash. Ludlow's job is to neatly transcribe the confessions in an ancient leather-bound tome: The Black Book of Secrets. Ludlow yearns to trust his mentor, who refuses to disclose any information on his past experiences or future intentions. What the pawnbroker does not know is, in a town brimming with secrets, the most troubling may be held by his new apprentice.

Long After Midnight Ray Bradbury 2013-12-05 A classic collection of Ray Bradbury's short fiction,

available in ebook for the first time.

Encyclopedia of the American Novel Abby H. P. Werlock 2015-04-22 Provides a comprehensive reference to the novel in American literature with over 900 entries containing critical analyses and synopses of individual novels, novelist biographies, essays on fiction genres, and more.

The Bone Magician F. E. Higgins 2011-02-15 Pin Carpue is on his own in the world. His mother is dead and his father is missing after being labeled a suspect in a rash of murders. Pin finds a job working for the local undertaker as a body watcher, making sure people are really dead before they're buried. The body he's supposed to be watching tonight is currently surrounded by three people engaged in a most unusual ceremony. An old man, a bone magician, and his young female assistant are waking a woman so her grieving fiancé can have one last goodbye with her. Pin can't believe it will work, but then the dead woman sits up and speaks. Pin is determined to discover how the magic works. He cannot believe they are raising the dead. He cannot believe his father is a murderer. Then Pin himself nearly becomes the killer's next victim. As this mysterious tale unfolds with delicious creepiness, Pin will learn more about the bone magician, the girl Juno, and a hideous creature called the Gluttonous Beast that is kept in a local tavern where people pay for a glimpse. Once again, F.E. Higgins delivers a story that is full of intrigue and suspense.

I'm Not a Terrorist, But I've Played One On TV Maz Jobrani 2016-02-16 Previously published in hardcover: 2015.

Ray Bradbury Harold Bloom 2009-01-01 -- Brings together the best criticism on the most widely read poets, novelists, and playwrights. -- Presents complex critical portraits of the most influential writers in the English-speaking world -- from the English medievalists to contemporary writers

Dark Asylum E. S. Thomson 2018-06 "Set in a crumbling Victorian asylum where a gruesome murder is committed, this sequel to *Beloved Poison* explores the early science of brain study while giving chilling

insight into an asylum's workings"--

Conversations with Ray Bradbury Ray Bradbury 2004 Presents a collection of interviews with twentieth-century novelist, short story writer, and playwright, Ray Bradbury, that covers five decades of his life and works.

Death Is a Lonely Business Ray Bradbury 2013-04-16 Ray Bradbury, the undisputed Dean of American storytelling, dips his accomplished pen into the cryptic inkwell of noir and creates a stylish and slightly fantastical tale of mayhem and murder set among the shadows and the murky canals of Venice, California, in the early 1950s. Toiling away amid the looming palm trees and decaying bungalows, a struggling young writer (who bears a resemblance to the author) spins fantastic stories from his fertile imagination upon his clacking typewriter. Trying not to miss his girlfriend (away studying in Mexico), the nameless writer steadily crafts his literary effort--until strange things begin happening around him. Starting with a series of peculiar phone calls, the writer then finds clumps of seaweed on his doorstep. But as the incidents escalate, his friends fall victim to a series of mysterious "accidents"--some of them fatal. Aided by Elmo Crumley, a savvy, street-smart detective, and a reclusive actress of yesteryear with an intense hunger for life, the wordsmith sets out to find the connection between the bizarre events, and in doing so, uncovers the truth about his own creative abilities.

Killer, Come Back To Me: The Crime Stories of Ray Bradbury Ray Bradbury 2020-09-22 Celebrating Ray Bradbury's centennial, a deluxe illustrated commemorative collection of his finest crime stories -- tales as strange and wonderful as his signature fantasy. Time travelers...dark carnivals...living automata...and detectives? Honoring the 100th birthday of Ray Bradbury, renowned author of Fahrenheit 451, this new, definitive collection of the master's less well-known crime fiction, published in a high-grade premium collectible edition, features classic stories and rare gems, a number of which became episodes of ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS and THE RAY BRADBURY THEATER, including the tale Bradbury called "one of the best stories in any field that I have ever written." Is it murder to destroy a robot if it

looks and speaks and thinks and feels like a human being? Can a ventriloquist be incriminated by the testimony of his own dummy? Can a time traveler prevent his younger self from killing the woman they both loved? And can the survivor of a pair of Siamese twins investigate his own brother's murder? No other writer has ever rivaled the imagination and narrative gifts of Ray Bradbury, and the 20 unforgettable stories in this collection demonstrate this singular writer's extraordinary range, influence and emotional power.

Green Shadows, White Whale Ray Bradbury 1992

The Story of an African Farm Olive Schreiner 1890

Dark They Were and Golden Eyed Ray Bradbury 1991

Where Everything Ends Ray Bradbury 2010-01-15

Bad Ronald Jack Vance 2020-03-26 Seventeen-year old Ronald Wilby is an introverted young man with a protective single mother. Walking home one evening, Ronald stumbles into young Carol Mathews; in the encounter, Carol ends up assaulted and dead. Ronald leaves his jacket at the scene. Elaine Wilby is convinced that Carol's death was an accident, and converts a small part of the old house to a secret room where Ronald must hide-until she saves enough that they can move, and start over. She tells everyone that her son ran away. The plan works until Mrs. Wilby is taken by sudden illness. The house is sold to another family-a family with three pretty daughters... Lurking behind the walls, Ronald is tempted more than he can bear.