

## The Appointment Herta Muller

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A Novel Vintage

Arzee the dwarf had a dream, and now that dream has come true. Arzee has just been crowned as head projectionist at the Noor, the Bombay cinema where he has been working since his teens. The Noor's vast, encircling darkness, the projection room's invisible perch above the vault of the cinema on one side and the bustle of south Bombay on the other, the grand illusion-making of the great beam: these riches are what give Arzee the power and the heft that his own body does not possess. Arzee is sure that the worst of his troubles are behind him, and that he can now marry and settle down -- even if his wife is someone his fond mother has had to scout for him. But not for the first time, Arzee has it all wrong! The Noor is about to be closed down, taking away to its grave all his hopes of this world and his walls against it. A new darkness threatens, more sinister than the comforting womb-night of the Noor. Arzee knows he will be crushed by that new cycle of rage and impotence, all these added to the perpetual indignity of walking face-to-face with "the crotches and asses of this world". Arzee the Dwarf follows Arzee over two weeks, setting off Arzee's frenzied plotting and pleading against the beating and pulsing of the great city around him. The narration vividly brings to life not just the protagonist, but also a host of characters to whom Arzee turns in his hour of need: the departing head projectionist Phiroz, the sneering faux-gangster Deepak, the poetical taxi-driver Dashrath Tiwari, the enigmatic hairdresser Monique, and the garrulous and homely Shireen. Can Arzee fight off all the forces that menace his world, or will the vast city that he loves succeed in crushing him? Chandrahas Choudhury's bittersweet comedy, selected by World Literature Today as one of 60 essential works of modern Indian literature in English, is a novel about the strange beauty of human dreaming.

*The Other City* HarperCollins UK

When Rebekkah returns to her small-town home for her beloved Grandmother's funeral, she little suspects that she is about to inherit a darkly dangerous family duty on behalf of Claysville's most demanding residents - the dead.

*Parisian Chic* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

'I've been summoned. Thursday morning, ten sharp'. Thus begins the day in the life of a young factory work in Romania. Her crime? Sewing notes into the linings of men's suits bound for Italy. 'Marry me' the notes say, with her name and address. As she rides the tram to her interrogation, she considers her life."

*Collected Plays* Vintage

Mother wanted—by billionaire prince! A potential prince comes from abroad... with revenge on the Royal House in mind... Adam Ryder is impossibly wealthy in his own right, and he's always known he's the illegitimate son of a Nirolian prince. Elena Valerio's blindness has never held her back. She feels instantly drawn to Adam—and his vulnerable little son, who's in need of a mother. But Elena loves Niroli with all her heart. If Adam is to take his place on the throne by marrying Elena, he must put aside his royal revenge....

**In Other Rooms, Other Wonders** Harlequin

An introduction and practical guide to landforms--the naturally produced surface features of the earth's crust.

A *Novel* Springer Nature

An early masterpiece from the winner of the Nobel Prize hailed as the laureate of life under totalitarianism Romania-the last months of the Ceausescu regime. Adina is a young schoolteacher. Paul is a musician. Clara works in a wire factory. Pavel is Clara's lover. But one of them works for the secret police and is reporting on all of the group. One day Adina returns home to discover that her fox fur rug has had its tail cut off. On another occasion it's the hindleg. Then a foreleg. The mutilated fur is a sign that she is being tracked by the secret police-the fox was ever the hunter. Images of photographic precision combine into a kaleidoscope of terror as Adina and her friends struggle to keep mind and body intact in a world pervaded by complicity and permeated with fear, where it's hard to tell victim from perpetrator. In *The Fox Was Always a Hunter*, Herta Müller once again uses language that displays the "concentration of poetry and the frankness of prose"-as the Swedish Academy noted upon awarding her the Nobel Prize-to create a hauntingly cinematic portrayal of the corruption of the soul under totalitarianism.

*Arzee the Dwarf* The Appointment

Two languages—German and Romanian—inform the novels, essays, and collage poetry of Nobel laureate Herta Müller. Describing her writing as “autofictional,” Müller depicts the effects of violence, cruelty, and terror on her characters based on her own experiences in Communist Romania under the repressive Nicolae Ceaușescu regime. Herta Müller: Politics and Aesthetics explores Müller’s writings from different literary, cultural, and historical perspectives. Part 1 features Müller’s Nobel lecture, five new collage poems, and an interview with Ernest Wichner, a German-Romanian author who has traveled with her and sheds light on her writing. Parts 2 and 3, featuring essays by scholars from across Europe and the United States, address the political and poetical aspects of Müller’s texts. Contributors discuss life under the Romanian Communist dictatorship while also stressing key elements of Müller’s poetics, which promises both self-conscious formal experimentation and political intervention. One of the first books in English to thoroughly examine Müller’s writing, this volume addresses audiences with an interest in dissident, exile, migration, experimental, and transnational literature.

A Novel Purdue University Press

Offers a unified theory of Western culture, identifying major patterns that have endured over the centuries

**A Literary Anthropology of Migration and Belonging** Dramatists Play Service Inc

First, do no harm. But as New Orleans PI Micky Knight discovers, not every health care provider follows that dictum. She stumbles into a tangle of the true believers to the criminally callous, who use the suffering of others for their twisted ends. In a city slowly rebuilding after Katrina, one of the most devastated areas is health care, and the gaps in service are wide enough for the snake oil salesmen—and the snakes themselves—to crawl through. The seventh book in the Micky Knight mystery series.

*Traveling on One Leg* Head of Zeus Ltd

From the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature 2009 'Just as the father in the house in which we live is our father, so Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu is the father of our country. And just as the mother in the house in which we live is our mother, so Comrade Elena Ceausescu is the mother of our country. Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu is the father of our children. All the children love comrade Nicolae and comrade Elena, because they are their parents.' The Passport is a beautiful, haunting novel whose subject is a German village in Romania caught between the stifling hopelessness of Ceausescu's dictatorship and the glittering temptations of the West. Stories from the past are woven together with the problems Windisch, the village miller, faces after he applies for permission to migrate to West Germany. Herta Mller describes with poetic attention the dreams and superstitions, conflicts and oppression of a forgotten region, the Banat, in the Danube Plain. In sparse, lyrical language, Herta Mller captures the forlorn plight of a trapped people. This edition is translated by Martin Chalmers, with a new foreword by Paul Bailey. Also by Herta Mller: Nadirs, The Land of Green Plums, The Appointment, and The Hunger Angel.

*Sexual Personae* Granta Books

A brand-new book of fashion secrets by New York Times best-selling author, model, and Parisienne extraordinaire, Ines de la Fressange. Ines de la Fressange's personal style is chic yet relaxed in every situation. While a navy-and-white-striped nautical top with slim, cropped jeans and flats is a classic French look, it's harder to pinpoint how Parisians unfailingly blend elegance and allure with such ease. In this sequel to her best seller Parisian Chic, the world's favorite style icon demonstrates how to achieve her quintessentially Parisian look throughout the year. Her style secrets start with the building blocks of wardrobe staples--an LBD that can be dressed up or down, timeless riding boots you'll wear for a lifetime, or the perfect pair of jeans--which she combines with panache to suit every situation, adding seasonal items like costume bangles, a top in this season's on-trend color, or the right shade of lip color.

*Herta M\_ller* Bold Strokes Books Inc

LGBTQ writing from ancient times to yesterday selected by award-winning translator Frank Wynne. Drawing together writing from Catullus to Sappho, from Arthur Rimbaud to Anne Lister and Armistead Maupin, translator Frank Wynne has collected eighty of the finest works representing queer love by LGBTQ authors. These pieces straddle the spectrum of queer experience, from Verlaine's sonnet in praise of his lover's anus and Emily Dickinson's exhortation of a woman's beauty, to Alison Bechdel's graphic novel of her coming out, Juno Dawson's reflections on gender and Oscar Wilde's 'De Profundis'. With stories, poems, extracts and scenes from countries the world over, Queer is an unabashed and unapologetic anthology, which gives voice to those often silenced.

*Politics and Aesthetics* Umbrage Editions

This volume explores the different mechanisms and forms of expression used by women to come to terms with the past, focusing on the variety and complexity of women’s narratives of displacement within the context of Central and Eastern Europe. The first part addresses the quest for personal (post)memory from the perspective of the second and third generations. The touching collaboration established in reconstructing individual and family (post)memories offers invaluable insights into the effects of displacement, coping mechanisms, and resilience. Adopting the idea that the text itself becomes a site of (post)memory, the second part of the volume brings into discussion different sites and develops further this topic in relation to the creative process and visual text. The last part questions the past in relation to trauma and identity displacement in the countries where abusive regimes destroyed social bonds and had a lasting impact on the people lives.

*The Hunger Angel* Random House

Jonathan Franzen's *Freedom* was the runaway most-discussed novel of 2010, an ambitious and searching engagement with life in America in the twenty-first century. In *The New York Times Book Review*, Sam Tanenhaus proclaimed it "a masterpiece of American fiction" and lauded its illumination, "through the steady radiance of its author's profound moral intelligence, [of] the world we thought we knew." In *Farther Away*, which gathers together essays and speeches written mostly in the past five years, Franzen returns with renewed vigor to the themes, both human and literary, that have long preoccupied him. Whether recounting his violent encounter with bird poachers in Cyprus, examining his mixed feelings about the suicide of his friend and rival David Foster Wallace, or offering a moving and witty take on the ways that technology has changed how people express their love, these pieces deliver on Franzen's implicit promise to conceal nothing. On a trip to China to see first-hand the environmental devastation there, he doesn't omit mention of his excitement and awe at the pace of China's economic development; the trip becomes a journey out of his own prejudice and moral condemnation. Taken together, these essays trace the progress of unique and mature mind wrestling with itself, with

literature, and with some of the most important issues of our day. *Farther Away* is remarkable, provocative, and necessary.

**Farther Away** Random House India

An exploration of life in post-World War II Austria follows a sadistic, unrepentant ex-Nazi, his battered wife, and their disaffected son and daughter as the shadow of Europe's recent violent past haunts their lives.

**An Uplifting International Romance** Harlequin

This collection pushes migration and "the minor" to the fore of literary anthropology. What happens when authors who thematize their "minority" background articulate notions of belonging, self, and society in literature? The contributors use "interface ethnography" and "fieldwork on foot" to analyze a broad selection of literature and processes of dialogic engagement. The chapters discuss German-speaking Herta Müller's perpetual minority status in Romania; Bengali-Scottish Bashabi Fraser and the potentiality of poetry; vagrant pastoralism and "heritagization" in Puglia, Italy; the self-representation of European Muslims post 9/11 in Zeshan Shakar's acclaimed Norwegian novel; the autobiographical narratives of Loveleen Rihel Brenna and the artist collective Queendom in Norway; the "immigrant" as a permanent guest in Spanish-language children's literature; and Slovenian roots-searching in Argentina. This anthology examines the generative and transformative potentials of storytelling, while illustrating that literary anthropology is well equipped to examine the multiple contexts that literature engages. Chapter 4 of this book is available open access under a CC BY 4.0 license at [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com).

Metropolitan Books

This novel presents the thoughts of a dying man as he contemplates his life and the events leading to his death. Nikola Petkov, the head of the Agrarian Party and the last significant opposition leader to defy the Communist takeover of Bulgaria, was hung in 1947 after a show trial in Sofia. Thomas McGonigle records Petkov's last minutes, mixing history and fiction, biography and imagination, and in so doing crafts a compelling testament to both a man and a country.

[The Corpse Dream of N. Petkov](#) Profile Books

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Celebrity model Inès de la Fressange shares the well-kept secrets of how Parisian women maintain effortless glamour

and a timeless allure. Inès de la Fressange—France's icon of chic—shares her personal tips for living with style and charm, gleaned from decades in the fashion industry. She offers specific pointers on how to dress like a Parisian, including how to mix affordable basics with high-fashion touches, and how to accessorize. Her step-by-step do's and don'ts are accompanied by fashion photography, and the book is personalized with her charming drawings. Inès also shares how to bring Parisian chic into your home, and how to insert your signature style into any space—even the office. The ultrachic volume is wrapped with a three-quarter-height removable jacket and features offset aquarelle paper and a ribbon page marker. Complete with her favorite addresses for finding the ultimate fashion and decorating items, this is a must-have for any woman who wants to add a touch of Paris to her own style.

*/// Will U* of Nebraska Press

Draws on the iconic culinary figure's personal diaries and letters to present a one-hundredth birthday commemoration that offers insight into her role in shaping women's views and influencing American approaches to cooking.

**Censorship Histories of World Literature** Northwestern University Press

A poetic and empathetic vision of human perseverance, *East of Nowhere* captures, in stunning photographs, the reality of everyday life in central and Eastern Europe before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall. In 1987, Fabio Ponzio embarked on a photographic odyssey across Central and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. Starting in Istanbul, and making his way to Poland, Ponzio found little food in the shops and long lines to buy bread. With supplies dwindling in the shops and immense crowds to buy necessities, the countries along his route were on the verge of collapse. And in the autumn of 1989, as the various regimes of communist countries from Budapest to Bucharest began to crumble, everything changed. Equipped with a Leica, three Nikons and 100 rolls of film, Ponzio continued his travels across this immense territory, documenting lives marked by pain and sacrifice, now joined by a new energy, full of hope. For two decades, he returned to capture the traditions, faith, humility, courage, and strength of the people of the East. From a previously unpublished archive and an award-winning talent, *East of Nowhere* is an exquisite collection of photographs that illuminate the physical and ideological divisions between Western and Eastern Europe, while offering a sympathetic and hopeful vision of the human condition.