

Clockwork Chloe Scent Of Lemon Leaves

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Clockwork Chloe embodies a fascinating blend of intricate mechanics and an unexpectedly fresh allure, characterized by the distinct, invigorating scent of lemon leaves. This unique aroma adds a layer of natural vibrancy to her mysterious, steampunk-inspired presence.

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Scent of Lemon Leaves

Having left her job and boyfriend, thirty-year-old Sandra decides to stay in a village on the Costa Blanca in order to take stock of her life and find a new direction. She befriends Karin and Fredrik, an elderly Norwegian couple, who provide her with stimulating company and take the place of the grandparents she never had. However, when she meets Julian, a former concentration-camp inmate who has just returned to Europe from Argentina, she discovers that all is not what it seems and finds herself involved in a perilous quest for the truth. As well as being a powerful account of self-discovery and an exploration of history and redemption, *The Scent of Lemon Leaves* is a sophisticated and nail-biting page-turner by one of Spain's most accomplished authors.

Invisible Cities

Fifty-five fictional cities, each described in beautiful detail - each with a woman's name... In *Invisible Cities* Marco Polo conjures up cities of magical times for his host, the Chinese ruler Kublai Khan, but gradually it becomes clear that he is actually describing one city: Venice. As Gore Vidal wrote 'Of all tasks, describing the contents of a book is the most difficult and in the case of a marvellous invention like *Invisible Cities*, perfectly irrelevant.' This is a captivating meditation on culture, language, time, memory and the nature of human experience. 'Invisible Cities changed the way we read and what is possible in the balance between poetry and prose... The book I would choose as pillow and plate, alone on a desert island' Jeanette Winterson 'Touches inexhaustibly on the essence of the human urge to create cities, be in cities, speak of cities' Guardian 'A subtle and beautiful meditation' Sunday Times

The Sea

BOOKER PRIZE WINNER • NATIONAL BESTSELLER • An "extraordinary meditation on mortality, grief, death, childhood and memory" (USA Today) about a middle-aged Irishman who has gone back to the seaside to grieve the loss of his wife. In this luminous novel, John Banville introduces us to Max Morden, a middle-aged Irishman who has gone back to the seaside town where he spent his summer holidays as a child to cope with the recent loss of his wife. It is also a return to the place where he met the Graces, the well-heeled family with whom he experienced the strange suddenness of both love and

death for the first time. What Max comes to understand about the past, and about its indelible effects on him, is at the center of this elegiac, gorgeously written novel—among the finest we have had from this masterful writer.

Immoral Memories

"Sergei Eisenstein (1898-1948), creator of such masterpieces as *Battleship Potemkin*, *Alexander Nevsky* and *Ivan the Terrible*, was perhaps the greatest of all film directors. He wrote his autobiography in 1946, two years before his death, and it is a work of major importance in the light it sheds on his personality and mercurial genius. Vivid, eccentric and free-ranging, *Immoral Memories* is written in a style reminiscent of the brilliant visual effects of montage and dynamic progression that characterize its author's film-making technique. He recounts his life in Russia from the time of the Revolution, during which he served in the Bolshevik army as a volunteer, his travels in the West and his encounters with a remarkable medley of individuals during his long career. He gives us unique insights, too, into his triumphs and tribulations. His disappointments and despair were exemplified by the banning of the film *Ivan the Terrible, Part II*, which was not released until fifteen years after his death. And he never expected his autobiography to be published in Russia. Yet in answer to his query "Has there been life" he replied that there had been "life lived acutely, joyously, tormentedly, at times even sparkling, unquestionably colourful, and such a life that, I suppose, I would not exchange for another" --Publisher's description.

Under the Big Black Sun

Under the Big Black Sun explores the nascent Los Angeles punk rock movement and its evolution to hardcore punk as it's never been told before. John Doe of the legendary band X and co-author Tom DeSavia have woven together an enthralling story of the legendary West Coast scene from 1977-1982 by enlisting the voices of people who were there. The book shares chapter-length tales from the authors along with personal essays from famous (and infamous) players in the scene. Through interstitial commentary, John Doe "narrates" this journey through the land of film noir sunshine, Hollywood back alleys, and suburban sprawl. Illustrated with 50 rare photos, this is the story of the art that was born under the big black sun.

Sybil's Garage

Where can you find a television that sees five minutes into the future? Where can you find dragons trapped in a jar and an illness which turns people into glass? Where might you find families who sell their brainpower to corporations for penny wages, or dead relatives that sit down for family meals? Why, in the pages of *Sybil's Garage No. 7*, of course. In this seventh issue of the highly acclaimed series, you will find twenty-seven original works of fiction and poetry from today's top talent, with suggested musical accompaniment, our trademark design aesthetic, and much more. But be sure to leave a trail of breadcrumbs on your way into *Sybil's Garage*, or you may not find your way out. Published by Senses Five Press, the World Fantasy Award-winning publisher of *Paper Cities*, *An Anthology of Urban Fantasy*. Contributors include Kathryn E. Baker, Cheryl Barkauskas, Kelly Barnhill, Tom Crosshill, Hal Duncan, Lindsey Duncan, Amal El-Mohtar, Lyn C. A. Gardner, Juliet Gillies, M.K. Hobson, Swapna Kishore, Avi Kotzer, Terence Kuch, Megan Kurashige, Sam Ferree, Richard Larson, Alex Dally MacFarlane, Anil Menon, E.C. Myers, Adrienne J. Odasso, Eric Schaller, Alexandra Seidel, Amelia Shackelford, Amy Sisson, Sonya Taaffe, Marcie Lynn Tentchoff, Jacqueline West, & A.C. Wise

The Watcher and Other Stories

This collection of three long stories by the author of *Cosmicomics* "demonstrates clearly his talent for transforming the mundane into the marvelous" (*The New York Times*). Italo Calvino is widely recognized as one of postwar Italy's greatest fiction writers and one of the twentieth century's greatest fabulists. This collection of three stories showcases his range and virtuosity. In the title story, an Italian Communist poll watcher is stationed at a hospital in Turin, where nuns guide the hands of invalids to their preferred candidate in a special election. In "Smog," a city's cooperative laundry facility reveals a harbinger of social purification. And in "The Argentine Ant," the citizens of a provincial seaside town struggle against a government-controlled infestation. "Like Jorge Luis Borges and Gabriel García Márquez, Italo Calvino dreams perfect dreams for us." —John Updike, *New Yorker*

The Baron in the Trees

'I can think of no finer writer to have beside me while Italy explodes, Britain burns, while the world ends' Salman Rushdie From the age of twelve, the Baron Cosimo Piovasco di Rondo makes his home among ash, elm, magnolia, plum and almond, living up in the trees. He walks through paths made from the twisted branches of olive, makes his bed in a holly oak, bathes in a fountain constructed from poplar bark. An aerial library holds the books with which he educates himself in philosophy and mathematics. Suspended among the leaves, the Baron adventures with bandits and pirates, conducts a passionate love affair, and watches the Age of Enlightenment pass by beneath him. 'The most magically ingenious of the contemporary Italian novelists' The Times

The Vampire Voss

Regency London--a dizzying whirl of balls and young ladies pursued by charming men. But the Woodmore sisters are hunted by a more sinister breed: Lucifer's own. First in the vampire trilogy The Regency Dracula.

Cosmicomics

An empty suit of armor is the hero of this witty novella set in the Early Middle Ages by the acclaimed author of *If on a Winter's Night a Traveler*. As a paladin in the court of Charlemagne, Agilulf is the very embodiment of valor and dedication to duty—but he is also a gleaming white suit of armor with nothing inside it. While he has stolen the heart of the female knight Bradamante, she in turn is loved by the young adventurer Rambaldo. When a challenge to Agilulf's honor sends him on an expedition through France, England, and North Africa, Brandamante and Ramaldo follow close behind. Narrated by a nun with her own secrets to keep, this beloved novella explores the absurdities of medieval knighthood in a series of plot twists that are “executed with brilliance and brio” (Chicago Tribune).

The Nonexistent Knight

A charming portrait of one man's dreams and schemes, by “the greatest Italian writer of the twentieth century” (The Guardian). In this enchanting book of linked stories, Italo Calvino charts the disastrous schemes of an Italian peasant, an unskilled worker in a drab northern industrial city in the 1950s and '60s, struggling to reconcile his old country habits with his current urban life. Marcovaldo has a practiced eye for spotting natural beauty and an unquenchable longing for the unspoiled rural world of his imagination. Much to the continuing puzzlement of his wife, his children, his boss, and his neighbors, he chases his dreams and gives rein to his fantasies, whether it's sleeping in the great outdoors on a park bench, following a stray cat, or trying to catch wasps. Unfortunately, the results are never quite what he anticipates. Spanning from the 1950s to the 1960s, the twenty stories in Marcovaldo are alternately comic and melancholy, farce and fantasy. Throughout, Calvino's unassuming masterpiece “conveys the sensuous, tangible qualities of life” (The New York Times).

Marcovaldo

One of the New York Times's Ten Best Books of the Year: These traditional stories of Italy, retold by a literary master, are “a treasure” (Los Angeles Times). Filled with kings and peasants, saints and ogres—as well as some quite extraordinary plants and animals—these two hundred tales bring to life Italy's folklore, sometimes with earthy humor, sometimes with noble mystery, and sometimes with the playfulness of sheer nonsense. Selected and retold by one of the country's greatest literary icons, “this collection stands with the finest folktale collections anywhere” (The New York Times Book Review). “For readers of any age . . . A masterwork.” —The Wall Street Journal “A magic book, and a classic to boot.” —Time

Italian Folktales

The second enchanting novel in the Lucky Harbor series from New York Times bestselling author Jill Shalvis, laced with her trademark gift for humour, warmth and romance. Fans of Susan Andersen, Bella Andre, Rachel Gibson, Carly Phillips, and Susan Mallery will fall head over heels for the Lucky Harbor series. Tara has a thousand good reasons not to return to the little coastal town of Lucky Harbor, Washington. Yet with her life doing a major crash-and-burn, anywhere away from her unfulfilled dreams and sexy ex-husband will do. As Tara helps her two sisters get their newly renovated inn up and running, she finally has a chance to get things under control and come up with a new plan for her life. But a certain tanned, green-eyed sailor has his own ideas, such as keeping Tara hot, bothered...and in his

bed. And when her ex wants Tara back, there is a crowd she can't control - especially when her deepest secret reappears out of the blue. Now Tara must confront her past and discover what she really wants. If she's lucky, she might just find that everything her heart desires is right here in Lucky Harbor. Want more sexy, fun romance? Return to Sunshine, Idaho for more of the captivating Animal Magnetism series, visit spellbinding Lucky Harbor or take a trip to Cedar Ridge's unforgettable Colorado Mountains in Jill's other bestselling series.

The Sweetest Thing

'Avery Gordon's stunningly original and provocatively imaginative book explores the connections linking horror, history, and haunting. She shows how fiction writing can sometimes function as a social force, as a repository of memories that are too brutal, too debilitating, and too horrifying to register through direct historical or social science narratives...'--George Lipsitz, University of California, San Diego

Ghostly Matters

40th anniversary edition with a new introduction by Mike Leigh. Forty years on from its first performance at the Hampstead Theatre and original screening on BBC1 soon after, Mike Leigh's *Abigail's Party* - telling of two marriages spectacularly unravelling at an awkward neighbourhood drinks party - remains a pinnacle of British theatre. Here is the original script, complete with a new introduction by Mike Leigh describing the play's unlikely genesis, how it came to be made and where he believes it fits within his oeuvre as one of the country's leading writers and directors. 'The play came from my intuitive sense of the spirit and the flavour of the times, and from a growing personal fear of, and frustration with the suburban existence' Mike Leigh, from his new introduction 'Leigh's play isn't simply about marriage and Essex, but also about the unhappy state of the realm' Guardian

Abigail's Party

Mr Palomar is a delightful eccentric whose chief activity is looking at things. He is seeking knowledge; 'it is only after you have come to know the surface of things that you can venture to seek what is underneath'. Whether contemplating a fine cheese, a hungry gecko, a woman sunbathing topless or a flight of migrant starlings, Mr Palomar's observations render the world afresh. 'Beautifully nimble, solitary feats of imagination' Seamus Heaney 'Beguiling' Time

Greek, Etruscan, and Roman Vases in the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight

A couple on an epicurean journey across Mexico are excited by the idea of a particular ingredient, suggested by ancient rituals of human sacrifice. Precariously balanced on his throne, a king is able only to listen to the sounds around him - sure that any deviation from their normal progression would mean the uprising of the conspirators that surround him. And three different men search desperately for the beguiling scents of lost women, from a Count visiting Madame Odile's perfumery, to a London drummer stepping over spent, naked bodies.

Mr Palomar

A journey through time.

Under the Jaguar Sun

The Shadow Guard. They are the darkest of Black Ops. A force operating outside the sphere of the CIA or FBI. Taking their mandate not from the U.S. government, but from magic. And sex. SAHIR. Astrid Carlson is one of them, a mage on a mission. With her wispy blond hair and those long, long legs, she can make a man forget himself. Until it's way too late. KUBRI. Jake Hammond is the only thing she needs, the human conductor who can focus all her strength, bringing her to a peak of power, or shattering her completely. Yeah, she's got a hundred or so years on him, but who's counting when there's an unstoppable assassin to take down--and unstoppable chemistry to take on. . .

The Outlaw Trail

A group of travellers chance to meet, first in a castle, then a tavern. Their powers of speech are magically taken from them and instead they have only tarot cards with which to tell their stories. What

follows is an exquisite interlinking of narratives, and a fantastic, surreal and chaotic history of all human consciousness.

The Shadow Guard

This book contains Mahatma Gandhi's 1943 work, "Conquest Of Self". This inspiring text would make for a worthy addition to any personal library, and will be of special interest to fans and collectors of Mahatma Gandhi's seminal work. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869 - 1948) was the most significant leader in the Indian independence movement in British-ruled India. He championed non-violent civil disobedience, civil rights, and personal freedom for all people. Many vintage texts such as this are increasingly scarce and expensive, and it is with this in mind that we are republishing this volume now, in an affordable, high-quality, modern edition. It comes complete with a specially commissioned biography of the author.

The Castle Of Crossed Destinies

It's an American holiday ritual: At Christmas time, families across the country gather to watch the beloved 1946 Hollywood classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Directed by Frank Capra, and starring Donna Reed and Jimmy Stewart, the story of a small-town banker who faces financial ruin and emotional despair until he is saved by an angel sent from heaven to show him how much he is loved by his family and fellow citizens of the fictional Bedford Falls, N.Y., is a milestone of American cinema. This LIFE special issue celebrates the 75th anniversary of the iconic movie (which earned three Oscar nominations, including for Best Picture) with an in-depth look at Capra's one-of-a-kind filmmaking and storytelling techniques, the making of the movie just after World War II and its lasting legacy, and why, 75 years later, it's still a heartwarming delight to watch.

Conquest of Self

A masterwork by the incomparable, genre-defying, wondrous Italo Calvino. You go into a bookshop and buy *If on a Winter's Night a Traveller* by Italo Calvino. You like it. But there is a printer's error in your copy. You take it back to the shop and get a replacement. But the replacement seems to be a totally different story. You try to track down the original book you were reading but end up with a different narrative again. This remarkable novel leads you through many different books including a detective adventure, a romance, a satire, an erotic story, a diary and a quest. But the real hero of them all is you, the reader. 'Breathtakingly inventive' David Mitchell 'A writer of dizzying ambition and variety, each of his stories is a fresh adventure into the possibilities of fiction' Guardian

LIFE It's a Wonderful Life

From the Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *When I'm Gone* comes a compelling novel of a bond between sisters, tested by tragedy... Ellie Brown thought she'd finally escaped her stifling hometown of Broadlands, Illinois; med school was supposed to be her ticket out. But when her father has a stroke, she must return home to share his care with her older sister, Amelia, who's busy with her own family. Working as a paramedic, Ellie's days are monotonous, driving an ambulance through streets she'd hoped never to see again. Until a 911 dispatch changes everything. The address: her sister's house. Rushing to the scene, Ellie discovers that Amelia and her husband, Steve, have been shot in a home invasion. After Amelia is rushed to the hospital, Ellie tries to make sense of the tragedy. But what really happened inside her sister's house becomes less and less clear. As Amelia hangs on in critical condition, Ellie uncovers dark revelations about her family's past that challenge her beliefs about those closest to her...and force her to question where her devotions truly lie.

The age of reason

Pin is a bawdy, adolescent cobbler's assistant, both arrogant and insecure who - while the Second World War rages - sings songs and tells jokes to endear himself to the grown-ups of his town - particularly jokes about his sister, who they all know as the town's 'mattress'. Among those his sister sleeps with is a German sailor, and Pin dares to steal his pistol, hiding it among the spiders' nests in an act of rebellion that entangles him in the adults' war.

If on a Winter's Night a Traveller

When an afternoon of game-playing turns sour as Penny and Daisy lose and begin to sulk, Minnie sets things right again.

Working Fire

A spectacular display of this key European writer's early work This dazzling collection of stories follows the individual adventures of a varied cast of characters and masterfully illustrates Calvino's unique perspective and narrative gifts. As well as the thirteen tales from his *Difficult Loves* collection this volume also includes 'Smog', 'A Plunge into Real Estate' and 'The Argentine Ant'. 'The quirkiness and grace of the writing, the originality of the imagination at work, the occasional incandescence of vision, and a certain loveable nuttiness make this collection well worth reading' Margaret Atwood 'If this is not a masterpiece of twentieth-century prose writing, I cannot think of anything better' Gore Vidal on 'The Argentine Ant'

The Path to the Spiders' Nests

Perfect for fans of Julia Quinn and Kelly Bowen, get swept away by a rogue's passion and a lady's scandal in this Regency romance from the New York Times bestselling author Eileen Dreyer. **HE HIDES HIS TRUE COLORS . . .** Miss Grace Fairchild is under no illusions about her charms. Painfully plain, she is a soldier's daughter who has spent her life being useful, not learning the treacherous ways of the ton. She may have been caught in a scandal with society's favorite rogue, but how can she marry him when it means losing herself? **WHILE SHE HIDES HER TRUE SELF . . .** Diccan Hilliard doesn't know which of his enemies drugged him and dumped him in Grace's bed, but he does know the outcome. He and Grace must marry. To his surprise, a wild, heady passion flares between them. Yet Diccan is trapped in a deadly game of intrigue Grace knows nothing about. Will his lies destroy Grace just as he realizes how desperately he needs her? And how can he hope for a future with her, when an old enemy has set his murderous sights on them both?

Blue-Ribbon Friends

Referentiality and the Films of Woody Allen is a scholarly collection that provides expansive exploration of the auteur's use of intertextuality, referentiality, and fusion of media forms. Its scope is framed by Allen's intermedial phase beginning in 1983 with *Zelig* and his most recent film.

Difficult Loves and Other Stories

The city has always been a place of mystery, of magic, and wonder. In cities past, present, and future, in metropoli real and imagined, meet mutilated warrior women, dead boys, mechanical dogs, escape artists and more. From the dizzying heights of rooftops and spires to the sinister secrets of underpasses and gutters, some of the most talented authors writing today will take you on a trip through the urban fantastic. Edited by Ekaterina Sedia, author of *The Secret History of Moscow* and the forthcoming *Alchemy of Stone*.

Never a Gentleman

'This brilliant collection of essays should be a feast for his admirers, as well as for those who approach his dazzling oeuvre for the first time-Calvino is not only constantly and supremely intelligent; he is constantly and supremely faithful to his narrative imagination' *Guardian*

Referentiality and the Films of Woody Allen

A collection of stories about time, space, and the evolution of the universe in which the author blends mathematics with poetic imagination. "Calvino does what very few writers can do: he describes imaginary worlds with the most extraordinary precision and beauty" (Gore Vidal, *New York Review of Books*). Translated by William Weaver. A Helen and Kurt Wolff Book

Paper Cities

Publisher Description

The Literature Machine

Italo Calvino was due to deliver the Charles Eliot Norton lectures at Harvard in 1985-86, but they were left unfinished at his death. The surviving drafts explore of the concepts of Lightness, Quickness, Multiplicity, Exactitude and Visibility (Constancy was to be the sixth) in serious yet playful essays that reveal Calvino's debt to the comic strip and the folktale. With his customary imagination and grace, he sought to define the virtues of the great literature of the past in order to shape the values of the future. This collection is a brilliant précis of the work of a great writer whose legacy will endure through the millennium he addressed. Italo Calvino, one of Italy's finest postwar writers, has delighted readers around the world with his deceptively simple, fable-like stories. Calvino was born in Cuba in 1923 and raised in San Remo, Italy; he fought for the Italian Resistance from 1943-45. His major works include *Cosmicomics* (1968), *Invisible Cities* (1972), and *If on a winter's night a traveler* (1979). He died in Siena in 1985, of a brain hemorrhage.

T Zero

A twenty-five year anniversary collection of cartoons of the famous cat Garfield.

The Films of Woody Allen

Children will love finding out what it's like to be a big cat with this book, featuring stunning photographs, playful and informative text, jokes, cartoons and masses of things to make and do.

Six Memos for the Next Millennium

Garfield at 25