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Fear the Sky - Stephen Moss 2014-06-01

In eleven years time, a million members of an alien race will arrive at Earth. Years before they enter orbit, their approach will be announced by the flare of a thousand flames in the sky, their ships' huge engines burning hard to slow them from the vast speeds needed to cross interstellar space. These foreboding lights will shine in our

night sky like new stars, getting ever brighter until they outshine even the sun, casting ominous shadows and banishing the night until they suddenly blink out. Their technology is vastly superior to ours, and they know they cannot possibly lose the coming conflict. But they, like us, have found no answer to the destructive force of the atom, and they have no

intention of facing the onslaught of our primitive nuclear arsenal, or the devastation it would wreak on the planet they crave. So they have flung out an advanced party in front of them, hidden within one of the countless asteroids randomly roaming the void. They do not want us, they want our planet. Their Agents are arriving. "Fear the Sky is a brutal and powerful rendering of what would really happen if a race capable of interstellar travel set its sights on taking our planet from us. Book 1 in The Fear Saga sees very human protagonists pitted against an interesting and three-dimensional alien culture. It is as enjoyable as it is frightening." Reviewer - Chronicles Science Fiction Fantasy Community "Sometimes even a superior foe is worth fighting. Fear the Sky is an explosive story filled with awesome tech: from the best of today's military machines to the worst of tomorrow's death dealers." Reviewer - SyFy Lost - Bernard Beckett 2007

The Ghost and the Goth - Stacey Kade
2011-05-10

After a close encounter with a bus, Alona Dare goes from homecoming queen to Queen of the Dead. She's stuck as a ghost in the land of the living with no sign of the big, bright light to take her to a better place. To make matters worse, the only person who might be able to help her is Will Killian, a total loser outcast. More than anything, Will wishes he didn't have the rare ability to communicate with the dead, especially the former mean girl of Groundsboro High. He's not filling out any volunteer forms to help her cross to the other side, though it would bring him some welcome peace and quiet. Can they get over their mutual distrust -- and quasi-attraction - - to work together? Readers of this spirited paranormal comedy won't want this odd couple to ever part.

The Venging - Greg Bear 2014-04-01

Hailed by readers and critics alike, The Venging has been described as an "excellent collection"

and its author praised as “one of the freshest writers to break into the science fiction field in many a year.” This is the first published collection of short stories by one of the foremost voices in science fiction today. This significant volume contains many characters and situations that later evolved into their own novels.

“Mandala” features technologically perfect cities that eject their sinful human occupants, a premise that can be found at the root of Bear’s later novel, *Strength of Stones*. In “Hardfought,” Bear brilliantly handles the classic science fiction dilemma of human communication with aliens. Other stories include “The Wind From a Burning Woman” in which a woman holds the world hostage by controlling a giant asteroid; “Scattershot,” in which the inhabitants of many universes meet in an undefined limbo space; and the Nebula Award finalist “Petra,” a story of a world where chaos rules, stone moves, and the mind controls reality.

The Tunnel of Dreams - Bernard Beckett

2020-09-29

A hidden world, mysterious villains, two sets of twins and one epic competition set the scene for this magical middle-grade adventure by an award-winning NZ author.

The Swordfish and the Star - Gavin Knight
2016-06-02

The Penwith Peninsula in Cornwall is where the land ends. In *The Swordfish and the Star* Gavin Knight takes us into this huddle of grey roofs at the edge of the sea at the beginning of the twenty-first century. He catches the stories of a whole community, but especially those still working this last frontier: the Cornish fishermen. These are the dreamers and fighters who every day prepare for battle with the vast grey Atlantic. Cornwall and its seas are brought to life, mixing drinking and drugs and sea spray, moonlit beaches and shattering storms, myth and urban myth. The result is an arresting tapestry of a place we thought we knew; the precarious reality of life in Cornwall today emerges from behind our

idyllic holiday snaps and picture postcards. Even the quaint fishermen's pubs on the quay at Newlyn, including the Swordfish and its neighbour the Star, turn out to be places where squalls can blow up, and down again, in an instant. Based on immersive research and rich with the voices of a cast of remarkable characters, this is an eye-opening, dramatic, poignant account of life on Britain's most dangerous stretch of coast. Praise for Hood Rat 'A gripping novelistic immersion' Louis Theroux 'A must-read' Owen Jones 'Britain's Gomorrah' Independent

Jolt - Bernard Beckett 2012-10-01

A bestselling YA thriller exploring death, revenge and morality. 'The challenge of the Coast to Coast was for the whole PE class to get itself from one side of the island to the other in under six days. "Where to?" "The bush," I croaked. "Hide." We cut back to the right, down off the track, crashing through the undergrowth and sliding down steep slopes. After a couple of

minutes we stumbled to a stop, pressed in close . we waited and listened, the others with their heads bursting with questions, mine spinning with answers I didn't want to believe. ' Marko surfaces from a drug-induced haze to find himself hidden from the world in a psychiatric ward. He is certain the 'Doctor' means to kill him, but he in turn has vengeful plans of his own. Who are these people and what happened to the others? Who can Marko trust and how much time does he have? Time enough to write it all down, his story of a coast to coast trip and the earthquake that ripped his world apart. A 'top-notch thriller' *Burning Blue* - Paul Griffin 2012-10-25

A soulful mystery for fans of Thirteen Reasons Why and Paper Towns When Nicole Castro, the most beautiful girl in her wealthy New Jersey high school, is splashed with acid on the left side of her perfect face, the world takes notice. But quiet loner Jay Nazarro does more than that—he decides to find out who did it. Jay understands how it feels to be treated like a freak, and he also

has a secret: He's a brilliant hacker. But the deeper he digs, the more danger he's in—and the more he falls for Nicole. Too bad everyone is turning into a suspect, including Nicole herself.

Beckett: Waiting for Godot - David Bradby
2001-11-15

Waiting for Godot is a byword in every major world language. No other twentieth-century play has achieved such global currency. His innovations have affected not only the writing of plays, but all aspects of their staging. In this book David Bradby explores the impact of the play and its influence on acting, directing, design, and the role of theatre in society. Bradby begins with an analysis of the play and its historical context. After discussing the first productions in France, Britain and America, he examines subsequent productions in Africa, Eastern Europe, Israel, America, China and Japan. The book assesses interpretations by actors such as Bert Lahr, David Warrilow, Georges Wilson, Barry McGovern and Ben Kingsley, and directors Roger Blin, Susan

Sontag, Sir Peter Hall, Luc Bondy, Yukio Ninagawa and Beckett himself. It also contains an extensive production chronology, bibliography and illustrations from major productions.

Juno Of Taris - Fleur Beale 2010-12-01

What happens when life in a perfect, protected bubble unravels? The heroine of the first novel in an exciting sci-fi / fantasy series for young adult readers is about to find out. This exciting, futuristic novel with a strong heroine and a compelling storyline won Fleur Beale the Esther Glen Award 2009 and was shortlisted for the 2009 NZ Post Children's Book Awards. It explores the struggle of Juno, a young teen on the verge of adulthood, who is torn between her need to fit in and belong in her society, and her growing discomfort and questioning of that society's rules. Your ordinary teen? Not quite! Because Juno lives — in the not-too-distant future — on Taris, a bubble-covered island in the Pacific, to which a select few hundred people were evacuated when Earth's inhabitants took

everything just a bit too far and began to self-destruct. On Taris there are many rules governing appearance, behaviour, even procreation ... but all are for the good of the community, to ensure the survival of humankind. Or are they? As Taris' protected environment begins to break down and Juno's questioning nature takes hold, she uncovers some startling inconsistencies in many of the 'factual' histories she has grown up with. She also begins to develop some quite startling, almost supernatural, abilities. As Juno faces increasing danger, she finds allies in the most surprising places. Juno of Taris examines many themes: peer pressure, environmental breakdown, the fictionalization of history, societal control and challenging authority. But perhaps most important of all, it is a thoroughly good read from one of New Zealand's very best writers for young adults.

OCEANS: The Anthology - Ken Liu 2017-09-26

The Next Logical Step - Ben Bova 2016-10-01

For thousands of years, military forces around the world have been honing their technological prowess to get a leg up on their enemies. In Ben Bova's disturbing short story "The Next Logical Step," master scientists have created what is perhaps the ultimate war machine -- but is the human psyche strong enough to handle the implications of the device?

The Longest Kill - Craig Harrison 2016-02-16

It takes a tough mindset to be a successful sniper, to be able to dig in for days on your own as you wait for your target, to stay calm on a battlefield when you yourself have become the target the enemy most want to take out. Craig Harrison has what it takes and in November 2009 in Afghanistan, under intense pressure, he saved the lives of his comrades with the longest confirmed sniper kill - 2,475 meters. In this unflinching autobiography, Craig catapults us into the heat of the action as he describes his active service in the Balkans, Iraq and

Afghanistan, and gives heart-stopping accounts of his sniper ops as he fought for his life on the rooftops of Basra and the barren hills of Helmand province. Craig was blown up by an IED in Afghanistan and left battling severe PTSD. After his identity was revealed in the press he also had to cope with al Qaeda threats against him and his family. For Craig, the price of heroism has been devastatingly high. Powerful and compelling, *The Longest Kill* is a must-read for fans of military memoirs.

Mariposa (Large Print 16pt) - Greg Bear
2010-07-09

In this near-future thriller, three FBI agents take on the Talos Corporation and its plan to destroy the government and constitutional law by means of a treatment program code-named Mariposa.

Home Boys - Bernard Beckett 2014-09-19

The powerful young adult novel about two boys forced to leave London after the Second World War, and who take off on the run. Imagine you live in London immediately following the Second

World War. Imagine you've been told to pack your bag, but not told where you're going. Or for how long. Imagine you are sent halfway across the world because someone thinks it will be better for you. This is what happened to Colin. This is his story. And Dougal's. Bernard Beckett's powerful novel *Home Boys* captures the world of two boys on the run. Two boys who need each other. Two boys in search of a place to belong. An exceptional story by an award-winning writer for young adults, as tender as it is brutal, as spirited as it is heart-breaking.

The Manual of Detection - Jedediah Berry 2009

In this tightly plotted debut novel, an unlikely detective, armed only with an umbrella and a singular handbook, must untangle a string of crimes committed in and through people's dreams.

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2009

Set on a remote island in a post-apocalyptic, plague-ridden world, this bold and ingenious thriller questions what it means to be human as

philosophical questions collide with technology.

Bob Ross: My First Book of Nature - Robb

Pearlman 2022-03-01

The second official board book featuring Bob Ross's stunning, iconic paintings with a special nod to the natural world. Happy little clouds. Tall, snow-capped mountains. River rocks. The beauty of nature is everywhere. *Bob Ross: My First Book of Nature* is an early concept board book featuring various Bob Ross paintings and some of Bob's little quips about all of the beautiful sights seen in nature and that he painted in front of TV audiences. Full of real paintings from the iconic artist, this follow up to *Bob Ross: My First Book of Colors* is sure to be a hit for any Bob Ross fan.

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2019

The Quiet Earth - Craig Harrison 2013-07-24

John Hobson, a geneticist, wakes one morning to find his watch stopped at 6.12. The streets are deserted, there are no signs of life or death anywhere, and every clock he finds has stopped:

at 6.12. Is Hobson the last person left on the planet? Inventive and suspenseful, *The Quiet Earth* is a confronting journey into the future, and a dark past. This new edition of Craig Harrison's highly sought-after 1981 novel, which was later made into a cult film starring Bruno Lawrence, Pete Smith and Alison Routledge, comes with an introduction by Bernard Beckett. Craig Harrison was born in Leeds in 1942. He left for New Zealand in 1966 after being appointed a lecturer at Massey University. There he devised a course in art history, which he taught until his retirement in 2000. His award-winning play *Tomorrow Will Be a Lovely Day* (1974) was performed for a quarter of a century, including in the Soviet Union. He is the author of five other plays, including *Ground Level* (1974), which led to a television series, *Joe & Koro*. Craig's most recent book, the young-adult comedy *The Dumpster Saga*, was a finalist in the 2008 New Zealand Post Book Awards. He lives in Palmerston North. 'Cuts to the heart of our most

basic fears...compelling...a classic.' Bernard Beckett 'Excellent...The inevitability of the horror has a Hitchcock quality.' Listener

The Surrogates - Robert Venditti 2006

The year is 2054, and life has been reduced to a data feed. The fusing of virtual reality and cybernetics has ushered in the era of the surrogate, a new technology that lets users interact with the world without ever leaving their homes. It's a perfect world, and it's up to Detectives Harvey Greer and Pete Ford of the Metro Police Department to keep it that way. But to do so they'll need to stop a techno-terrorist bent on returning society to a time when people lived their lives instead of merely experiencing them. Welcome to The Surrogates, a daring, five-issue, full-color miniseries coming this July from Top Shelf Productions.

Havoc - Jane Higgins 2015-02-25

Book 2, Southside Novels The ceasefire is barely holding. Southside waits, with a kind of hope that feels like defeat. Then Cityside blows up the

bridge. And amid the chaos and rubble Nik and Lanya are drawn into a complex web of power, fear and betrayal. Who is the girl found crying out from the bombed bridge? What is her connection to the secret experiments taking place at Pitkerrin Marsh? And why does she cry 'havoc'? But before Nik can find out he must find his father, and face the hardest decision of his life.

Max - Sarah Cohen-Scali 2017-03-07

Nazi Germany 1936. The Lebensborn program is going strong as German women are carefully selected by the Nazis and recruited to give birth to new representatives of the Aryan race. Inside one of these women is Max, a fetus waiting to be born and fulfill his destiny as the perfect Aryan. Max is taken away from his birth mother as soon as he enters the world. He will be raised under the leadership and ideologies of the Nazi Party. As he grows up without a mom, without any affection or tenderness, according to Nazi educational precepts, he soon becomes the

mascot of the program. But things don't go according to plan. Originally published in French, Sarah Cohen-Scali's touching, illuminating, and heartbreaking book has been translated for an English-speaking audience. A Neal Porter Book

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2010-05-11

A thought-provoking tale of the future set on an isolated island fortress: "The ending is an absolute mind-blower" (Booklist). Anax thinks she knows history. She has studied the stories of the distant twenty-first century very diligently. Her grueling all-day examination has just begun, and if she passes, she'll be admitted into the Academy—the elite governing institution of her utopian society. But Anax is about to discover that for all her learning, the history she's been taught isn't the whole story. And the Academy isn't what she believes it to be. In this brilliant and suspenseful novel, Anax's examination leads us into a future where we are confronted with unresolved questions about technology and humanity, artificial intelligence and the nature of

consciousness. "A philosophical inquiry of sorts into a favorite and time-tested conundrum: Can a machine achieve consciousness, and if so, what should its relationship with its creators be?"

—The Wall Street Journal

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2011-11-29

A brilliant and chilling dystopia for a new generation in the tradition of Brave New World. "Explain to us why you wish to enter The Academy." Anaximander, a young Academy candidate, is put through a grueling exam. Her special subject: the life of Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. It's late in the 21st century and the island Republic has emerged from a ruined, plague-ridden world, its citizens safe, but not free, and living in complete isolation from outside contact. Approaching planes are gunned down, refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescued a girl from the sea. "Anaximander, we have asked you to consider why it is you would like to join the Academy. Is your answer ready?" To answer that question, Anaximander

must struggle with everything she has ever known about herself and her beloved Republic's history, the nature of being human, of being conscious, and even what it means to have a soul. And when everything has been laid bare, she must confront the Republic's last great secret, her own surprising link to Adam Forde, and the horrifying truth about her world.

Antipodean Antiquities - Marguerite Johnson
2019-03-21

Leading and emerging, early career scholars in Classical Reception Studies come together in this volume to explore the under-represented area of the Australasian Classical Tradition. They interrogate the interactions between Mediterranean Antiquity and the antipodean worlds of New Zealand and Australia through the lenses of literature, film, theatre and fine art. Of interest to scholars across the globe who research the influence of antiquity on modern literature, film, theatre and fine art, this volume fills a decisive gap in the literature by bringing

antipodean research into the spotlight. Following a contextual introduction to the field, the six parts of the volume explore the latest research on subjects that range from the Lord of the Rings and Xena: Warrior Princess franchises to important artists such as Sidney Nolan and local authors whose work offers opportunities for cross-cultural and interdisciplinary analysis with well-known Western authors and artists.

August - Bernard Beckett 2011-02-28

Trapped in a car wreck, bleeding and in pain, Tristan and Grace fear the worst. Tristan is a philosopher struggling with the question of free will. Grace's life of hardship allows no place for such ideas. Part thriller, part love story, *August* is a compelling novel about what it means to live.

Malcolm & Juliet - Bernard Beckett 2012-10-01
Beckett's young adult novel not only tackles the contentious subject of sex, it undercuts, subverts and sends it up as well. Sex was a latecomer to the party of Malcolm's life, and when it did arrive, it didn't come dressed in any of the usual guises.

With the mind of a science nerd and the body of a teenager, sixteen-year-old Malcolm embarks upon his latest documentary project: sex. Join Malcolm on his hilarious journey, as he meets the cast of idiosyncratic characters who will take him a little closer to the centre of life's mystery. Will Charlotte find true love? Will Kevin get his guy? How did Juliet lose her virginity and will the school principal succeed in having Malcolm's project banned?

The Rules of Art - Pierre Bourdieu 1996

Written with verve and intensity (and a good bit of wordplay), this is the long-awaited study of Flaubert and the modern literary field that constitutes the definitive work on the sociology of art by one of the world's leading social theorists. Drawing upon the history of literature and art from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, Bourdieu develops an original theory of art conceived as an autonomous value. He argues powerfully against those who refuse to acknowledge the interconnection between art

and the structures of social relations within which it is produced and received. As Bourdieu shows, art's new autonomy is one such structure, which complicates but does not eliminate the interconnection. The literary universe as we know it today took shape in the nineteenth century as a space set apart from the approved academies of the state. No one could any longer dictate what ought to be written or decree the canons of good taste. Recognition and consecration were produced in and through the struggle in which writers, critics, and publishers confronted one another.

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2008

Lullaby - Bernard Beckett 2015-05-27

Rene's twin brother Theo lies unconscious in hospital after a freak accident left him with massively disrupted brain function. There is hope though. An experimental procedure—risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable—could allow him to gain a new life.

But what life, and at what cost? Only Rene can give the required consent. And now he must face that difficult decision. But first there is the question of Rene's capacity to make that decision. And this is where the real story begins. Bernard Beckett is a multi-award winning author of books and plays for young adults and one of New Zealand's most outstanding writers. In 2006 Bernard was awarded a fellowship for a project examining DNA mutations. This new direction in his life led to the publication of the sophisticated sci-fi novel *Genesis*, which has since been published in over twenty countries and was the winner of the 2010 Prix Sorcier. He lives near Wellington with his wife and twin sons. 'Lullaby is an amazingly complex novel, exploring the nature of identity and shared memories as well as how we shape the story of ourselves. The questions it raises stay with the reader for a long time after the book is finished.' *New Zealand Herald* 'This book is promoted as Young Adult, but many older adults will enjoy it too. Clever and

thought-provoking.' *BookMooch* 'It was incredible. The complexity of the storyline was nothing short of delicious and encouraged that deep, emotional thinking that is lacking in the majority of young adult novels.' *Diva Booknerd* 'It is a rare kind of young adult book that aims to leave the reader with more than just the usual afterthoughts of the story. Beckett encourages the reader on his or her own philosophical journey.' *Book Kat* 'This is a fascinating exploration of the notion of self, how far people will go to save those they love, and what scientists will do to advance their research. Well worth reading, and when you've finished, let me know what you thought of the end because I'm dying to discuss it!' *Nicole Has Read, Blog* 'This book is a beautiful example of a thought experiment, with characters you feel for, and stories that you enjoy every moment of.' *Booksellers NZ* 'Lullaby is very eerie science fiction which, in the telling of the story, discusses the dilemmas that medicine could find itself in

when the desire to break new frontiers clashes with ethical principles...Confronting, terrifying and challenging.' Reading Time 'Bernard Beckett's biggest strength isn't that he is able to convey high-minded sci-fi concepts to his usual audience of young adult readers – it is the power of the concepts themselves...It's exciting to see a recent scientific concept such as the connectome (a map of neural connections in the brain) used to drive dramatic tension and ask big questions.'

Cosmos

No Alarms - Bernard Beckett 2016-02-01

A story that speaks to a whole generation of disillusioned teenagers - and reveals something to those who are not. Sixteen-year-old Sharon's had enough. School sucks and even in her repeat year, she just doesn't get it. Her mother Kaz behaves more like a teenager than a mum, and Sharon gets left too often with her young brother Zinny. She wants out. Along comes Justin who offers a way. His hand's on the door to a glittery new world where the risks are high. But it's a

world that could pay for her wildest dreams. A dangerous world that could put an end to everything.

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2010

Anax est prête à affronter le jury. Pendant cinq heures, face à trois examinateurs, elle va montrer qu'elle connaît bien son sujet. Mais plus elle en dit, plus elle referme son propre piège. Un thriller futuriste d'une ingéniosité stupéfiante et une grande question : que signifie être un humain ?

Genesis - Bernard Beckett 2011-01-31

In the year 2075 the island Republic has emerged from a ruined world. Its citizens are safe but not free. They live in complete isolation from the outside world. Approaching planes are gunned down, refugees shot on sight. Until a man named Adam Forde rescues a girl from the sea. Anaximander, a young Academy student, is put through a gruelling exam. Her special subject: the life of Adam Forde, her long-dead hero. What secrets has she discovered and what

is her own surprising link to Adam? She is forced to confront the horrifying truth about her totalitarian world. *Genesis* is a thriller that asks the big questions. What is it to be human? What makes a soul?

A Spy in the Ruins - Christopher Bernard 2005
ABOUT THE BOOK A great American city is destroyed under mysterious circumstances, wasted by explosions and fire. A lone survivor wanders, lost, among its ruins. Out of a whirlwind of language appear the images of a boy, a youth, a middle-aged man exploring lives he might have led had he made different choices in early manhood, of an old man in a hospital, paralyzed and dying ? and of a young girl, a young woman, an old woman, alone, abandoned, longing, in an every-renewed and ever-frustrated search for love. Christopher Bernard's magnificent debut novel, anticipated by his literary admirers for more than eight years, offers a portrait of a society in turmoil, at war, divided and afraid, a world driven from its moorings, in quest of

significance in a chaotic time ? a world like our own, inhabited by people finding what purposes they can, in the creation of meaning out of the chaos of experience.

Darwin's Children - Greg Bear 2004-06-01
Greg Bear's Nebula Award-winning novel, *Darwin's Radio*, painted a chilling portrait of humankind on the threshold of a radical leap in evolution—one that would alter our species forever. Now Bear continues his provocative tale of the human race confronted by an uncertain future, where “survival of the fittest” takes on astonishing and controversial new dimensions. Eleven years have passed since SHEVA, an ancient retrovirus, was discovered in human DNA—a retrovirus that caused mutations in the human genome and heralded the arrival of a new wave of genetically enhanced humans. Now these changed children have reached adolescence . . . and face a world that is outraged about their very existence. For these special youths, possessed of remarkable,

advanced traits that mark a major turning point in human development, are also ticking time bombs harboring hosts of viruses that could exterminate the “old” human race. Fear and hatred of the virus children have made them a persecuted underclass, quarantined by the government in special “schools,” targeted by federally sanctioned bounty hunters, and demonized by hysterical segments of the population. But pockets of resistance have sprung up among those opposed to treating the children like dangerous diseases—and who fear the worst if the government’s draconian measures are carried to their extreme. Scientists Kaye Lang and Mitch Rafelson are part of this small but determined minority. Once at the forefront of the discovery and study of the SHEVA outbreak, they now live as virtual exiles in the Virginia suburbs with their daughter, Stella—a bright, inquisitive virus child who is quickly maturing, straining to break free of the protective world her parents have built around her, and

eager to seek out others of her kind. But for all their precautions, Kaye, Mitch, and Stella have not slipped below the government’s radar. The agencies fanatically devoted to segregating and controlling the new-breed children monitor their every move—watching and waiting for the opportunity to strike the next blow in their escalating war to preserve “humankind” at any cost.

Chi - Alexander Beshar 1999

A kick-boxing match between an orangutan and a water buffalo is held in Thailand as technology blurs the difference between the species. Couples adopt baboons in lieu of children and people can talk to flowers. A novel full of new ideas. By the author of *Mir*.

The Life of Elves - Muriel Barbery 2016-02-24

A moving and deeply felt homage to the power of nature and art by one of the world's most beloved authors. Do two young girls have the power to change the world? Maria, raised by powerful older women, lives in a remote village in

Burgundy, where she discovers her gift of clairvoyance, of healing and of communicating with nature. Hundreds of miles away in Italy, Clara discovers her musical genius and is sent from the countryside to Rome to nurture her extraordinary abilities. Who are the mysterious elves? Will they succeed in training the girls for their higher purpose in the face of an impending war? Barbery's *The Life of Elves* is the story of two children whose amazing talents will bring them into contact with magical worlds and malevolent forces. If, against all odds, they can be brought together, their meeting may shape the course of history. Seven years after the publication of her international bestseller, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, Muriel Barbery returns with an inspiring novel about finding the divine in the domestic, about the quest for

enchantment. With its cast of unforgettable characters, each fighting to preserve the idea of an enhanced life, *The Life of Elves* is a luminous novel about art, nature, dreams, the power of love, and how imagination can help us build a bridge to a better future.

[Meet at the Ark at Eight!](#) - Ulrich Hub 2015-09-01
A hilarious and sweetly philosophical twist on a classic tale-three penguin pals refuse to enter the ark two by two.

The Infinity Sign - Michael Bassey Johnson
2015-08-04

This book hinges on the subject of friendship, family, self-love, marriage and breakup. It contains exciting, funny and thought-provoking aphorisms and anecdotes. In it you will find some profound universal truths that will resonate with you and make you trust in the transforming power of love.