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A.L. Kennedy: Serious Sweet

Hardback, € 22,95

A good man in a bad world, Jon Sigurdsson is 59 and divorced: a senior civil servant in Westminster who hates many of his colleagues and loathes his work for a government engaged in unmentionable acts. A man of conscience.

Meg Williams is 'a bankrupt accountant - two words you don't want in the same sentence, or anywhere near your CV'. She's 45 and shakily sober, living on Telegraph Hill, where she can see London unfurl below her. Somewhere out there is safety.

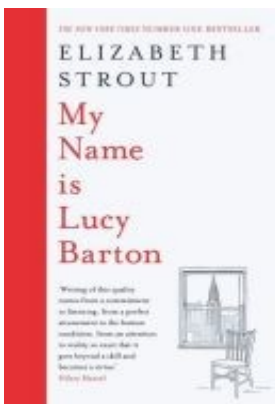
Somewhere out there is Jon, pinballing around the city with a mobile phone and a letter-writing habit he can't break. He's a man on the brink, leaking government secrets and affection as he runs for his life.

Set in 2014, this is a novel of our times. Poignant, deeply funny, and beautifully written, *Serious Sweet* is about two decent, damaged people trying to make moral choices in an immoral world: ready to sacrifice what's left of themselves for honesty, and for a chance at tenderness. As Jon and Meg navigate the sweet and serious heart of London - passing through 24 hours that will change them both for ever - they tell a very unusual, unbearably moving love story.



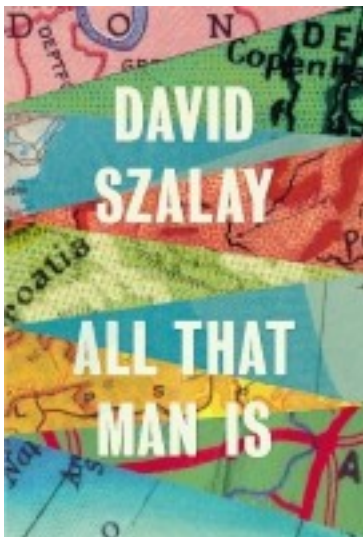
Deborah Levy: Hot Milk
Paperback, € 19,95

Two strangers arrive in a Spanish village. The older woman is suffering from mysterious paralysis, driven to seek a cure beyond the bounds of conventional medicine. Her daughter Sofia has spent years struggling to understand her mother's illness. Man Booker Prize shortlisted author Deborah Levy explores female rage and sexuality, psychosomatic illness and the bond between mother and daughter.



Elizabeth Strout: My Name is Lucy Barton
Hardback, € 20,95

A heart-wrenching story of mothers and daughters from the Pulitzer prize-winning author of *Olive Kitteridge*. A mother comes to visit her daughter Lucy in a New Yorker hospital after having not seen her in many years. The reader is drawn ever more deeply into the emotional complexity of family life, the inescapable power of the past, and the memories - however painful - that bind a family together.



David Szalay: All That Man Is

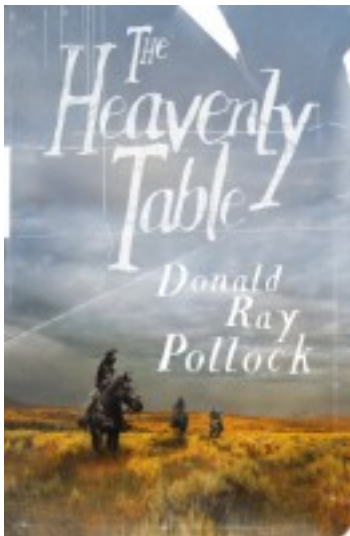
Winner of the Plimpton Prize for Fiction 2016. 2016. 448 p. 204 mm.

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Tracing an arc from the spring of youth to the winter of old age, *All That Man Is* brings these separate lives together to show us men as they are - ludicrous and inarticulate, shocking and despicable; vital, pitiable, hilarious, and full of heartfelt longing. And as the years chase them down, the stakes become bewilderingly high in this piercing portrayal of 21st-century manhood.

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Donald Ray Pollock: The Heavenly Table

Paperback, € 20,95

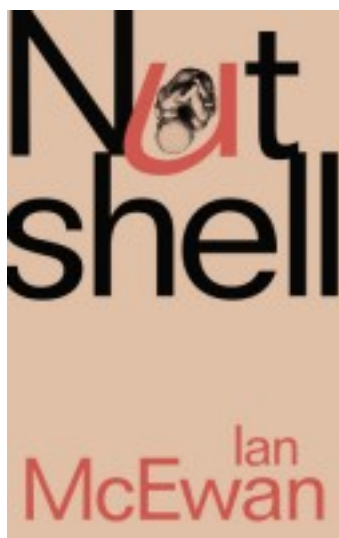
A blistering new novel in which three impoverished brothers accidentally embark on a murderous bank-robbing spree...

From 'a writer of genius', the author of the classics *Knockemstiff* and *The Devil All the Time*

Cane, Cob and Chimney Jewett are young Georgia sharecroppers held under the thumb of their domineering, God-struck father Pearl. When he dies unexpectedly, they set out on horseback to rob and loot their way to wealth and infamy, inspired by a lurid dime novel that only one of them can read.

But little goes as planned and soon they're pursued by both the authorities and by stories that make them out to be the most fearsome trio of bank robbers and murderers around. The truth, though, is far more complex than the legend. And the heaven they've imagined may in fact be worse than the hell they sought to escape.

The Heavenly Table is gritty, electrifying and weirdly funny. It cements Donald Ray Pollock's place among America's best contemporary novelists.



Ian McEwan: Nutshell

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Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home - a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse - but not with John. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb.

Told from a perspective unlike any other, *Nutshell* is a classic tale of murder and deceit from one of the world's master storytellers.

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