Unbearable Lightness A Story Of Loss And Gain

Analyzes and examines various aspects of human existence through seven integrated stories.

Novels which transform our ideas about human possibilities, biographies which celebrate the achievements of extraordinary individuals, polemical works of non-fiction which oblige us to alter our views of the world or of human society: all of us can remember reading at least one book which made us think about the world anew. Here, the author of the popular Bloomsbury Good Reading Guide, selects the very best books which may or may not have changed the world, but which have certainly changed the lives of thousands of people who have read them. Some examples of titles included: Maya Angelou, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - a poignant recording of the author's triumph over the obstacles of being black and poor in a racist society. Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist. Santiago's meeting with the alchemist opens his eyes to the true values of life, love and suffering The Diary of Anne Frank Half a century later the story of a teenager coming to maturity in the most terrible of circumstances remains profoundly moving. Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet Gibran's poetic essays reveal his thoughts on everything in life from love and marriage to the enigmas of birth and death. Robert M. Pirsig, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance Pirsig's narrator creates a philosophical masterpiece that has the power to change lives.

The story of Bertie and his dysfunctional family continues in this fifth instalment alongside the familiar cast of favourites - Big Lou, Domenica, Angus Lordie, Cyril and others - in their daily pursuit of a little happiness. With customary charm and deftness, Alexander McCall Smith has again given us a clever, witty and utterly delightful new novel.

The postmodernist novel is renowned for the extremes of its narcissistic involvement with language, but in this book the author argues that this self-consciousness has been a characteristic of the novel since its earliest stirrings.

Traditional Chinese edition of Handle with Care by Jodi Picoult In Traditional Chinese. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

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-- Brings together the best criticism on the most widely read poets, novelists, and playwrights. -- Presents complex critical portraits of the most influential writers in the English-speaking world -- from the English medievalists to contemporary writers. Known best for his novel The Unbearable Lightness of Being, Kundera is also an established poet, playwright, and essayist.

Interweaves story and dream, past and present, and philosophy and poetry in the sardonic and erotic tale of two couples--Tomas and Teresa, and Sabina and her Swiss lover, Gerhart

A young woman in love with a man torn between his love for her and his incorrigible womanizing; one of his mistresses and her humbly faithful lover—these are the two couples whose story is told in this masterful novel. In a world in which lives are shaped by irrevocable choices and by fortuitous events, a world in which everything occurs but once, existence seems to lose its substance, its weight. Hence, we feel "the unbearable lightness of being" not only as the consequence of our pristine actions but also in the public sphere, and the two inevitably intertwine.

Key dimensions of Dostoevskii's writing and life are explored in this collection of specially commissioned essays. Contributors examines topics such as Dostoevskii's relation to folk literature, money, religion, the family and science. The essays are well supported by supplementary material including a chronology of the period and detailed guides to further reading. Altogether the volume provides an invaluable resource for scholars and students.

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under a microscope. Sometimes to my own peril. And I write about it. And politics, science, cosmology, relationships, sex, coffee, my angst, my weirdness, my cats & anything else that pops or chaps. But I think you will often find me quite humorous. Especially if you like sarcasm.Unless you're just blithely cruising through life, you'll notice there's a lot going on in this macrocosm of existence. This means there's a lot going on the microcosm of my brain. Not that there's anything "micro" about my brain. Anyway-here is a collection in which I share my thoughts, ruminations, suggestions, complaints and epiphanies where these "cosms" are concerned. Wear a helmet.

Starting with an analysis of these conditions and an exploration of their complex causes, Giordano then proceeds to address legal and ethical dilemmas such as a patient's refusal of life-saving treatment. The book is illustrated with many case-studies.

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

There is nothing unusual about the barrel-organ man who walks into private detective Louie Knight's office. Apart from the fact that he has lost his memory. And his monkey is a former astronaut. And he is carrying a suitcase that he is too terrified to open. And he wants a murder investigated. The only thing unusual about the murder is that it took place a hundred years ago. And needs solving by the following week. Louie is too smart to take on such a case but also too broke to turn it down. Soon he is lost in a labyrinth of intrigue and terror, tormented at every turn by a gallery of mad nuns, gangsters and waifs, and haunted by the loss of his girlfriend, Myfanwy, who has disappeared after being fed drugged raspberry ripple ...

A Study Guide for Milan Kundera's "The Unbearable Lightness of Being," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students.This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

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"In one of these stories a young man and his girlfriend pretend that she is a stranger he picked up on the road - only to become strangers to each other in reality as their game proceeds. In another a teacher fakes piety in order to seduce a devout girl, then jilts her and yearns for God. In yet another girls wait in bars, on beaches, and on station platforms for the same lover, a middle-aged Don Juan who has gone home to his wife. Games, fantasies, and schemes abound in all the stories while different characters react in varying ways to the sudden release of erotic impulses."--Publisher description.

Casting light on the most serious of problems and at the same time saying not one serious sentence; being fascinated by the reality of the contemporary world and at the same time completely avoiding realism-that's The Festival of Insignificance. Readers who know Kundera's earlier books know that the wish to incorporate an element of the "unserious" in a novel is not at all unexpected of him. In Immortality, Goethe and Hemingway stroll through several chapters together talking and laughing. And in Slowness, Vera, the author's wife, says to her husband: "you've often told me you meant to write a book one day that would have not a single serious word in it... I warn you: watch out. Your enemies are lying in wait." Now, far from watching out, Kundera is finally and fully realizing his old aesthetic dream in this novel that we could easily view as a summation of his whole work. A strange sort of summation. Strange sort of epilogue. Strange sort of laughter, inspired by our time, which is comical because it has lost all sense of humor. What more can we say? Nothing. Just read.

It's confusing and scary when someone seems to be choosing not to eat, but what's at work inside them is more than a decision. Eating disorders are serious mental health conditions, and those with anorexia and bulimia need help and compassion, not tough love. Annotated quotes, engaging graphic elements, and sidebars help readers learn about the many causes and symptoms of these eating disorders, as well as the medical issues they can cause. Treatment outcomes are also covered, along with anecdotes of hope from those who have survived. Help your readers understand these two most deadly eating disorders, and provide those struggling with these disorders positive guidance for a better life.

A novel of thwarted love and revenge miscarried.

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A comprehensive survey of classic world literature with an emphasis on history, criticism, and mini-biographies of noted authors.

A young Czech whose mother has molded him into a poet becomes the people's literary hero during a Communist rally in 1948

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