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## UPCOMING

### *Nuestra América*

*The Vertigo of Translation*

by Claudio Lomnitz, translated by John Cullen

ISBN: 9781635420708

In *Nuestra América*, eminent anthropologist and historian Claudio Lomnitz traces his grandparents' exile from Eastern Europe to South America. At the same time, the book is a pretext to explain and analyze the worldview, culture, and spirit of countries such as Peru, Colombia, and Chile, from the perspective of educated Jewish emigrants imbued with the hope and determination typical of those who escaped Europe in 1920s.

"An autobiography in which we Latin Americans all recognize ourselves." —**Mario Vargas Llosa, winner of the 2010 Nobel Prize in Literature**

Publication Date: 02/09/2021

### *Proustian Uncertainties*

*On Reading and Rereading In Search of Lost Time*

by Saul Friedländer

ISBN: 9781590519110

A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian revisits Marcel Proust's masterpiece in this essay on literature and memory, exploring the question of identity—that of the novel's narrator and Proust's own.

"[Friedländer] meditates on the 'extraordinary pull' and hidden depths of Marcel Proust's *À la recherche du temps perdu* in this intriguing extended essay...Proust fans will enjoy these appreciative, personal peregrinations through 'one of the most important novels ever written.'" —*Publishers Weekly*

Publication Date: 12/01/2020

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## *What You Did Not Tell*

*A Father's Past and a Journey Home*

by **Mark Mazower**

ISBN: 9781590519868

“Mark Mazower is a great historian and a subtle writer always attentive to humane detail.” —Orhan Pamuk, recipient of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature

“Within the experience of a single family can be seen the forces that shaped whole nations and peoples... Mark Mazower, a distinguished British-born historian, explores the story of his own family, especially that of his paternal grandparents, Jews who emerged at the turn of the twentieth century from the poverty and backwardness of the Russian provinces into the ferment of socialist struggle and, eventually, into the turmoil of the wider world.” —*Wall Street Journal*

## *When Memory Comes*

*The Classic Memoir*

by **Saul Friedländer**, translated by **Helen R. Lane**

ISBN: 9781590518076

A classic of Holocaust literature, the eloquent, acclaimed memoir of childhood by a Pulitzer-winning historian, now reissued with a new introduction by Claire Messud.

## *Where Memory Leads*

*My Life*

by **Saul Friedländer**

ISBN: 9781590518090

In this sequel to the classic work of Holocaust literature *When Memory Comes*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian returns to memoir to recount this tale of intellectual coming-of-age on three continents.

## *A Brief Stop on the Road From Auschwitz*

*A Memoir*

by **Göran Rosenberg**

ISBN: 9781590518403

This shattering memoir by a journalist about his father's attempt to survive the aftermath of Auschwitz in a small industrial town in Sweden won the prestigious August Prize.

## *The Road to Rescue*

*The Untold Story of Schindler's List*

by **Mietek Pemper**

ISBN: 9781590514948

“Don't thank me for your survival, thank your valiant Stern and Pemper, who stared death in the face constantly.” —Oskar Schindler in a speech to his released Jewish workers in May 1945.

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning film *Schindler's List* popularized the true story of a German businessman who manipulated his Nazi connections and spent his personal fortune to save some 1,200 Jewish prisoners from certain death during the Holocaust. But few know that those lists were made possible by a secret strategy designed by a young Polish Jew at the Płaszow concentration camp. Mietek Pemper's compelling

and moving memoir tells the true story of how Schindler's list really came to pass.

Pemper was born in 1920 into a lively and cultivated Jewish family for whom everything changed in 1939 when the Germans invaded Poland. Evicted from their home, they were forced into the Krakow ghetto and, later, into the nearby camp of Płaszow where Pemper's knowledge of the German language was put to use by the sadistic camp commandant Amon Goth. Forced to work as Goth's personal stenographer from March 1943 to September 1944—an exceptional job for a Jewish prisoner—Pemper soon realized that he could use his position as the commandant's private secretary to familiarize himself with the inner workings of the Nazi bureaucracy and exploit the system to his fellow detainees' advantage. Once he gained access to classified documents, Pemper was able to pass on secret information for Schindler to compile his famous lists. After the war, Pemper was the key witness of the prosecution in the 1946 trial against Goth and several other SS officers.

*The Road to Rescue* stands as a historically authentic testimony of one man's unparalleled courage, wit, defiance, and bittersweet victory over the Nazi regime.

## ***The Bell of Treason***

*The 1938 Munich Agreement in Czechoslovakia*

by **P. E. Caquet**

ISBN: 9781590510506

"*The Bell of Treason* focuses on the relatively neglected victim nation, Czechoslovakia, and how it experienced the fateful months from March through September 1938...important." —*New York Review of Books*

"Caquet revisits luminously one of the great 'what-ifs' of history. Carefully documenting every detail, but in white-hot language, he shows how Britain and France let slip at Munich in September 1938 their best chance of stopping Hitler. We see the Sudetenland crisis afresh through Czech eyes, and can measure at last the tragedy of that lively small country's betrayal." —Robert O. Paxton, author of *The Anatomy of Fascism*

## ***For Two Thousand Years***

*The Classic Novel*

by **Mihail Sebastian, translated by Philip Ó Ceallaigh**

ISBN: 9781590518762

Available in English for the first time, Mihail Sebastian's classic 1934 novel delves into the mind of a Jewish student in Romania during the fraught years preceding World War II.

## ***The Brothers Ashkenazi***

*A Novel*

by **I. J. Singer**

ISBN: 9781590512906

"A wonderful novel."—Saul Bellow

"The book has the grand sweep of Tolstoy...pitch perfect artistry and pace." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"*The Brothers Ashkenazi* rates a place on any shelf devoted to modern works of art." —*Newsweek*

"A very powerful story has been seized upon by a very powerful story-teller...Singer has a stirring gift of narrative; he always writes with verve, sometimes with intensity; his book has magnitude and color and, as it were, a consciousness of its weighty theme." —*The New York Times Book Review*

## *The Witness House*

*Nazis and Holocaust Survivors Sharing a Villa during the Nuremberg Trials*

by **Christiane Kohl**

ISBN: 9781590513798

“A richly detailed and deeply researched account.” —*The Washington Post*

“Kohl’s journalist touch...brings a human element to the rather inhuman stories that came out of the trials...*The Witness House* is an important reminder of how, at the end of war, we still have to eat at the same table. Finding a civil way to do so is perhaps the key to healing.” —NPR.org

## *The Woman from Hamburg*

*and Other True Stories*

by **Hanna Krall**

ISBN: 9781590512234

*New York Times* Paperback Row Ihsan Taylor

A Polish journalist, Krall is drawn to unusual stories of World War II survivors, Jews and non-Jews alike, and portrays how they lived, died and coexisted. Our reviewer, Elena Lappin, said Krall “reports the basic facts but adds a novelistic twist, weaving her interviews into elegant, multilayered narratives.”

## *Isaac’s Torah*

*A Novel*

by **Angel Wagenstein**, translated by **Elizabeth Frank and Deliana Simeonova**

ISBN: 9781590512456

“Wagenstein’s picaresque story portrays Jewish humor and Jewish wisdom as inextricable twins and time-tested agents of survival.” —*The Nation*

“A very funny book about very sad events. Isaac Blumenfeld suffers at the hands of the Nazis, loses his entire family when his village is invaded, and is sent to a Siberian labor camp because of mistaken identity. But, incredibly, Bulgarian author Angel Wagenstein makes us laugh.” —*ForeWord Magazine*

## *Farewell, Shanghai*

*A Novel*

by **Angel Wagenstein**, translated by **Elizabeth Frank and Deliana Simeonova**

ISBN: 9781590513088

Master storyteller Angel Wagenstein crafts an intense narrative of life and death, passionate love, and profound courage against the backdrop of the war and the millions of lives caught up in it.

“Moving effortlessly from Paris to Dresden to Shanghai, Wagenstein (*Isaac’s Torah*) masterfully chronicles the lives of European émigrés and refugees in WWII Shanghai...Wagenstein is impressive in his ability to move from the small details of individual displaced lives to a larger panorama of international intrigue...[he] brings to life a largely unknown chapter of Nazi persecution.” —*Publishers Weekly*

## *Stalemate*

*A Novel*

by **Icchokas Meras and Jonas Zdanys**

ISBN: 9781590511565

“A classic of Holocaust literature from “one of the great masters of the short novel.” —*The New Yorker*

## *The Impossible Exile*

*Stefan Zweig at the End of the World*

by **George Prochnik**

ISBN: 9781590517420

**\*\*Winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Biography\*\***

Now in paperback, the biography of Austrian writer Stefan Zweig, the inspiration behind *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, Wes Anderson's award-winning film.

## *A Guest in My Own Country*

*A Hungarian Life*

by **George Konrad**

ISBN: 9781590511398

**Winner of the 2007 National Jewish Book Award in the category of Biography, Autobiography & Memoir**

A powerful memoir of war, politics, literature, and family life by one of Europe's leading intellectuals. When George Konrad was a child of eleven, he, his sister, and two cousins managed to flee to Budapest from the Hungarian countryside the day before deportations swept through his home town. Ultimately, they were the only Jewish children of the town to survive the Holocaust.

*A Guest in My Own Country* recalls the life of one of Eastern Europe's most accomplished modern writers, beginning with his survival during the final months of the war. Konrad captures the dangers, the hopes, the betrayals and courageous acts of the period through a series of carefully chosen episodes that occasionally border on the surreal (as when a dead German soldier begins to speak, attempting to justify his actions).

## *Stranger in a Strange Land*

*Searching for Gershom Scholem and Jerusalem*

by **George Prochnik**

ISBN: 9781590517765

Taking his lead from his subject, Gershom Scholem—the 20th century thinker who cracked open Jewish theology and history with a radical reading of Kabbalah—Prochnik combines biography and memoir to counter our contemporary political crisis with an original and urgent reimagining of the future of Israel.

## *Putnam Camp*

*Sigmund Freud, James Jackson Putnam and the Purpose of American Psychology*

by **George Prochnik**

ISBN: 9781590511824

**Winner of the 2007 Grady Award**

An innovative work of biography that traces the lasting impact of the friendship between Sigmund Freud and pioneering American psychologist James Jackson Putnam.

## *The Sun and Her Stars*

*Salka Viertel and Hitler's Exiles in the Golden Age of Hollywood*

by **Donna Rifkind**

ISBN: 9781590517215

The little-known story of screenwriter Salka Viertel, whose salons in 1930s and 40s Hollywood created a



refuge for a multitude of famous figures who had escaped the horrors of World War II.

### ***And in the Vienna Woods the Trees Remain***

*The Heartbreaking True Story of a Family Torn Apart by War*

**By Elisabeth Åsbrink; translated by Saskia Vogel**

ISBN: 9781590519172

Winner of the August Prize, the story of the complicated long-distance relationship between a Jewish child and his forlorn Viennese parents after he was sent to Sweden in 1939, and the unexpected friendship the boy developed with the future founder of IKEA, a Nazi activist.

### ***Hitler, My Neighbor***

*Memories of a Jewish Childhood, 1929–1939*

**by Edgar Feuchtwanger and Bertil Scali, translated by Adriana Hunter**

ISBN: 9781635420487

An eminent historian recounts the Nazi rise to power from his unique perspective as a Jewish boy growing up in Munich with Adolf Hitler as his neighbor.

### ***Hurry Down Sunshine***

*A Father's Memoir of Love and Madness*

**by Michael Greenberg**

ISBN: 9781590519813

This international bestseller is an extraordinary family story and an exceptionally powerful memoir about coping with bipolar disorder, now with a new afterword for the ten-year anniversary edition.

### ***Beg, Borrow, Steal***

*A Writer's Life*

**by Michael Greenberg**

ISBN: 9781590513415

“Binding together this episodic autobiography is the series of marginal jobs—mover, Bronx street vender, author of voice-over narration (“Golf. Simple. Majestic. Timeless”)—with which Greenberg supported his literary career....The real attraction, however, is...the everyday texture of metropolitan life, which Greenberg captures with diaristic immediacy.”—*The New Yorker*

From the author of the critically acclaimed memoir *Hurry Down Sunshine*, *Beg, Borrow, Steal* is an autobiography in installments, set in New York, where the author depicts the life of a writer of little means trying to practice his craft, or simply stay alive. He finds himself writing about golf, a game that he never played; doctoring doomed movie scripts; driving trucks and taxis; selling cosmetics from an ironing board in front of a women's department store; and botching his debut as a waiter in a coveted five-star restaurant.

### ***Departures***

*A Memoir*

**by Paul Zweig**

ISBN: 9781590512913

*Departures* is Paul Zweig's celebration of life and love. Zweig thought of himself as a sojourner, a contemporary Wandering Jew, a man with “a loose wire in his genes.” He led a number of distinct lives: as a Jewish child in Brooklyn and on a farm in the Catskills; as a literature student at Columbia; as a young exile who spent a decade in Paris transforming himself into a French intellectual, absorbing the language, sex, culture, and leftist politics; and as an American man-of-letters who produced a steady stream of poems,

essays, and wide-ranging works of literary scholarship and criticism. In 1978, at the age of forty-three, he abruptly entered a new life—"the life of the dying"—which he inhabited for the next six years.

His writing was guided by a steely determination to hold the more pressing and distorting sentiments—self-pity, regret, anger, fear—at bay for the sake of his lucidity, which became his way through the world of cancer. This memoir stands as a testament to the passion and spirit with which Zweig lived and to the dignity that he brought to his final years.

## ISRAELI SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

### *Walled*

*Israeli Society at an Impasse*

by **Sylvain Cypel**, senior journalist from *Le Monde*

ISBN: 9781590512104

"In this survey of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (translated anonymously from the French), Cypel, an editor at *Le Monde* who spent twelve years in Israel, writes with the ardor of a believer and the critical eye of a distant observer, producing a nuanced assault on the blindness and inertia that have afflicted both sides. Cypel is a harsh critic of the failures of Palestinian leadership—he excoriates the "Oriental despot" Arafat and the "impotent" regime he built—but believes that Israel needs to be saved from its own incipient brutalization. This process, which he carefully documents, is marked by a "cult of force," a denial of history, an obsession with security at the expense of human rights, and a shocking willingness to discuss, publicly, the forcible cleansing of Palestinians from Israeli territory. These are symptoms of occupation, Cypel argues, and they can be cured only by its end."—*The New Yorker*

### *Breaking Ranks*

*Refusing to Serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*

by **Ronit Chacham**

ISBN: 9781590510995

In a series of moving and provocative conversations, nine members of the Israeli Defense Force tell why they refused to serve in the West Bank and Gaza. The "Refuseniks" describe their risky moral decision against the background of what is perhaps the most volatile conflict in the world today: the Israeli-Palestinian struggle. Their individual choices and their collective activism have generated intense debate in Israel and the international community, from the leading Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* to a segment on *60 Minutes*.

### *Shattered Dreams*

*The Failure of the Peace Process in the Middle East, 1995 to 2002*

by **Charles Enderlin**

ISBN: 9781590510605

For the Clinton administration, it was a goal of historic magnitude: resolving the long, bitter conflict in the Middle East. After years of searching for ways to end the bloodshed, at last there came a moment when it seemed peace was near. And yet, today, Palestinians and Israelis are still killing each other. What went wrong?

## *The Diamond Setter*

*A Novel*

by Moshe Sakal, translated by Jessica Cohen

ISBN: 9781590518915

Inspired by true events, this best-selling Israeli novel traces a complex web of love triangles, homoerotic tensions, and family secrets across generations and borders, illuminating diverse facets of life in the Middle East.

## *Pain*

*A Novel*

by Zeruya Shalev, translated by Sondra Silverston

ISBN: 9781590510926

“Zeruya Shalev is one of my favorite contemporary writers, her work always spiky and original, and *Pain* is a searing book, a wild and ravenous story of family entanglement and impossible yearning.” —Lauren Groff, author of *Florida* and *Fates and Furies*

A powerful, astute novel that exposes how old passions can return, testing our capacity to make choices about what is most essential in life.

## *Three Floors Up*

*A Novel*

by Eshkol Nevo, translated by Sondra Silverston

ISBN: 9781590518786

**NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD FINALIST**

“Mesmerizing...this book and its conflicted apartment dwellers stayed with me long after I finished reading.” —*New York Times Book Review*

“Smart and absorbing...Nevo shows us life’s complexities in a thoroughly satisfying read.” —*Library Journal*,  
**\*Starred Review\***

## *The Last Interview*

*A Novel*

by Eshkol Nevo, translated by Sondra Silverston

ISBN: 9781635429879

From the internationally best-selling author of *Three Floors Up*, a literary page-turner that delves into the deepening cracks in a carefully constructed public persona.