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Twenty years ago, the Gaean Trilogy dazzled critics and readers. Now a new generation will discover that brilliant world--beginning with Titan. There are seven billion people in the world. This is the story of two of them. After an unfortunate incident in an airport lounge involving an immovable customs officer, a full jar of sun - dried tomatoes and the capricious hand of fate, Oliver meets Alison. In spite of this less than romantic start, Oliver falls in love with her. Immediately. Inexplicably. Irrevocably. With no other place to be, Alison follows Oliver to the Solomon Islands where he is planning to write his much - anticipated second novel. But as Oliver's story begins to take shape, odd things start to happen and he senses there may be more hinging on his novel than the burden of expectation. As he gets deeper into the manuscript and Alison moves further away from him, Oliver finds himself clinging to a narrative that may not end with 'happily ever after'. A collection of short stories from "the wildest and most original science fictional mind"

(George R.R. Martin) of Hugo and Nebula award-winning author John Varley. The Persistence of Vision collects nine amazing fiction stories—including the Hugo and Nebula award-winning title novella—that could only come from the mesmerizing imagination of one of science fiction's most renowned and respected writers. Praise for the Previous Novels of Varley O'Connor "Thoroughly researched and lively." —Vogue "Elegantly wrought, hardheaded, and tenderhearted." —Michael Chabon "Honesty and compassion inform every page, and there are passages so musical and full of grace they read like hymns. Reading groups should rejoice." —Sigrid Nunez "[O'Connor] captures the dangerous intersection between private life and the forces of history . . . and gives the reader that rare pleasure of inhabiting another family life that feels at once entirely familiar and new." —Susan Richards Shreve Twelve-year-old Sarah Jacob was the most famous of the Victorian fasting girls, who claimed to miraculously survive without food, serving as flashpoints between struggling religious, scientific, and political factions. In this novel based on Sarah's life and premature death from what may be the first documented case of anorexia, an American journalist, recovering from her husband's death in the Civil War, leaves her home and children behind to travel to Wales, where she investigates Sarah's bizarre case by becoming the young girl's friend and confidante. Unable to prevent the girl's tragic decline while doctors, nurses, and a local priest keep watch, she documents the curious family dynamic, the trial that convicted Sarah's parents, and an era's hysterical need to both believe and destroy Sarah's seemingly miraculous power. Intense, dark, and utterly compelling, *The Welsh Fasting Girl* delves into the complexities of a true story to understand how a culture's anxieties led to

the murder of a child. Varley O'Connor is the author of five novels, including *The Welsh Fasting Girl*, *The Master's Muse*, and *The Cure*. She lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Known for "superior science fiction" (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*), author John Varley returns to his *Thunder and Lightning* series with a novel of how one man's volatile genius could alter a starship's epic plunge into a future where human survival is just a theory... On a voyage to New Earth, the starship *Rolling Thunder* is powered by an energy no one understands except for its eccentric inventor, Jubal Broussard. But now, on his emergence from a state of suspended animation, Jubal makes a shocking announcement: The ship must stop, or everyone will die. These words from the mission's founder, the man responsible for the very existence of *Rolling Thunder*, will send shock waves throughout the starship—and divide its passengers into those who believe and those who doubt. And it will be up to his twin daughters to stop a mutiny, discover the truth, and usher the ship into a new age of exploration... From a master of science fiction comes a brand-new noir novel set in the *Eight Worlds* universe, where a detective hunts for the biohackers who have created a dangerous new disease.

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winner "*The Pusher*," and the Hugo and Nebula award-winner "*Press Enter*." "The heart-pounding space race is on . . . in this riveting SF thriller" from the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author of *Red Lightning* and *Rolling Thunder* (Publishers Weekly, starred review). As Chinese and US spacecraft compete to be the first to land on Mars, a former astronaut, his cousin, and four teens from Florida decide to take matters into their own hands. If they can quickly build their own space-worthy ship using scrap metal, appliances, and power tools, they have a chance to come from behind—thanks to an inventive new power source that can propel them to the Red Planet within three days. No guts, no glory . . . "Varley's great strength is in his characterizations, but in *Red Thunder* he also shows a strong sense of place. . . . If you are willing to simply fantasize about fleeing your office cubicle and becoming a heroic space explorer, this novel will fulfill your wishes." —*The Washington Post* "Fast paced . . . Engaging characters." —*Rocky Mountain News* "Full of little gems of wit and intelligence." —*Booklist* "[A] fun-filled adventure. Varley matches a serious literary style with an outrageous plot, and he's one of the few writers in the field who could make it work." —*Chronicle* When Michael spends a summer at the *Seaview Ghost House* he finds a new friend, Lenny, and they become the *Salt-and-Pepper Boys*. Together they have a summer of adventure and seaside fun. "An old-fashioned novel . . . Elegantly wrought, hard-headed and tenderhearted about the world of actors and theater" (Michael Chabon, Pulitzer Prize-winning author). When Robert, Patrick, and Irene met in New York City in the late 1970s, they were all determined to become actors, and it felt as if the city—or even the world—could be their oyster. Robert was the good-looking, ambitious one. Patrick was tall, ungainly, but naturally dramatic. And Irene, a former rodeo star out of Kansas, was the beautiful ingenue. They were young, talented, and passionate, and they soon became inseparable. But their careers don't all head in the same direction, and as their lives change course, friendships are tested—and they all face decisions that could undo them. *A Company of Three* features "a fascinating set of characters, who rely on and push each other away in equal measure, and their struggles are sure to engage readers,

especially those interested in the cutthroat world of acting” (Booklist). “O’Connor’s clean, affecting prose and her book’s moving conclusion will stay with readers long after the curtain drops.” —Publishers Weekly

Twenty years ago, the Gaeen Trilogy dazzled critics and readers. Now a new generation will discover that brilliant world—beginning with Titan. A fictional account of the marriage of ballet master George Balanchine and Tanaquil Le Clercq describes how polio ended Tanny's dancing career, the rehabilitation that deepened their relationship, and how Balanchine's return to ballet tested their marriage. This new textbook, authored by a team of expert researchers and lecturers based at the London College of Fashion, is one of the first in the field to examine strategic management in the context of the fashion industry, catering specifically for students hoping to work in the sector. International in approach, the text covers all aspects of strategic management, from growth strategy and financial management to brand and supply chain management. Fashion Management's engaging style, page design and pedagogical framework makes it accessible to students at all levels, while the authors' extensive expertise ensures that the content is always underpinned by rigorous academic research. Established key topics and significant contemporary issues – such as sustainability, the digital, and corporate social responsibility – are considered from both a theoretical and practical perspective, with real-world examples drawn from high-profile, global fashion organisations. This is an ideal core textbook for those studying on undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses in fashion management and fashion marketing. The book will also be an important supplementary resource for courses in marketing, retailing and business studies, with the fashion industry providing an effective context for students to engage with the application of theory. Accompanying online resources for this title can be found at bloomsburyonlineresources.com/fashion-management. These resources are designed to support teaching and learning when using this textbook and are available at no extra cost.

Husbands and Other Lovers is the gripping story of the two Agnew brothers - and the women who love them. James Agnew, a brilliant City lawyer, is married to Susannah. They

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have the perfect life - on the surface. A Surrey house, two successful careers and a lifestyle to be envied. But behind closed doors their marriage is a battleground as Susannah fights the effects of her husband's drinking, hiding it from those closest to her, and struggling with the painful memories it raises about her own past. And when James's life takes a dramatic turn, will Susannah stand by her husband? James' younger brother Robert is the founder of one of London's top PR agencies and a millionaire at thirty-eight. Robert weaves a web of lies and fantasies to entrap the women in his life - and to ensure that they are never free from his control. Tabitha, his ex-wife, must fight for her freedom - and her daughter. Jasmine, his ex-girlfriend, faces losing everything that is precious to her. And what of Natasha, his beautiful but vulnerable new girlfriend? Will she fall under his spell to become just another victim...? A science fiction epic from "the best writer in America" (Tom Clancy)—Hugo and Nebula award-winning author John Varley.

Fleeing Earth after an alien invasion, the human race stands on the threshold of evolution. Their new home is Luna, a moon colony blessed with creature comforts, prolonged lifespans, digital memories, and instant sex changes. But the people of Luna are bored, restless, suicidal—and so is the computer that monitors their existence... THE BRILLIANT NOVEL THAT LAUNCHED THE VARLEY PHENOMENON

The invaders came in 2050... They did not kill anyone outright. they said they came on behalf of the intelligent species of Earth—dolphins and whales. The Invaders quietly destroyed every evidence of technology, then peacefully departed, leaving behind plowed ground and sprouting seeds. In the next two years, ten billion humans starved to death. The remnants of humanity that survived relocated to the moon and other planets. But they are not alone in their struggle—someone or something, somewhere in deep space, is sending them advanced scientific data via the Ophiuchi Hotline. And by the twenty-fifth century, the technological gifts from the Hotline—especially its biological and medical solutions—have created a world unlike any ever known or imagined... The epic conclusion to Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author John Varley's Gaeen Trilogy... Gaea, the world and goddess, has gone insane.

She has trapped humans in her mind. She has transformed her love of old movies into monstrous realities. She is Marilyn Monroe. She is King Kong. And she must be destroyed. "Superior science fiction."—Philadelphia Inquirer "John Varley is the best writer in America."—Tom Clancy A landmark collection from the master of science fiction whose short stories "are quite literally unforgettable" (William Gibson). These eighteen stories from the acclaimed author of the Gaea Trilogy, The Ophiuchi Hotline, and many other important works span thirty years of his distinguished career. In these pages are Hugo, Nebula, Prix Tour-Apollo, and James Tiptree Jr. Award winners, including "The Persistence of Vision," "PRESS ENTER []," "The Pusher," and "The Barbie Murders," among other outstanding works of speculative short fiction. As a valuable bonus, each story includes an autobiographical introduction by the author. Praise for John Varley "John Varley is the best writer in America." —Tom Clancy "There are few writers whose work I love more than John Varley's, purely love." —Cory Doctorow "One of science fiction's most important writers." —The Washington Post "Inventive." —The New York Times "One of the genre's most accomplished storytellers." —Publishers Weekly Victoria Stratford's birthday party for her ambitious husband David shows off their beautiful Wimbledon house, their wonderful children, their perfect lives. But while Victoria welcomes her guests, the only person missing is David himself. Victoria's sister Clara and her husband Tom are at the party. Unworldly and idealistic, Tom scorns David's quest for wealth. While Clara is content with her job as a university lecturer, she yearns for a change in her life. In the garden, the youngest sister Annie talks to her husband Hugo. Very happy together, the only blight on their lives is Hugo's mother, whose jealousy and possessiveness have turned into a poisonous hatred of Annie. So begins a train of events that will lead each sister down a different path - towards love, sex, grief, betrayal and happiness. Despite wars with Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as 9/11, the United States' dependence on foreign oil has kept the nation tied to the Middle East. A scientist has developed a cure for America's addiction—a slow-acting virus that feeds on petroleum, turning it solid. But he didn't

consider that his contagion of an Iraqi oil field would spread to infect the fuel supply of the entire world... In Los Angeles, screenwriter Dave Marshall heard this scenario from a retired U.S. Marine and government insider who acted as a consultant on Dave's last film. It sounded as implausible as many of his scripts, but the reality is much more frightening than anything he can envision. An ordinary guy armed with extraordinary information, Dave hopes his survivor's instinct will kick in so he can protect his wife and daughter from the coming apocalypse that will alter the future of Earth—and humanity... A "rollicking, bittersweet tale of time travel and ecology" from the Nebula and Hugo Award-winning author of the Gaea Trilogy (Publishers Weekly, starred review). "H. G. Wells meets Jurassic Park" in this novel about a multibillionaire, a time machine, and a baby woolly mammoth named Little Fuzzy (The Best Reviews). The discovery of a perfectly preserved frozen mammoth in the Canadian wilderness gives wealthy visionary Howard Christian the opportunity of a lifetime: to clone it. But what really piques Christian's curiosity is what he finds next to the mammoth: a metal box—and the mummified body of a man wearing a watch. Working to discover the box's purpose and clone the mammoth, a top physicist and an elephant veterinarian will be flung thousands of years into the past and back again—bringing a baby mammoth along for the ride—in this "imaginative and engaging" adventure that shows "Varley . . . in top form" (San Francisco Chronicle). Praise for John Varley "John Varley is the best writer in America." —Tom Clancy "There are few writers whose work I love more than John Varley's, purely love." —Cory Doctorow "One of science fiction's most important writers." —The Washington Post "Inventive." —The New York Times "One of the genre's most accomplished storytellers." —Publishers Weekly "The Book of Ordinary People is a heart-warming and thought-provoking novel that reminds us to value what matters most - our families, our friends and humanity as a whole. " Readings A grieving daughter navigates the morning commute, her mind bursting with memories pleading to be shared. A man made entirely of well-cut suits and strictly enforced rules swims his regular morning laps and fantasises about his self-assured

promotion. A young lawyer sits in a fluorescent-lit office, typing indecipherable jargon and dreaming of everything she didn't become. A failed news hack hides under the covers from another looming deadline, and from a past that will not relent its pursuit. And a young woman seeking asylum sits tensely on an unmoving train, praying that good news waits at the other end of the line... In this charming, moving and affectionate novel, Claire Varley paints a magical portrait of five ordinary people, and the sometimes heartbreaking power of the stories we make of ourselves. PRAISE FOR THE BIT IN BETWEEN "Tragic, mysterious, insightful, sometimes humorous and often heartbreaking." Daily Telegraph "Varley writes with confidence and brio, and her main characters are believable and loveable." The Age "Full of heart and humour." West Australian A collection of science fiction stories from "the best writer in America" (Tom Clancy)--Hugo and Nebula award-winning author John Varley. John Varley's unique blend of startling technology and genuinely human characters has won him every major science fiction award several times over for both his novels and his short fiction. "Blue Champagne" collects eight thought-provoking stories from one of the genre's undisputed masters, including the Hugo Award-winner "The Pusher," and the Hugo "and" Nebula award-winner "Press Enter." The biggest, baddest Sin City ever is here, just in time for the release of the feature film, Sin City 2: A Dame to Kill For! This imposing volume, suitable for home defense, contains all seven of Frank Miller's landmark Sin City yarns! In these tales of Marv, Dwight, Gail, Miho, Hartigan, Nancy, and the Yellow Bastard, no corner of Basin City is left unturned, and no bloody deed is left undone. Written with unmatched intensity and drawn in the starkest black and white imaginable, the Sin City books make up the greatest crime saga in comics history, and Big Damn Sin City is the best way to discover or rediscover it! One of the greatest science fiction epics ever written, John Varley's Titan, Wizard, and Demon comprise a groundbreaking trilogy that will live forever. Human explorers have entered the sprawling mind of Gaea. Now they must fight her will. For she is much too powerful...and definitely insane."These books are going to be around for a long time." --Locus Chamomile is not

allowed to wear anything but fussy, frilly princess dresses; she's not allowed to leave the castle grounds; and she's never, never allowed to eat sweets--until she is kidnapped. "This is an engrossing novel by one of the genre's most accomplished storytellers." --Publishers Weekly All the universe is a stage...and Sparky Valentine is its itinerant thespian. He brings Shakespeare--a version of it anyway--to the outer reaches of Earth's solar system. Sparky can transform himself from young to old, fat to thin, even male to female, by altering magnetic implants beneath his skin. Indispensable hardware for a career actor--and an interstellar con man wanted for murder... In the skies over Oakland, California, a DC-10 and a 747 are about to collide. But in the far distant future, a time travel team is preparing to snatch the passengers, leaving prefabricated smoking bodies behind for the rescue teams to find. And in Washington D.C., an air disaster investigator named Smith is about to get a phone call that will change his life...and end the world as we know it. Awakening from his cryogenic sleep, Jubal Broussard, the inventor of a strange energy that powers his starship, announces that the current mission must stop or everyone on board will die, in the latest addition to the series following Rolling Thunder. Although he wants to learn all that wise old Donkey knows, Rabbit cannot sit still to listen to the answers to his questions, but in the end he teaches Donkey some new things. The third book in the Thunder and Lightning Series is "a smashing success . . . [with] action-packed, science-packed homages to Heinlein's best work" (Cory Doctorow, Boing Boing). Navy lieutenant Podkayne, daughter of Ray Garcia-Strickland, is tired of her job as Martian consul in California--and Earth's oppressive gravity. So she's OK with getting called back to Mars even if it's because her great-grandmother is sick and being put into suspended animation. After a family reunion, Podkayne's next port of call is Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, where she can finally realize her dream of being a singer. But just when her life seems to be improving for the better, disaster strikes and Podkayne is put into her own state of suspension. Awakened ten years later, she will discover a solar system in turmoil--where the very survival of humanity is at risk . . . "This is well-crafted science fiction written by a master."

—SFRevu “These books are fond without being nostalgic, reverent without being old-fashioned. Everything about them is utterly contemporary, but it’s easy to believe that Heinlein would have written them (more or less!) today.” —Cory Doctorow, Boing Boing “Loaded with references, some subtle and others blatant, to Heinlein’s many books. Heinlein fans will get a chuckle, or maybe even a guffaw, when encountering one of these. Readers with no Heinlein background will enjoy the story too, but on a different level.” —National Space Society

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ribbon. Children will love to explore the enchanting tales from award-winning authors, and parents will love the great value price! A collection of short stories from the Hugo and Nebula award-winning author who "has the imagination of six ordinary science fiction writers" (George R.R. Martin)—John Varley. Picnic on Nearside includes nine astonishing stories from an author whose imagination has changed the genre and the way that people envision the future. The sequel to Red Thunder is “a cosmic coming-of-age novel . . . [with] enthralling everyday heroics” from a Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author (Paul Di Filippo, SciFi.com). It doesn’t matter that Ray Garcia-Strickland’s father was one of the first men on Mars. The now overdeveloped planet has lost its hip factor, its luxurious hotels—like the one Ray’s father manages—overrun with gravity-dependent tourists from Earth. Ray is over the Red Planet. Soon he gets his own chance at interplanetary adventure, when an unknown object hits Earth and causes a massive tsunami. Ray heads back to Florida to help family and friends who’ve survived the devastation—and soon learns the so-called natural disaster could have unnatural consequences . . . “The book Robert A. Heinlein would have written if he lived in George Bush’s America.” —Cory Doctorow, Boing Boing “A highly satisfying sequel to Red Thunder . . . Much more than a simple adventure story, full of poignant moments and relevant social commentary.” —Kirkus Reviews, starred review “Drawing unabashedly on current events from 9/11 to Hurricane Katrina, the author mixes space opera-esque adventure and merriment with uncensored images of disaster areas and teenage sex. At his Heinlein-channeling best, Varley preaches the gospel of individual responsibility with all the fervor of a space-age libertarian revival preacher.” —Publishers Weekly “John Varley blends past fiction, current events and future tech to create a story all his own, but with classic roots in at least a half dozen of Heinlein's juveniles.” —SF Site