

round of hotel meals. Together, upper lips stiffened, they fight off their twin enemies: boredom and the Grim Reaper. And then one day Mrs Palfrey encounters the handsome young writer, Ludo, and learns that even the old can fall in love.

Learn about the newest Earth Angel realms in this revised and updated edition of Doreen Virtue's best-selling book *Realms of the Earth Angels*. In addition to chapters about Incarnated Angels, Starpeople, Wise Ones and such, readers will learn how to identify the newly discovered realms - Cherubs, Atlanteans, Aladdins, Gallactic Angels, and more - all of which are described in detail, including their patterns with respect to personality, relationships, physical characteristics and lifestyle. With *Earth Angel Realms*, you'll find out how to fully enjoy the unique qualities of your particular realm, as well as receive tailor-made guidance focusing on your specific life purpose.

A faded coastal resort comes to life when Tory, recently divorced, begins a passionate affair with her neighbour Robert, the local doctor. Meanwhile Beth, Robert's wife and Tory's best friend, continues to churn out successful melodramatic novels, oblivious to the relationship developing next door. But daughter Prudence is aware, and is appalled by Robert and Tory's treachery. The resolution of painful matters is conveyed with wit and compassion in this enchanting and devastatingly well-observed novel.

Los Angeles magazine is a regional magazine of national stature. Our combination of award-winning feature writing, investigative reporting, service journalism, and design covers the people, lifestyle, culture, entertainment, fashion, art and architecture, and news that define Southern California. Started in the spring of 1961, Los Angeles magazine has been addressing the needs and interests of our region for 48 years. The magazine continues to be the definitive resource for an affluent population that is intensely interested in a lifestyle that is uniquely Southern Californian.

After decades in the spotlight as an Oscar-winning film star and famous beauty, Vivienne Winter is one of the most recognizable women on the planet. When she decides to auction her multimillion dollar jewellery collection for charity, there's no shortage of people eager to buy a piece of her incredible history. Young, ambitious Christine Smith is a jewellery expert working for a centuries-old auction house. But in a world of aristocratic snobs, her working-class origins are holding her back. She's desperate to secure the sale of Vivienne Winter's gem collection: it's set to be the biggest auction since Elizabeth Taylor's. However, meeting the Hollywood star is just the first hurdle Christine has to jump. Vivienne's handsome, spoilt and sexy playboy grandson Angel is the heir to her fortune. The anger and resentment he feels towards his grandmother for selling what he'd counted on as one day being his inheritance sets in motion a series of events with deadly consequences. Angel is totally unscrupulous, and no one will emerge from his plotting unscathed. For it seems that family secrets cut sharper than diamonds . . .

An extract from an international celebration charting the 20th century - stories of

poverty and wealth, work and play, tales of changing environments - both urban and rural, in peace and wartime.

The novels and stories of Elizabeth Taylor (1912-75) have always had an enthusiastic following among the general reading public. This study aims to introduce her work, to trace some of its recurrent preoccupations - with memory, dispossession and bereavement and with her generation's experience of wartime as both disruption and opportunity.

When Amy's husband dies on holiday in Istanbul, she is supported by the kindly but rather slovenly Martha, a young American novelist who lives in London. Upon their return to England, Amy is ungratefully reluctant to maintain their friendship, but the skeins of their existence seem inextricably linked as grief gives way to resilience and again to tragedy. Reversals of fortune and a compelling cast of characters, including Ernie, ex-sailor turned housekeeper, and Amy's wonderfully precocious granddaughters, add spice to a novel that delights even as it unveils the most uncomfortable human emotions.

A haunting story of love and deceit, innocence and betrayal, and the suffocating power of parental love. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

10,000 Steps a Day in L.A.: 52 Walking Adventures is for urban adventurers with a passion for healthy living who are also hungry to explore L.A.'s hidden, unsung, and sometimes quirky side. This unique guidebook provides everything readers need to venture out and tackle the city's 500 square miles. The book is based on a concept that first took hold in Japan—that if people walked 10,000 steps each day, they would burn 20 percent of their caloric intake through that activity alone. Now an ingrained part of the American lifestyle, the 10,000 steps phenomenon is taking the country by storm; it is now a recognized daily goal by a number of major insurance companies like Kaiser Permanente and health institutes such as the World Health Organization, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the American Heart Foundation. In this first-ever book to explore the 10,000 steps concept in the City of Angels, these walks take readers through the terrain that makes Los Angeles the envy of many a metropolis—beaches, mountains, rivers, and reservoirs, not to mention the nation's largest urban park, Griffith Park—all while immersing them in the city's history and lore, offbeat locales, and popular landmarks. 10,000 Steps a Day in L.A. promises three things: 10,000 steps in each walk, a blueprint for doing it each weekend of the year (52 walks equals a year's worth of weekends), and a sense of fun and discovery about L.A. that will only make the 10,000 steps goal that much easier to attain. Readers need bring only their feet—pedometers optional.

From the internationally beloved bestselling author of A Woman of Substance, The Women in His Life, and Remember--an enthralling novel of four friends transformed by an uncommon bond. When the four orphans met, they felt bound by a loyalty deeper and fiercer than friendship. But into their midst comes two interlopers who will disrupt--and irrevocably transform "the family".

'Elizabeth Taylor is finally being recognised as an important British author: one of great subtlety, great compassion and great depth' Sarah Waters Elizabeth Taylor, highly acclaimed author of classic novels such as Angel, A Game of Hide and Seek and Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont, is also renowned for her powerful, acutely observed stories. Here for the first time, the stories - including some only recently rediscovered - are collected in one volume. From the awkward passions of lonely holiday-makers to the anticipation of three school friends preparing for their first dance, from the minor jealousies and triumphs of marriage to tales of outsiders struggling to adapt to the genteel English countryside, with a delicate, witty touch Elizabeth Taylor illuminates the nuances of ordinary lives.

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Angelica Deverell wächst Anfang des 20. Jahrhunderts in einer englischen Kleinstadt auf. Ihr Leben über dem Lebensmittelladen der Mutter empfindet sie als trostlos: Niemand erkennt, dass sie zu Größerem berufen ist. Schrei bend fantasiert sie sich in das prächtige Anwesen Paradise House und träumt von einer Karriere als Autorin. Als ein Verlag tatsächlich ihr überbordendes Manuskript annimmt, wird ihr märchenhafter Mädchentraum war. Auf der Höhe ihres Triumphes kauft sie Paradise House – doch Ruhm ist vergänglich und Angel verliert zunehmend den Bezug zur Realität. Mit sprachlicher Eleganz und subtilem Witz gelingt Eli zabeth Taylor das zugleich komische und zutiefst tragische Porträt einer ungeheuerlichen Schriftstellerin.

The soul of kindness is what Flora believes herself to be. Tall, blonde and beautiful, she appears to have everything under control - her home, her baby, her husband Richard; her friend Meg; Kit, Meg's brother, who has always adored Flora; and Patrick the novelist and domestic pet. All are bewitched by this golden tyrant, all conspire to protect her from what she really is. All, that is, except the bohemian painter Liz: it is left to her to show them that Flora's kindness is the sweetest poison of them all.

Margaret Drabble | Beryl Bainbridge | Angela Carter | Maggie O'Farrell | Elizabeth Jane Howard | A. S. Byatt | Penelope Lively | Sarah Waters | Jonathan Coe | Diana Souhami | Jilly Cooper | Elizabeth Bowen | Mark Bostridge | Alexander McCall Smith | Sarah Dunant | Rachel Cooke | Zadie Smith | Anita Desai | Sophie Dahl | Clare Boylan | Paula McLain | Diana Athill | Marina Lewycka | Claire Messud | Michèle Roberts | Simon Russell Beale | Amanda Craig | Hilary Mantel | Elizabeth Taylor | Ali Smith | Linda Grant | Jane Gardam | Julie Burchill | Carmen Callil | Helen Oyeyemi | Marian Keyes | Nora Ephron | Sandi Toksvig | Kate Saunders Writers as Readers is a celebration of forty years of the Virago Modern Classics list. Started in 1978, Virago Modern Classics is dedicated to the rediscovery and championing of women writers, challenging the often narrow definition of 'classic'. In this collection, forty of the most significant writers of the past century tell us about one of their favourite writers by introducing books from the Virago Modern Classics collection, offering a glimpse at the treasures that have been published over the past four decades: they may be great works of literature; they may be wonderful period pieces; they may reveal particular aspects of women's lives; they may be classics of comedy, storytelling, diary-writing or autobiography.

Whether you have a stubbed toe or a stubborn case of the blues, within these pages you'll find a cure in the form of a novel – or a combination of novels – to help ease your pain. You'll also find advice on how to tackle common reading ailments – such as what to do when you feel overwhelmed by the number of books in the world, or if you have a tendency to give up halfway through. When read at the right moment in your life, a novel can – quite literally – change it, and The Novel Cure is a reminder of that power. Written with authority, passion and wit, here is a fresh approach to finding new books to read, and an enchanting way to revisit the books on your shelves.

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