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### Suite Francaise

By *Nemirovsky, Irene*

Translator *Smith, Sandra*

2007-04 - Vintage Books USA

9781400096275 [Check Our Catalog](#)

#### BookPage Notable Title

An extraordinary novel of life under Nazi occupation-- discovered and published 62 years after the author's tragic death at Auschwitz. Subtle, often fiercely ironic, and deeply compassionate, it is both a piercing record of its time and a brilliant, profoundly moving work of art. [...More](#)



### Spies

By *Frayn, Michael*

2002-04 - Metropolitan Books

9780805070583 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In gripping prose, charged with emotional intensity, "Spies" reaches into the moral confusion of youth to reveal a reality filled with deceptions and betrayals, where the bonds of friendship, marriage, and family are unraveled by cowardice and erotic desire. [...More](#)



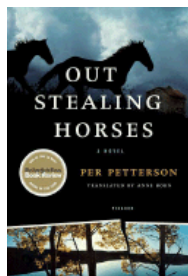
## The White Earth

By *McGahan, Andrew*

2007-01 - Soho Press

9781569474419 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"The saga of the Mclvors is nothing less than a grim and supremely entertaining take on colonialism in Australia and the tortured, stained hearts of all its New World cousins. A-."- Entertainment Weekly?? "McGahan scrutinizes his characters without puppetry, and his prose moves with grace, smoothness and a gift for setting."-San Francisco Chronicle?? "Absorbing, disturbing, almost gothic, by turns, as McGahan depicts the inextricability of family and the primal hunger for finding and naming home."-Valerie Miner, The Boston Globe?? After his father's death, young William is cast upon the charity of an unknown great-uncle, John Mclvor. The old man was brought up expecting to marry the heiress to Kuran Station-a grand estate in the Australian Outback-only to be disappointed by his rejection and the selling off of the land. He has devoted his life to putting the estate back together and has moved into the once-elegant mansion. ?? Mclvor tries to imbue William with his obsession, but his hold on the land is threatened by laws entitling the Aborigines to reclaim sacred sites. William's mother desperately wants her son to become John Mclvor's heir, but no one realizes that William is ill and his condition is worsening. ?? The White Earth won Australia's Miles Franklin Award for 2005 and was selected as Book of the Year (2004) by The Age and the The Courier-Mail.?? ...[More](#)



## Out Stealing Horses

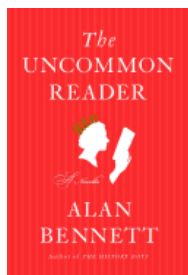
By *Petterson, Per*

*Translator* *Born, Anne*

2008-04 - Picador USA

9780312427085 [Check Our Catalog](#)

An early morning adventure out stealing horses leads to the tragic death of one boy and a resulting lifetime of guilt and isolation for his friend, in this moving tale about the painful loss of innocence and of traditional ways of life that are gone forever. ...[More](#)



## The Uncommon Reader

By *Bennett, Alan*

2007-09 - Farrar Straus Giroux

9780374280963 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the author of "The History Boys" and "The Clothes They Stood Up In" comes a deliciously funny novella that celebrates the pleasure of reading. ...[More](#)



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## Loving Frank

By *Horan, Nancy*

2007-08 - Ballantine Books

9780345494993 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Nancy Horan brilliantly blends together fact and fiction in *Loving Frank*, her compelling debut novel about the relationship between legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, the wife of a couple whose home Wright built in 1904. ...[More](#)



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## Mister Pip

By *Jones, Lloyd*

2007-08 - Dial Press

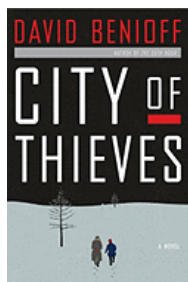
9780385341066 [Check Our Catalog](#)

2008 ALA Notable

2008 Alex Award Winner

2008 Kiriyaama Prize Fiction Winner

Intense, beautiful, and fable-like, Jones' *Mister Pip* is a remarkable work of fiction that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the power of literature to transform lives. ...[More](#)



## City of Thieves

By *Benioff, David*

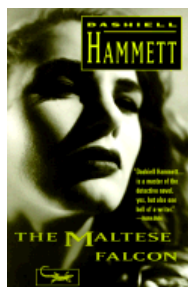
2008-06 - Viking Books

9780670018703 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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2009 Alex Award

Benioff follows up "The 25th Hour" with this hard-to-put-down novel based on his grandfather's stories about surviving World War II in Russia. ...[More](#)



## Maltese Falcon

By *Hammett, Dashiell*

1989-07 - San Val

9780808575375 [Check Our Catalog](#)

First published in 1930, *The Maltese Falcon* stands today as one of the classics of both suspense literature and American writing. ...[More](#)