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This astonishing, wry novel is for any woman who has ever thought about changing a seemingly mundane life, making peace with her past, and the serendipity that can bring back an enthusiasm for life.

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This volume will provide students with an introduction to the poetry and life of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, one of the most popular poets of her day in Britain and America and who has become one of the great icons of Victorianism for the modern age. The authors present a biographical survey, study of her poetry, its critical reception and an assessment of her influence on later poets. This book also examines the complex 'myths' which are associated with Elizabeth Barrett Browning and offers re-readings of her life and work, particularly in dispelling the myth of the ailing invalid poet-recluse and instead showing her to be one of the great intellectuals of her day, immersed in European history and politics from a very early age. The book situates Browning within broader historical, political and cultural contexts than have yet been examined enabling a better understanding of her poetry and paints the portrait of a fine and innovative poet, an intellectual and an astute political thinker.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Shortlisted for the 2022 Plutarch Award A Washington Post 2021 Non-Fiction Book of the Year New York Times Review of Books Editors' Choice Non-Fiction Title Longlisted for the 2022 PEN / Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography A Sunday Times Best Paperback of 2022 'Brilliant, heart-stopping ... reads like a thriller, a memoir and a provocative piece of literary fiction all at the same time ... magical and compelling' Washington Post 'How do I love thee? Let me count the ways,' Elizabeth Barrett Browning famously wrote, shortly before defying her family by running away to Italy with Robert Browning. But behind the romance of her extraordinary life stands a thoroughly modern figure, who remains an electrifying study in self-invention. Elizabeth was born in 1806, a time when women could neither attend university nor vote, and yet she achieved lasting literary fame. She remains Britain's

greatest woman poet, whose work has inspired writers from Emily Dickinson to George Eliot and Virginia Woolf. This vividly written biography, the first full study for over thirty years, incorporates recent archival discoveries to reveal the woman herself: a literary giant and a high-profile activist for the abolition of slavery who believed herself to be of mixed heritage; and a writer who defied chronic illness and long-term disability to change the course of cultural history. It holds up a mirror to the woman, her art - and the art of biography itself.

Two-Way Mirror

"Una ventata di allegria e di comicità degna di Alice nel paese delle meraviglie" Nadia Fusini È l'inizio dell'estate del 1842 quando Flush – un cucciolo di cocker spaniel di razza purissima, manto marrone tendente all'oro, coda folta, nessun ciuffo fuori posto – varca la soglia del numero 50 di Wimpole Street, a Londra, per essere regalato a una delle più grandi poetesse inglesi, la brillante e sventurata Elizabeth Barrett. Tra i due basta un'occhiata, un lampo di riconoscimento, perché nasca un'intesa. Finché, qualche tempo dopo, nella vita tranquilla di Flush entra un rivale: il poeta Robert Browning. Leggendo la corrispondenza di Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Virginia Woolf rimane così colpita dalle descrizioni che la poetessa fa del suo cane da decidere di dedicargli una biografia. Mescolando realtà e finzione, guizzi di umorismo e lampi di autentica poesia, Woolf ricostruisce la vita di Flush, che diventa non solo il racconto del rapporto unico e straordinario che si crea tra un cane e il suo padrone, ma anche un vivido ritratto della società vittoriana e un'acuta riflessione sulla natura umana, vista attraverso lo sguardo di un cane. E scopriamo così che a Virginia Woolf si addice lo straniante sguardo dal basso, del cane, che dal sottosuolo dei sensi, più che dall'empireo dell'intelletto, raccoglie la materia della propria visione.

Flush

Lee Emery is an empty nester, contentedly married to a man she has known forever and hunkering down in the house where she grew up. She believes she is happy occupying such a familiar emotional and physical space. But questions of the path not taken start to haunt her after she publishes a memoir of her deliciously eccentric grandmother with whom she traipsed through Europe at eighteen. It was then that Lee fell in love for the first time. Twenty-five years later, "what if" obsessions shake up her settled life. Should she have made a different choice—Simon—instead of the man now next to her? Struck once more by the lingering power of first love, she sets off a chain of events that catapults her back to Europe and to a second chance that she may or may not want to risk.

The End of an Error

All men have mothers . . . It's a truth that the newly unhyphenated Maisie Grey has learned the hard way. After getting rid of her mama's-boy husband, she happily settles down with her teenage son, Tommy. But she's still stuck with the hovering presence of her impossible mother-in-law, Tommy's grandmother, who refuses to exit the family stage gracefully. Trying to keep it together with her own business and a new relationship with a man who still lives in—where else but?—his mother's house, Maisie struggles to learn from the MIL-from-hell. She vows that when Tommy brings someone home, she'll be loving, empathetic, and supportive. But then along comes completely unsuitable September Silva—with her too-short skirts, black nail polish, and stay-out-all-night attitude—who is forcing Maisie to take a flinty, clear-eyed new look at what it means to be a mother.

Of Men and Their Mothers

Her life turned upside down by a grim diagnosis, a small-town Maine woman sets about writing a "How To" life manual for her handsome yet hapless husband in a novel Elinor Lipman (Good Riddance, On Turpentine Lane) calls "smart, funny-quirky, and so very satisfying." Annie and her devoted but comically incompetent childhood sweetheart Sam are the owners and operators of Annie's, a gourmet sandwich shop, home to the legendary Paul Bunyan Special Sandwich--their "nutritionally challenged continual source of income and marital harmony and local fame." But into their mostly charmed marriage comes the scary medical diagnosis for Annie--and the overwhelming challenge of finding a way to help Sam go on without her. Annie decides to leave Sam step-by-step instructions for a future without her, and considers her own replacement in his heart and their bed. Her best-laid plans grind to a halt with the unexpected appearance of Ursula, Annie's Manhattan diva of a mother, who brings her own brand of chaos and disruption into their lives. Minus Me is a poignant and hilarious novel about the bonds of marriage, the burdens of maternal love, and the courage to face mortality, "with

an ending readers will cherish (Caroline Leavitt, Pictures of You)." "Medwed's lovely novel of marriage, motherhood, love and loss is so real that at times it feels like non-fiction. It's a timely reminder that in the worst of times, we sometimes rediscover the very best of ourselves." --Jodi Picoult, New York Times bestselling author of A Spark of Light.

Minus Me

This biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, written with reference to Browning correspondence only recently available, argues that the poet was a strong and determined woman largely responsible for her own incarceration in Wimpole Street. The author traces her life from her early childhood and adolescence and explores her marriage. She draws a picture of early Victorian family life and aims to show that Elizabeth was a considerable and dedicated poet, self-willed, witty and courageous. Forster has also edited the companion volume "Selected Poems" of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and is author of several other biographies.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

'Virginia Woolf is renowned for such avant-garde novels as 'The Hours, 'The Waves' and her gender-swapping masterpiece, 'Orlando'. Never one to shun innovation, in 1933 she took on a new challenge: to create a completely new genre and write the world's first biography of a dog. 'Flush' tells the story of a young red cocker spaniel that becomes the pet of the celebrated poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning. But his new mistress suffers from constant ill health, and Flush is forced to exchange the rural life he loves for a staid, urban existence as the house-pet of an invalid. Woolf uses the anthropomorphic style of the novel to great effect, giving the reader a dog's-eye-view of humanity and its foibles, as well as musing on such larger themes as friendship and the nature of freedom.

Flush

The author of the critically acclaimed "Mail" and "Host Family" delivers this funny yet provocative tale about one woman's inability to forget her first love.

End of an Error

Reminiscent of the novels of Nora Ephron, this brilliantly written, hilariously touching tale explores a contemporary woman's quirky love life. Katinka O'Toole has discovered that a degree from Harvard does not always lead to fame and fortune. Divorced and struggling to make a living as a writer, the highlight of her day has become the arrival of the mail. Or, more precisely, the mailman. Yes, she hopes for an acceptance letter, but she also has a fierce crush on Louie Capetti, her gorgeous postal carrier, who she hopes will carry her away to romantic bliss. So while she has taken to receiving her mail in "discount Dior\

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning: Interviews and Recollections gathers accounts of the two poets from her precocious childhood to his death in Venice. Comments by Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne, Alfred Tennyson, Henry James, Edmund Gosse and the Brownings themselves are included together with the reports or recollections of many less well known contemporaries. There is material on Barrett Browning's relationship with her father, her spiritualism, appearance, ambitions and convictions as a poet, and `devotion to and faith in the regeneration of Italy'; and on Browning's early friendship with Carlyle, his fraught relationship with Macready and the theatre, his love of fine clothes and society, and work habits. Some contemporary accounts construct, while others reject or qualify, familiar images of the poets: Barrett Browning as the frail, safely female recluse, for instance, or Browning as the loud and trivial talker who was so different from his poetry that for James there were simply `two Brownings'.

The Barretts at Hope End

In Laura Fish's ambitious and captivating novel, three very different women struggle for freedom. While Elizabeth Barrett Browning is confined to bed, chafing against the restriction of her doctors and writing poetry and fretful letters, at her family's Jamaican estate Kaydia, the Creole housekeeper, tries to protect her daughter from their predatory master; and a recently freed black slave, Sheba, mourns the loss of her lover. As Elizabeth, a passionate abolitionist, struggles to come to terms with the source of

her wealth and privilege both Sheba and Kydia fight to escape a tragic past which seems ever-present. The resulting novel is an extraordinary evocation of the dark side of the nineteenth-century that is both horrifying and ultimately redeeming.

Poems

This collection features the romantic correspondence between the two of the most prominent and prolific Victorian poets who married in secret and escaped to a life together in Italy where their son, Pen, was born.

Mail

Traces the intersections of three women five years after a fateful love affair, including a searching woman who gave up her baby for adoption, an adoptive mom who questions her suitability as a parent and a married woman who views her husband's affair differently upon learning about the baby. By the author of The Murderer's Daughters.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning

As the nineteenth century gave way to the twentieth, attitudes about love, marriage, and gender roles began to undergo a radical shift. The five stories collected in this volume, written by literary luminaries such as Henry James, Walter Besant, and Thomas Hardy, expertly capture this period of transition.

Strange Music

This collection of literature attempts to compile many of the classic works that have stood the test of time and offer them at a reduced, affordable price, in an attractive volume so that everyone can enjoy them.

The Love Letters of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning

"You'll call this sentimental-perhaps-but then a dog somehow represents the private side of life, the play side," Virginia Woolf confessed to a friend. And it is this private, playful side, the richness and power of the bond between five great women writers and their dogs, that Maureen Adams celebrates in this deeply engaging book. In Shaggy Muses, we visit Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Flush, the golden Cocker Spaniel who danced the poet away from death, back to life and human love. We roam the wild Yorkshire moors with Emily Brontë, whose fierce Mastiff mix, Keeper, provided a safe and loving outlet for the writer's equally fierce spirit. We enter the creative sanctum of Emily Dickinson, which she shared only with Carlo, the gentle, giant Newfoundland who soothed her emotional terrors. We mingle with Edith Wharton, whose ever-faithful Pekes warmed her lonely heart during her restless travels among Europe and America's social and intellectual elite. We are privileged guests in the fragile universe of Virginia Woolf, who depended for emotional support and sanity not only on her human loved ones but also on her dogs, especially Pinka-a gift from her lover, Vita Sackville-West-a black Cocker Spaniel who became a strong, bright thread in the fabric of Virginia and Leonard Woolf's life together. Based on diaries, letters, and other contemporary accounts—and featuring many illustrations of the writers and their dogs- these five miniature biographies allow us unparalleled intimacy with women of genius in their hours of domestic ease and inner vulnerability. Shaggy Muses also enchants us with a pack of new friends: Flush, Keeper, Carlo, Foxy, Linky, Grizzle, Pinka, and all the other devoted canines who loved and served these great writers.

The Comfort of Lies

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Bowker's Guide to Characters in Fiction 2007

A selection of poems from one of the greatest female poets of the Nineteenth Century.

Victorian Short Stories

In The New Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes, master anthologist John Gross brings together a delectable smorgasbord of literary tales, offering striking new insight into some of the most important writers in history. Many of the anecdotes here are funny, others are touching, outrageous, sinister, inspiring, or downright weird. They show writers from Chaucer to Bob Dylan acting both unpredictably and deeply in character. The range is wide--this is a book which finds room for Milton and Shakespeare, Mark Twain and Walt Whitman, Kurt Vonnegut and P. G. Wodehouse, Chinua Achebe and Salman Rushdie, James Baldwin and Tom Wolfe. It is also a book in which you can find out which great historian's face was once mistaken for a baby's bottom, which film star experienced a haunting encounter with Virginia Woolf not long before her death, and what Agatha Christie really thought of her popular character Hercule Poirot. It is in short an unrivalled collection of literary gossip offering intimate glimpses into the lives of authors ranging from Shakespeare to Philip Roth--a book not just for lovers of literature, but for anyone with a taste for the curiosities of human nature.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Daisy and Henry have been married for 20 years, and for all that time they have served as host families for international students coming to study at Harvard. So Daisy should have seen it coming when Henry dumps her for the extremely French Giselle.

The Letters of Elizabeth Barrett Browning Volume I

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Shaggy Muses

Browning and Haydon never met, but their lively conversation, initiated in 1842, continued unabated until 1845, about a year before the painter's suicide. It was a lopsided correspondence in which 94 letters written by Haydon, most of which have not been published before, received fewer replies from Barrett, 28 of which are included here.

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The Collected Poems of Elizabeth Barrett Browning

This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage is an irresistible blend of literature and memoir revealing the big experiences and little moments that shaped Ann Patchett as a daughter, wife, friend and writer. Here, Ann Patchett shares entertaining and moving stories about her tumultuous childhood, her painful early divorce, the excitement of selling her first book, driving a Winnebago from Montana to Yellowstone Park, her joyous discovery of opera, scaling a six-foot wall in order to join the Los Angeles Police Department, the gradual loss of her beloved grandmother, starting her own bookshop in Nashville, her love for her very special dog and, of course, her eventual happy marriage. This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage is a memoir both wide ranging and deeply personal, overflowing with close observation and emotional wisdom, told with wit, honesty and irresistible warmth.

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The Seraphim, and Other Poems

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