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Dive into Josef Skvorecky's acclaimed novel, 'The Cowards,' a poignant and often satirical look at the final days of World War II from the perspective of a young jazz enthusiast in a small Czech town. This seminal work beautifully captures the complexities of youth, love, and the absurdity of war, solidifying Skvorecky's place in modern European literature.

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The Cowards

Set in May 1945 in a small Czech town. The Germans are withdrawing, the Red Army is advancing, and Danny Smiricky is being forced to grow up fast. Observing with contempt the antics of the town's senior citizens playing it safe, he adopts the role first of reluctant conscript then partisan.

The Cowards

The Cowards (1958) is Josef Skvorecky's blackly comic tale of post-war politics that was immediately banned on publication. In 1945, in Kostelec, Danny is playing saxophone for the best jazz band in Czechoslovakia. Their trumpeter has just got out of a concentration camp, their bass player is only allowed in the band since he owns the bass, and the love of Danny's life is in love with somebody else. But Danny despairs most about the bourgeoisie patriots in his town playing at revolution in the face of the approaching Red Army - not least because it ruins the band's chance of any good gigs.

The Cowards

"So entertaining that it would be dangerous to read it without laughing aloud." Los Angeles Times Book Review

The Engineer of Human Souls

In this entertaining and enlightening collection David Lodge considers the art of fiction under a wide range of headings, drawing on writers as diverse as Henry James, Martin Amis, Jane Austen and James Joyce. Looking at ideas such as the Intrusive Author, Suspense, the Epistolary Novel, Magic Realism and Symbolism, and illustrating each topic with a passage taken from a classic or modern novel, David Lodge makes the richness and variety of British and American fiction accessible to the general reader. He provides essential reading for students, aspiring writers and anyone who wants to understand how fiction works.

The Fiction of Josef Škvorecký

In a not-so-long-ago time, on an army base in rural Czechoslovakia, the draftees of the Seventh Tank Battalion gird themselves for the inevitable war with America by practicing tank manoeuvres (or faking them), studying Russian texts (with horror novels tucked inside), and singing patriotic songs (with refreshing new lyrics). Among them is Tank Commander Danny Smiricky, looking forward to discharge and trying to stay out of trouble in the meantime--not an easy task when he's torn between two irresistible women, and surrounded by a boisterous and hilariously independent-minded tank crew. But the greatest danger to Danny is his politically correct major, a tiny termagant known as the Pygmy Devil. And on the eve of Danny's discharge, disaster looms... Behind the comedy of his exuberantly lustful tale lies a savage parody of life under foreign occupation.

The Art of Fiction

"So entertaining that it would be dangerous to read it without laughing aloud."--Los Angeles Times Book Review

Republic Of Whores

From the Peter Neil Issacs collection.

The Engineer of Human Souls

This energetic and hilarious novel is made even more important by the current final thawing of the long, Communist winter in Czechoslovakia. Moving between 1948, when our hero Danny Smiricky falls asleep in church while a miraculous event occurs, and 1968, when he observes the miracle of Prague Spring, *The Miracle Game* is a sharp look at the strange, sad, and silly things people do to survive.

All the Bright Young Men and Women

Banned at the time of its writing, and later published in a censored edition, this novella of 1956 is the last of Josef Skvorecký's major works to be published in English translation.

The Miracle Game

Czechoslovak police force Lieutenant Boruvka, a pensive, conscience-stricken man driven to melancholy by the fiendish truths of murder, is wide awake to the strange methods of murder he encounters, in this collection of twelve tales

End of the Nylon Age

In this acclaimed memoir, one of our most revered writers reveals the true story behind his highly autobiographical fiction - accompanied by ten dark and hilarious interconnected tales set in Czechoslovakia's jazz-filled underground.

The Mournful Demeanour of Lieutenant Boruvka

A work on contemporary Czechoslovak cinematography focusing on the celebrated director Jiri Menzel's classic film "Closely Watched Trains" in the context of communist Czechoslovak mores and restrictions.

Headed for the Blues

Chronicles Anton Dvorak's sojourn in America at the turn of the century, when he was persuaded by Jeannette Thurber to leave his native Bohemia and become director of her National Conservatory of Music

JiYi Menzel and the History of the Closely Watched Trains

Karel Leden works in the State publishing house in Prague, where you publish what the Party likes, or risk life and liberty. Then the beautiful, mysterious Lenka Silver arrives. Passions rise--and suddenly there is a murder. There are plenty of suspects, but all that is certain is that the affair is in some way connected to Miss Silver's past...

Dvorak in Love

A Czech writer in 1968 investigates the validity of a miracle that happened 20 years ago involving a statue of St. Joseph.

Miss Silver's Past

The acclaimed author of the Governor General's Award-winning *The Engineer of Human Souls* returns with his first new novel in nearly a decade. Fifty years after the publication of *The Cowards*, Josef Skvorecky's seminal first novel, he returns to the fertile territory of his earlier fictions, his native Czech Republic, and to his old narrator and alter ego, Danny Smiricky. *Ordinary Live*, masterfully translated by Skvorecky's long-time collaborator Paul Wilson, takes as its subject two class reunions--the first in 1963, twenty years after the class graduated, and the second, thirty years on, in 1993. The pulse of the novel, however, is the "torrent of ungovernable thoughts" that plague Danny. Over the course of these two reunions, as loyalties are tested and secrets are revealed, the reader is taken on a journey back through Skvorecky's well-loved oeuvre. As the puzzle pieces of Danny's history, and the history of his classmates, fall into place, so too does a subtle history of the major ideologies of the 20th century--from Nazism to Communism to capitalism. As in his very best work, Josef Skvorecky explores the defining moments of the modern era through the ordinary lives of his beloved characters. Beautifully written, slim but decidedly powerful, *Ordinary Lives* is a brilliant novel, and an apt culmination of a literary master's extraordinary career.

The Miracle Game

From the New York Times bestselling author of *My Paris Kitchen* and *L'Appart*, a deliciously funny, offbeat, and irreverent look at the city of lights, cheese, chocolate, and other confections. Like so many others, David Lebovitz dreamed about living in Paris ever since he first visited the city and after a nearly two-decade career as a pastry chef and cookbook author, he finally moved to Paris to start a new life. Having crammed all his worldly belongings into three suitcases, he arrived, hopes high, at his new apartment in the lively Bastille neighborhood. But he soon discovered it's a different world en France. From learning the ironclad rules of social conduct to the mysteries of men's footwear, from shopkeepers who work so hard not to sell you anything to the etiquette of working the right way around the cheese plate, here is David's story of how he came to fall in love with—and even understand—this glorious, yet sometimes maddening, city. When did he realize he had morphed into un vrai parisien? It might have been when he found himself considering a purchase of men's dress socks with cartoon characters on them. Or perhaps the time he went to a bank with 135 euros in hand to make a 134-euro payment, was told the bank had no change that day, and thought it was completely normal. Or when he found himself dressing up to take out the garbage because he had come to accept that in Paris appearances and image mean everything. Once you stop laughing, the more than fifty original recipes, for dishes both savory and sweet, such as Pork Loin with Brown Sugar–Bourbon Glaze, Braised Turkey in Beaujolais Nouveau with Prunes, Bacon and Bleu Cheese Cake, Chocolate-Coconut Marshmallows, Chocolate Spice Bread, Lemon-Glazed Madeleines, and Mocha–Crème Fraîche Cake, will have you running to the kitchen for your own taste of Parisian living.

Ordinary Lives

'One of the great novels of the 20th century' *Observer* In April 1942, Hitler and Mussolini plan the huge offensive on the Eastern Front that will culminate in the greatest battle in human history. Hundreds of miles away, Pyotr Vavilov receives his call-up papers and spends a final night with his wife and children in the hut that is his home. As war approaches, the Shaposhnikov family gathers for a meal: despite her age, Alexandra will soon become a refugee; Tolya will enlist in the reserves; Vera, a nurse, will fall in love with a wounded pilot; and Viktor Shtrum will receive a letter from his doomed mother which will haunt him forever. The war will consume the lives of a huge cast of characters - lives which express Grossman's grand themes of the nation and the individual, nature's beauty and war's cruelty, love and separation. For months, Soviet forces are driven back inexorably by the German advance eastward and eventually Stalingrad is all that remains between the invaders and victory. The city stands on a cliff top by the Volga River. The battle for Stalingrad - a maelstrom of violence and firepower - will reduce it to ruins. But it will also be the cradle of a new sense of hope. *Stalingrad* is a magnificent novel not only of war but of all human life: its subjects are mothers and daughters, husbands and brothers, generals, nurses, political officers, steelworkers, tractor girls. It is tender, epic, and a testament to the power of the human spirit. 'You will not only discover that you love his characters and want to stay with them - that you need them in your life as much as you need your own family and loved ones - but that at

the end... you will want to read it again' Daily Telegraph THE PREQUEL TO LIFE AND FATE NOW AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH FOR THE FIRST TIME, STALINGRAD IS A SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER AND NOW A MAJOR RADIO 4 DRAMA WINNER OF MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION "LOIS ROTH AWARD" FOR TRANSLATIONS FROM ANY LANGUAGE

The Fiction of Josef Škvorecký

In 1971, on a Czech army base, recruits refuse to attend communist indoctrination classes. Leading the revolt is Danny Smiricky, a tank commander with a PhD in philosophy. A tale full of black humor by the author of *The Engineer of Human Souls*.

The Swell Season

In Josef Škvorecký's first novel written in English, the narrator lives in two radically dissimilar worlds: the exile world of the post-Communist Czech Republic where old feuds, treacherous betrayals, and friendships persevere; and the comfortable, albeit bland world of middle-class Canada. Murder intrudes upon both world. One features a young female sleuth, a college beauty queen, jealousy in the world of academia, and a neat conclusion. The other is a tragedy caused by evil social forces and philosophies, in which a web of lies insidiously entangles Sidonia, the narrator's wife. A brilliantly stylish tour de force in which the bright, sarcastic comedy of one tale sharply contrasts with the dark, elegiac bitterness of the other, *Two Murders in My Double Life* confirms Škvorecký's reputation as a versatile and engaging writer.

Miss Silver's Past

Devoted to discussions of contemporary fictions, and authors, including sections from, works-in-progress and interviews, as well as a, lengthy book review section.

The Sweet Life in Paris

A clergyman named Ronald A. Knox once set forth a set of rules for writing detective fiction. In ten new stories (two featuring Lieutenant Boruvka), a crime occurs that violates one of Father Knox's rules, thus serving up a double challenge: Who dunnit? and Which rule was broken?

Stalingrad

Readers of *The Mournful Demeanour of Lieutenant Boruvka* will welcome the second book in the Boruvka series. The heroine in this volume is a nightclub singer called Eva Adam, a garrulous meddler in other people's affairs.

The Republic of Whores

A translated memoir written by one of the most prominent Czech writers of the post-World War II generation continuing the country's modern tradition of literary mastery over an absurd and frightening political culture. Skvorecky speaks eloquently and with humor of his own experiences and those of other "dissidents" fleeing both Nazi and Soviet rule, surviving the secret police, and managing to maintain a culture of truth within one of fear and mistrust. Like many Czech writers, Skvorecky's story is the history of a country. Lacks an index. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

The Elephant

A collection of commissioned essays from around the world devoted to Czech-Canadian author Skvorecky (b.1924). They provide an overview of his work, place him in a larger cultural and international context, and offer readings of his fiction. Milan Kundera, George Woodcock, and Stanislaw Baranczak are among the contributors. Paper edition (6947-9), \$18.95. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Two Murders in My Double Life

In 1892, at the height of his prodigious powers, Anton Dvorak was persuaded to leave his native Bohemia to come to New York to be director of the National Conservatory for Music. This splendid novel tells the story of Dvorak's utterly requited love affair with America.

A chronological collection of stories follows the author's life and documents his witness to many of the twentieth century's milestones, during which the main character sees a Jewish teacher taken away, flees Czechoslovakia, and takes a professorship in Canada.

Sins for Father Knox

Een Tsjechische hoogleraar in Canada ervaart, terugkijkend op de onderdrukking in zijn land, de genoegens van een vrij en ongedwongen leven.

Sins for Father Knox

The celebrated author of *THE BASS SAXOPHONE*, *THE REPUBLIC OF WHORES*, and *THE BRIDE OF TEXAS* has won international acclaim for the acerbic, funny, and haunting novels of his native Czechoslovakia, the wry world of political repression that shaped him as a writer. Once again, Skvorecky sharpens his mordant wit on familiar themes in this collection of interconnecting tales.

The Return of Lieutenant Boruvka

Román Zbab lci (1958), jímž Josef Škvorecký uvedl do české literatury autobiografickou postavu Dan-nyho Smiřického, vyvolal mimořádně kontroverzní kulturní politický rozruch. Přestože byl publikován s desetiletým odstupem od svého zrodu, oficiální kritika jej hodnotila výhradně v aktuálním ideologickém kontextu. Ostatek odsoudila literární ztvárnění dějinných událostí (poslední dny nacistické okupace v prostředí východočeského malomsta), které neodpovídalo jedinému tehdy přijatelnému, stranickému výkladu historie. Vytýkala názorovou omezenost a společenskou neangažovanost autora a v jeho emfatické reflexi jazzu spatřovala skrytou propagaci amerického životního stylu. Škvoreckého román neplnil žádanou agitační funkci, neusiloval o ideovou a morální výchovu čtenáře, v něm však dobových estetických norem se jevil jako „špinavý“ a „oplzlý“. Proto musel být z pověření ÚV KS pro následující otisky přepracován. Kritické vydání Zbab lco, které pro českou knižnici v roce 1998 připravil Michael Špirit, se vrátilo k povodnímu znění a Škvorecký je poté označil za základní pro veškerá budoucí vydání. Michael Špirit pro přítomnou reedici text Zbab lco znovu přešel a také aktualizoval a významně rozšířil svoj komentář, v němž podrobně dokumentuje vznik a dobový ohlas románu i jeho textové proměny.

Headed for the Blues

The Achievement of Josef Škvorecký

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