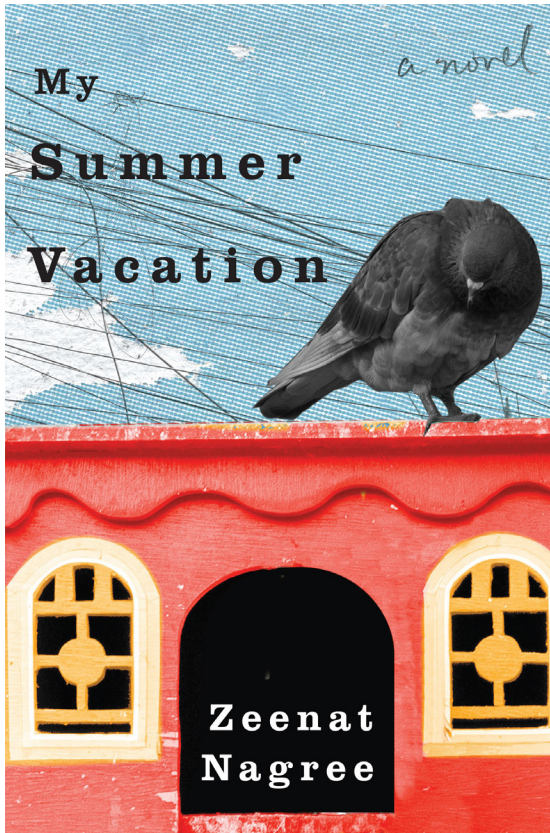




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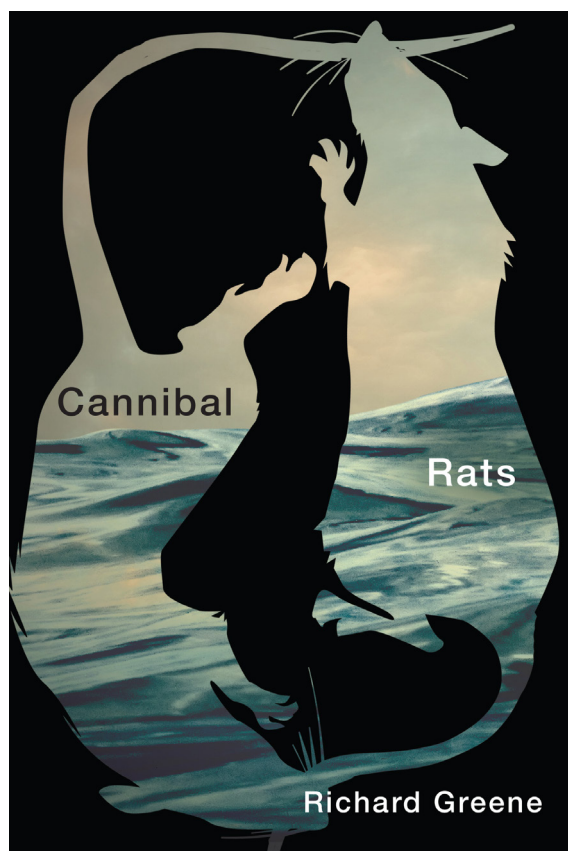
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ZEENAT NAGREE is an independent writer and curator who grew up in Bombay and now divides her time between India and Canada. Having studied art history in Chicago, she writes on contemporary art and curates exhibitions. *My Summer Vacation* is her first book.



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RICHARD GREENE is an award-winning poet, editor and biographer. He was born in Newfoundland, educated at Oxford, and is now a professor of English at the University of Toronto. Greene's *Boxing the Compass* (Signal Editions, 2009) won the Governor General's Literary Award for Poetry in 2010.



Morgan's Castle

JAN HILLIARD

INTRODUCTION BY BRIAN BUSBY

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Charlotte Morgan is both the wealthiest and most beautiful woman in all of Greenwood, Ontario, a mid-sized town on the Niagara Peninsula. Her impressive, expansive home, Hilltop House—known locally as “Morgan’s Castle”—was made possible through the family’s highly profitable vineyards. Charlotte has little to do with the business—she is very much a woman of leisure—so why has the strong-willed matriarch of the Morgan clan hired wholly unqualified sixteen-year-old Laura Dean as her secretary? And why is Charlotte so intent on having the girl live with her and her recently widowed son at Morgan’s Castle? All too soon Laura finds herself caught in the undercurrents of evil that emanates from the rambling structure of a house divided.

First published in 1964 by Abelard-Schumann, at which the author served as fiction editor. *Morgan’s Castle* combines family secrets and black humour of the darkest kind. This Ricochet Books edition marks the first new edition in nearly fifty years.

JAN HILLIARD was the pen name of Hilda Kay Grant (1910-1996). Born and raised in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, she studied at New York’s Grand Central School of Art and lived most of her adult life in Ontario. Her first book, *The Salt Box* (1951), based loosely on her childhood, was awarded a Stephen Leacock Medal. It was followed by five novels, the last being *Morgan’s Castle* (1964).



Qaf's People

SADIQA DE MEIJER

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"If there is a mother country and a father country / if an ocean, or some seas, or river after river after river / breathe between your right side and your left / you're from Qaf," offers Governor General Award-winning writer Sadiqa de Meijer in, *Qaf's People*, an elegant and ambitious exploration of mixed-race identity, diaspora, and the precarities of belonging, set in an imagined landscape drawn from Islamic mythology.

Here, "a seedling body wearing a smock or backwards old // dress shirt makes a map." Here, the Netherlands, Kenya, and Canada overlap, and "we love where we are from without a flag." Within de Meijer's skillful poems, history's many tributaries converge, their confluence offering new ways of understanding the complexities of lives lived across and through continents, languages, and cultures. *Qaf's People* is a book rich with inquisitive beauty and interrogative poise.

SADIQA DE MEIJER's books include the poetry collections *Leaving Howe Island* (Governor General's Award Finalist 2014) and *The Outer Wards* (Raymond Souster Award finalist 2020), and the memoir *alfabet/alphabet* (Governor General's Award Winner 2021). Her work recurrently explores landscape, language, motherhood, inner lives, visual art, and the long wakes of colonialism and migration. She lives in Kingston, Ontario.



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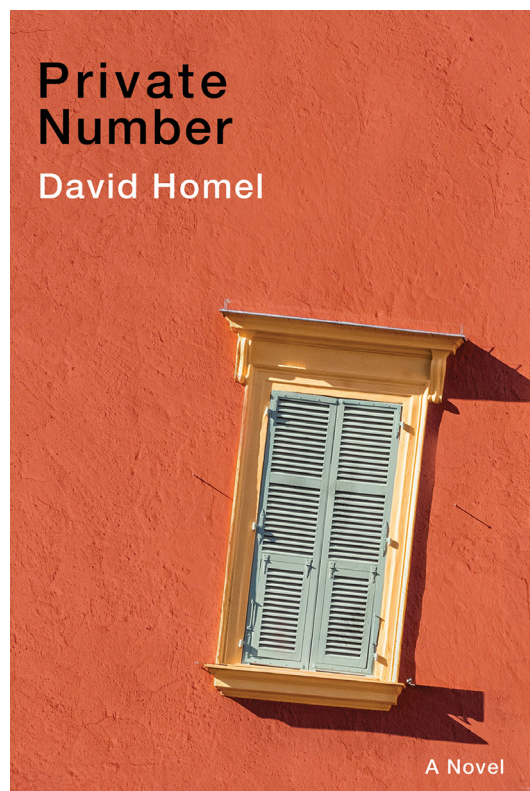
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Bruce Taylor's *We Drove all Day for This* moves between the microscopic and the domestic, finding poetry in mould gardens, marbles, guitars rebuilt in memory, and waterfalls collapsing on themselves. Science threads through the work—echocardiograms, pondwater “little animals,” the odd fact that humans are deuterostomes—alongside childhood recollections of winters, fireworks, and television.

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BRUCE TAYLOR is a two-time winner of the A.M. Klein Award for Poetry. He has published three books of poetry: *Getting On with the Era* (1987), *Cold Rubber Feet* (1989), and *Facts* (1998). He has been a teacher, a puppeteer, and a freelance journalist. He lives in Wakefield, Quebec.



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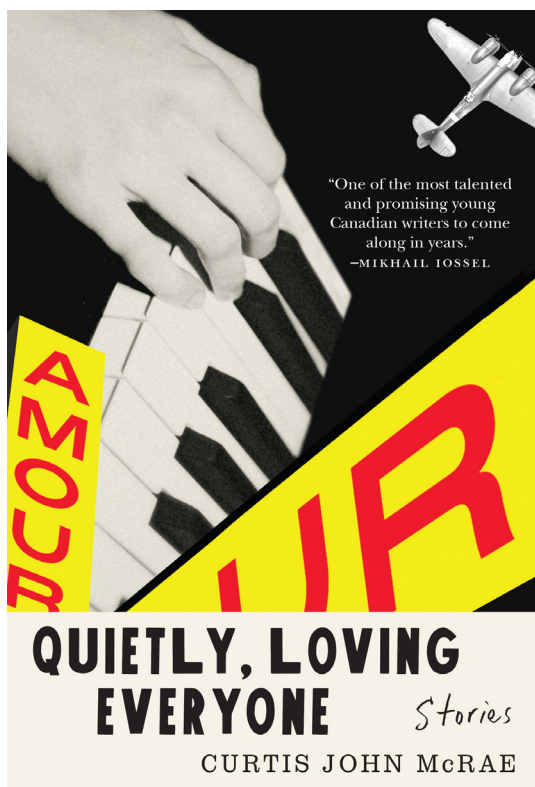
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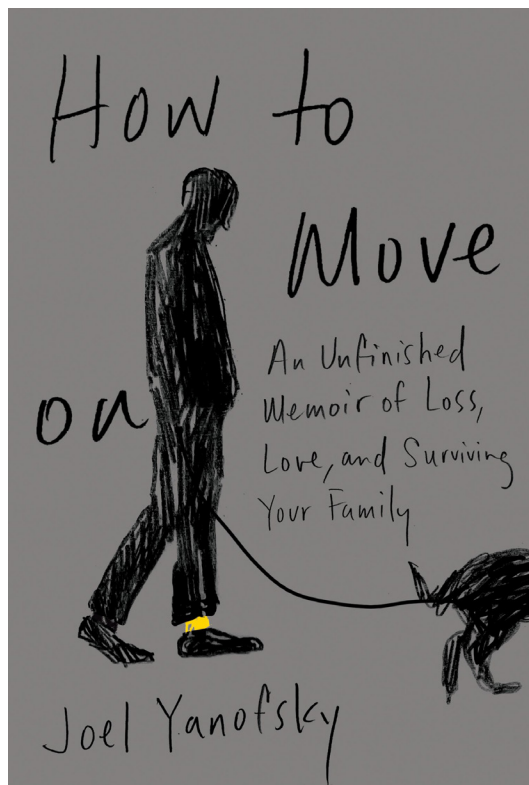
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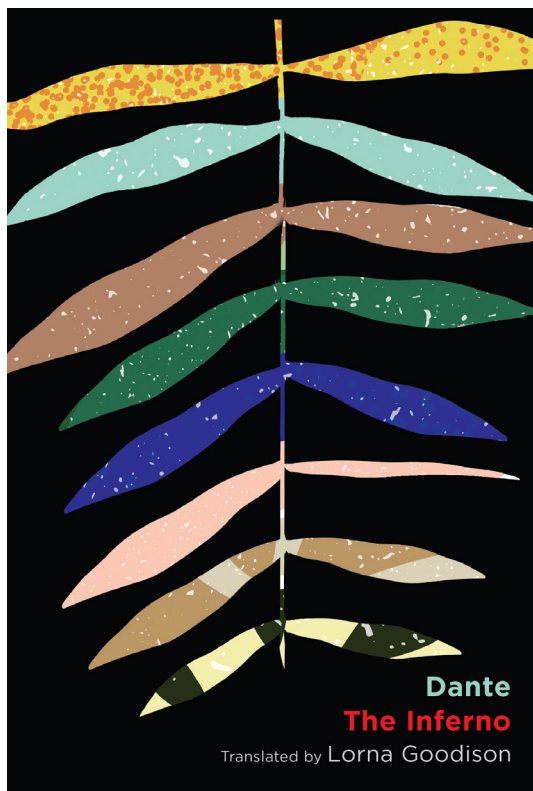
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