

Kartonnen Dozen Tom Lanoye

Frank, tender, and brutally funny, Dimitri Verhulst's semi-autobiographical story details the vibrantly entertaining journey of a boy growing up in a family of alcoholics in Belgium. Sobriety and moderation are alien concepts to the men in Dimmy's family. Useless in all other respects, his three uncles have a rare talent for drinking, a flair for violence, and an unwavering commitment to the pub. And his father Pierre is no slouch either. Within hours of his son's birth, Pierre plucks him from the maternity ward, props him on his bike, and takes him on an introductory tour of the village bars. His mother soon leaves them to it and as Dimmy grows up amid the stench of stale beer, he seems destined to follow the path of his forebears and make a low-life career in inebriation, until he begins to piece together his own plan for the future. Bringing to life the shambolic upbringing that *The Guardian* describes as, "the odd, ugly, excremental poetry of their grubby lives," *The Misfortunates* "can be unexpectedly tender as well as uncomfortably funny... this novel continually surprises and intrigues."

Born in Holland after the war, a son grows up an outsider in the midst of his family. Living in isolation among the dunes of coastal Holland, he looks on as his Indonesian father and sisters are mocked for their 'yellow skin', endures the bizarre and brutal military training his father puts him through, and wonders about the hardships his family suffered but never discusses. Years later, the middle-aged son begins a quest into his family's past in Indonesia, and the origins of his father's strange mix of charm and cruelty. Despite his sister's denial and his mother's evasiveness, details surface about the incredible endurance of his father, one of the few survivors of torture in the camp. Returning always to the Dutch coast where he spent his childhood, the man comes to a final acceptance of his father and a new understanding of their relationship.

Brothers is a book which is both compelling and intensely moving as it looks at life, death and love in the context of growing up and trying to make sense of it all. It is tender, sensitive and poignant as it deals with the sexual emergence of a teenage boy, trying to come to terms with the death of his brother and, while reading his brother's diary, discovers not only that his brother was gay, but that he himself is also. As a story of two brothers, it is both thought provoking and intriguing. The reader is engaged instantly through its intimate narrative diary format.

When Frankie Hermans emerges from a coma after 200 days, he knows his life is never going to be the same again. For a start, he can't talk, he can't walk and it's a struggle even to wield a pen. And then there's Joe Speedboat -- a boy who arrived in the sleepy village of Lomark like a blazing comet and who's been stirring things up ever since. Whether setting off bombs, racing mopeds or building a bi-plane, Joe has the touch of a magician and the spirit of a daredevil. He also sees a use for Frankie's good right arm beyond writing: as a champion arm-wrestler Frankie will be strong enough to impress his friends, and maybe even win the favour of the gorgeous, golden-haired girl who has them all in a spin. Full of vitality, verve and chutzpah, *Joe Speedboat* tells the fast-paced story of an unlikely friendship between two boys, and of their lightning dash towards adulthood.

A story like a punch to the midriff.

Kritische kennistheoretische studie van de traditionele wetenschapsfilosofische opvatting van rationaliteit en pleidooi voor een relatieve rationaliteit.

The story of a tempestuous love affair—and the basis for Paul Verhoeven's Oscar-nominated film—Wolkers's controversial masterpiece comes alive in a new translation. Upon its original publication in 1969, *Turkish Delight* was a sensation and a scandal. Its graphic language and explicit sex scenes had an explosive effect, but just as revolutionary was its frank, colloquial style. The more straightlaced critics condemned the book, but readers saw a novel that reflected the way that they spoke, thought, and felt. *Turkish Delight* opens with a screed: a sculptor in his studio, raging against the love he lost and describing, in gory detail, the state of his life since she left him. Our narrator alternates between the story of his relationship with Olga—its passion and affection, but also its obsessiveness and abuse—and the dark days that followed, as he attempts to recapture what they had when they lived together, “happy as beasts.” The two only reunite during Olga’s inexorable and tragic decline into cancer—the chemo having taken her hair and rotted her teeth, she will only eat the soft, sweet *Turkish Delight* that her ex-lover brings to her bedside. In a new translation by Sam Garrett (Herman Koch’s *The Dinner*), readers get a sense of Wolkers’s revolutionary style and musical prose, *Turkish Delight*’s particular balance of naked impulse and profound longing. Tin House Books gratefully acknowledges the support of the Dutch Foundation for Literature, whose generous subsidy made this new translation possible.

“A brave and moving novel [that] has a tender empathy with the natural world.” —Hermione Lee, *The New York Review of Books* From the two-time Booker Prize finalist author of *Days Without End* comes a dazzling companion novel about memory and identity, set in Tennessee in the aftermath of the Civil War. Winona Cole, an orphaned child of the Lakota Indians, finds herself growing up in an unconventional household on a farm in west Tennessee. Raised by her adoptive parents John Cole and Thomas McNulty, whose story Barry told in his acclaimed previous novel *Days Without End*, she forges a life for herself beyond the violence and dispossession of her past. Tennessee is a state still riven by the bitter legacy of the Civil War, and the fragile harmony of her family is soon threatened by a further traumatic event, one which Winona struggles to confront, let alone understand. Exquisitely written, *A Thousand Moons* is a stirring, poignant story of love and redemption, of one woman's journey and her determination to write her own future. The revised edition of *The Gay and Lesbian Literary Heritage* is a reader's companion to this impressive body of work. It provides overviews of gay and lesbian presence in a variety of literatures and historical periods; in-depth critical essays on major gay and lesbian authors in world literature; and briefer treatments of other topics and figures important in appreciating the rich and varied gay and lesbian literary traditions. Included are nearly 400 alphabetically arranged articles by more than 175 scholars from around the world. New articles in this volume feature authors such as Michael Cunningham, Tony Kushner, Anne Lister, Kate Millet, Jan Morris, Terrence McNally, and Sarah Waters; essays on topics such as *Comedy of Manners* and *Autobiography*; and overviews of Danish, Norwegian, Philippines, and Swedish literatures; as well as updated and revised articles and bibliographies.

"Twee landen, één taalgebied. De Nederlandse en Vlaamse literatuur horen bij elkaar, maar zijn ze ook één geheel? In 2012 zagen we een toenadering tussen beide literaturen, toen Tom Lanoye het Nederlandse Boekenweekgeschenk schreef. Lanoye trad hiermee in de voetsporen van Hugo Claus, die hetzelfde deed in 1989. Dat jaar was een

hoogtepunt voor de Vlaamse literatuur in Nederland. Veel Vlaamse debutanten vonden een Nederlandse uitgever. Lanoye zelf was op dat moment een van de spraakmakende nieuwe Vlaamse namen. Dit boek brengt het succes van de Vlaamse literatuur in Nederland in kaart voor de periode 1980 tot 1995. Aan de hand van onderzoek van literaire kritiek en uitgeverij laat Floor van Renssen zien waar de Nederlandse belangstelling voor Vlaamse literatuur vandaan kwam én wat daarvan de gevolgen waren. Ze schetst het ontstaan van reputaties van auteurs als Hugo Claus en Tom Lanoye, door een samenspel van uitgeverij en kritiek. Van Renssen heeft onderzocht hoe Nederlandse critici dachten over Vlaamse literatuur. ?--Cover.

A child's fears, first love, and confused emotions in 1944 occupied Amsterdam, rarely described.

A literary page-turner about one man's macabre ambition to create life-and secure immortality The village of Wolfheim is a quiet little place until the geneticist Dr. Victor Hoppe returns after an absence of nearly twenty years. The doctor brings with him his infant children-three identical boys all sharing a disturbing disfigurement. He keeps them hidden away until Charlotte, the woman who is hired to care for them, begins to suspect that the triplets-and the good doctor- aren't quite what they seem. As the villagers become increasingly suspicious, the story of Dr. Hoppe's past begins to unfold, and the shocking secrets that he has been keeping are revealed. A chilling story that explores the ethical limits of science and religion, The Angel Maker is a haunting tale in the tradition of The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Frankenstein. Brought to life by internationally bestselling author Stefan Brijns, this eerie tale promises to get under readers' skin.

Jörgen's life is falling apart and the final straw is his daughter Tirza's trip to Africa where she goes missing.

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Written from the point of view of a ten-year-old boy who lives with his grandmother, Marcel is a striking debut novel describing the vivid history of a family in a Flemish village. The mysterious death of Marcel, the family favourite, has always haunted the young boy. With the help of his schoolteacher, he starts to discover the secrets of Marcel's 'black' past. The story of his death on the Eastern Front for the sake of Flanders, and the shame this brought upon his family gradually become clear. Erwin Mortier unravels this shameful family past in an unusually sensitive and evocative manner.

Voorts een alfabetische lijst van Nederlandsche boeken in België uitgegeven.

A memoir of brutality, heroism, and personal discovery from Europe's dark heart, revealing one of the most extraordinary untold stories of World War II One night in March of 1945, on the Austrian-Hungarian border, a local countess hosted a party in her mansion, where guests and local Nazi leaders mingled. The war was almost over and the German aristocrats and SS officers dancing and drinking knew it was lost. Around midnight, some of the guests were asked to "take care" of 180 Jewish enslaved laborers at the train station; they made them strip naked and shot them all before returning to the bright lights of the party. It was another one of the war's countless atrocities buried in secrecy for decades--until Sacha Batthyany started investigating what happened that night at the party his great aunt hosted. A Crime in the Family is the author's memoir of confronting his family's past, the questions he raised and the answers he found that took him far beyond his great aunt's party: through the dark past of Nazi Germany to the gulags of Siberia, the bleak streets of Cold War Budapest, and to Argentina, where he finds an Auschwitz survivor whose past intersects with his family's. It is the story of executioners and victims, villains and heroes. Told partly through the surviving family journals, A Crime in the Family is a disquieting and moving memoir, a powerful true story told by an extraordinary writer confronting the dark past of his family--and humanity.

A violently funny thriller and vitriolic expose of Opus Dei's influence in judicially corrupt Belgium."

Monografie over leven en werk van de Vlaamse schrijver (1958-).

My Fellow Skin is a beautiful, affectionate novel told from the point of view of an impressionable young boy. The novel opens before the boy can talk, and we follow Anton's first, tentative steps on the path to adulthood. He gradually begins to grasp an understanding of time and death, and when he goes to school he falls in love for the first time – not with the schoolgirls his peers are interested in, but with his classmate, Willem. A gentle, protective relationship develops between them, and this gives Anton his own, new identity, his 'fellow skin'. But their love ends tragically, and Anton ultimately loses not only his love, but also his youth, the protection of his parents, and the old house in the village. He is left desolate.

Vanuit protestants christelijk standpunt wordt informatie verschaft over het werk van Nederlandse en Vlaamse auteurs uit de 20e eeuw.

In een scholier bloeit langzaam een liefde op voor een school- en seksegenoot.

Hoe komt het dat iedereen kan leren schrijven, maar het slechts weinigen gegeven is een roman van wereldklasse te maken? In de kunst van het schrijven geeft men het antwoord: het schrijven op topniveau is niet alleen een ambacht maar vooral een kunst, waarbij talent een eerste voorwaarde is maar ook doorzettingsvermogen en discipline vereist zijn.

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