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Dining with the Durrells - David Shimwell 2019-03-28

'We lolled in the sea until it was time to return for tea, another of Mother's gastronomic triumphs. Tottering mounds of hot scones; crisp paper-thin biscuits; cakes like snowdrifts, oozing jam; cakes dark, rich and moist, crammed with fruit; brandy snaps brittle as coral and overflowing with honey. Conversation was almost at a standstill; all that could be heard was the gentle tinkle of cups, and the heartfelt sigh of some guest, accepting another slice of cake.' - My Family and Other Animals, Gerald Durrell In Dining with the Durrells, David Shimwell has delved into the Durrell family archives to uncover Louisa Durrell's original recipes for the scones, cakes, jams, tarts, sandwiches and more that are so deliciously described by the Durrell family. From her recipe for 'Gerry's Favourite Chicken Curry' to 'Dixie-Durrell Scones with Fig and Ginger Jam', and including the family stories and photos that accompany them, this book will transport you to long lunches enjoyed on the terrace of a strawberry-pink villa, sunshine-filled picnics among the Corfu olive groves and candlelit dinners overlooking the Ionian Sea.

Beasts in My Belfry - Gerald Durrell 2016-02-01

"A loving chronicle of jitter-bugging gnus, singing duets with a bear, stealing eggs to feed the Arctic foxes, practising tiger sniffs . . . Highly

entertaining and informative" The Times Over a year at Whipsnade Zoo we encounter a typically absurd cast - including Albert the lion, who's a dab hand at ventriloquism, and Teddy the brown bear, with whom the young Durrell sings duets. This is a charming account of Gerald Durrell's first job as a student keeper in Whipsnade Park in 1945. With notebook and pen in hand, the eager young Durrell observes his co-workers and animal charges alike. Whether getting dirty mucking out the buffalo enclosure or attempting to cajole a jitter-bugging gnus into a transportation crate, life at the zoo is certainly never boring. PRAISE FOR GERALD DURRELL "A hilarious record that no Durrell fan will want to miss" Sunday Telegraph "Durrell manages to convey not only that he loves animals, but that he enjoys life too - and wants you to enjoy it with him" Daily Mirror

My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell 2017-09-26

My Family and Other Animals is the bewitching account of a rare and magical childhood on the island of Corfu by treasured British conservationist Gerald Durrell. Escaping the ills of the British climate, the Durrell family - acne-ridden Margo, gun-toting Leslie, bookworm Lawrence and budding naturalist Gerry, along with their long-suffering mother and Roger the dog - take off for the island of Corfu. But the

Durrells find that, reluctantly, they must share their various villas with a menagerie of local fauna - among them scorpions, geckos, toads, bats and butterflies. Recounted with immense humour and charm *My Family and Other Animals* is a wonderful account of a rare, magical childhood. 'Durrell has an uncanny knack of discovering human as well as animal eccentricities' Sunday Telegraph 'A bewitching book' Sunday Times
The Mockery Bird - Gerald Durrell 1981

Zenkali, a remote tropical island, is on the brink of independence when the Mockery Bird and Ombu tree, on which it feeds, both believed to be extinct, are discovered. This discovery revives long-forgotten tribal hatred between the Fangoua and the Ginka. As civil war threatens, the island is invaded by the British Military, the world press and the a fanatical group of conservationists. In a hilarious climax order is restored, but not without a dramatic discovery which it to preserve the island's peace and obscurity forever.

The Aye-Aye and I - Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20

"First-rate entertainment": The author of the Corfu Trilogy recounts his expedition to Madagascar and search for the elusive, endangered aye-aye (Publishers Weekly). In 1990, Gerald Durrell; his wife, Lee; and a television crew embarked on a rescue mission to one of the most interesting places in the world: the island of Madagascar. It was there that they hoped to record and capture the endangered aye-aye, the world's largest nocturnal primate. Recognizable by its big eyes and long fingers, the strange, rare aye-aye was an animal of incredible fascination for Durrell, one he felt compelled to conserve as its habitat was taken away by deforestation. In this passionate memoir, Durrell's funny, vibrant voice shines as he describes the magical landscape of Madagascar, the exotic animals that inhabit it, and the challenges of his expedition to preserve an important part of our ever-changing world. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Isaac Asimov's Guide to Earth and Space - Isaac Asimov 2011-04-27

A thrilling nonfiction tour of the cosmos that brings the universe down to Earth, from one of the all-time masters of science fiction. No one makes

sense out of science like Isaac Asimov. Are you puzzled by pulsars? Baffled by black holes? Bewildered by the big bang? If so, here are succinct, crystal-clear answers to more than one hundred of the most significant questions about the essential nature of the universe—questions that have fired the imagination since the beginning of history. Over the course of this fantastic voyage, the origins, the discoveries, and the stunning achievements of astronomy will unfold before your eyes. You will experience close encounters with giant planets, exploding stars, distant galaxies, and more. For anyone who has ever asked the ultimate questions, who has ever looked up at the sky and asked What in heaven is going on?, Isaac Asimov's unique vision, skill, and authority will bring the big picture into focus. "A fine introduction to modern astronomical theory."—Library Journal

The Music Room: A Memoir - William Fiennes 2009-08-22

A bittersweet description of an ancient family house in an enchanted setting, and of growing up with a damaged brother. William Fiennes spent his childhood in a moated castle, the perfect environment for a child with a brimming imagination. It is a house alive with history, beauty, and mystery, but the young boy growing up in it is equally in awe of his brother Richard. Eleven years older and a magnetic presence, Richard suffers from severe epilepsy. His illness influences the rhythms of the family and the house's internal life, and his story inspires a journey, interwoven with a loving recollection, toward an understanding of the mind. This is a song of home, of an adored brother and the miracle of consciousness. The chill of dark historical places coexists with the warmth and chatter of the family kitchen; the surrounding landscapes are distinguished by ancient trees, secret haunts, the moat's depths and temptations. Bursting with tender detail, *The Music Room* is a sensuous tribute to place, memory, and the permanence of love.

Journal of a Novel - John Steinbeck 1990-12-01

Each working day from January 29 to November 1, 1951, John Steinbeck warmed up to the work of writing *East of Eden* with a letter to the late Pascal Covici, his friend and editor at The Viking Press. It was his way, he said, of "getting my mental arm in shape to pitch a good game."

Steinbeck's letters were written on the left-hand pages of a notebook in which the facing pages would be filled with the text of *East of Eden*. They touched on many subjects—story arguments, trial flights of workmanship, concern for his sons. Part autobiography, part writer's workshop, these letters offer an illuminating perspective on Steinbeck's creative process, and a fascinating glimpse of Steinbeck, the private man.

The Corfu Trilogy - Gerald Durrell 2006-08-03

The Corfu Trilogy consists of the popular classic *My Family and Other Animals* and its delightful sequels, *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* and *The Garden of the Gods*. All three books are set on the enchanted island of Corfu in the 1930s, and tell the story of the eccentric English family who moved there. For Gerald, the budding zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise, teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems - his family often objected to his animal-collecting activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the villa or - even worse - the fridge. With hilarious yet endearing portraits of his family and their many unusual hangers-on, *The Corfu Trilogy* also captures the beginnings of the author's lifelong love of animals. Recounted with immense humour and charm, this wonderful account of Corfu's natural history reveals a rare, magical childhood. For the passionate zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise, teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems - Gerald's family often objected to his animal-collecting activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the family's villa or - even worse - the fridge. Gerald Durrell evokes his island paradise with passion and wonder.

My Family and Other Animals-TV TIE IN Edition - Gerald Durrell 2016-04-26

My Family and Other Animals is the bewitching account of a rare and magical childhood on the island of Corfu by treasured British conservationist Gerald Durrell. This tv tie in edition coincides with ITV's six part television series *The Durrells*. Escaping the ills of the British climate, the Durrell family - acne-ridden Margo, gun-toting Leslie,

bookworm Lawrence and budding naturalist Gerry, along with their long-suffering mother and Roger the dog - take off for the island of Corfu. But the Durrells find that, reluctantly, they must share their various villas with a menagerie of local fauna - among them scorpions, geckos, toads, bats and butterflies. Recounted with immense humour and charm *My Family and Other Animals* is a wonderful account of a rare, magical childhood. 'Durrell has an uncanny knack of discovering human as well as animal eccentricities' *Sunday Telegraph* 'A bewitching book' *Sunday Times*

Birds, Beasts and Relatives - Gerald Durrell 2017-10-31

The follow up to *My Family and Other Animals* and the second book in *The Corfu Trilogy*, the beloved books that inspired ITV's television series *The Durrells*. In this second collection of tales concerning the Durrell family on the island of Corfu, young Gerry continues to be captivated by the fascinating flora and fauna of their adopted home - much to the bemusement and upset of his long suffering siblings and mother. Whether it's lamp fishing by night or roving the countryside with his mentor Theodore, Gerry encounters intoxicated hedgehogs, tarantulas, dung beetles, water spiders and other animals, some of which become the family's very unwanted pets. 'A wild and amusing chronicle' *Daily Express* 'This book, an evocation of a budding naturalist's life as a boy on Corfu, will delight many readers, even those who can't stand spiders...' *Evening Standard* 'Delightful, charming, funny' *The Times*

Three Singles to Adventure - Gerald Durrell 2017-02-21

Journey to South America on a search for endangered species with the author of *My Family and Other Animals*. In 1950, Gerald Durrell set off for British Guiana (now Guyana) to collect native wildlife and bring it back to his Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust on the island of Jersey in the English Channel. On his journey, Durrell experienced all kinds of adventures: some amusing, some thrilling, and some extremely irritating. He traveled up the Essequibo River into the lush tropical forests and trekked across a landscape teeming with life and color. He encountered the sakiwinki monkey and the sloth with curiously green fur, heard the horrifying sounds of rampaging piranhas, and learned how to lasso a

galloping anteater. He even met an ill-tempered anaconda and an overly affectionate bird. This remarkable memoir will take you into a wild place in another time, accompanied by the highly entertaining naturalist whose writings inspired popular Masterpiece series *The Durrells in Corfu*. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Picnic and Suchlike Pandemonium - Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20

Uproarious antics fill this genre-crossing collection of six stories from the beloved British naturalist and author of the *Corfu Trilogy*. The eccentric Durrell family sets off on an ill-fated excursion in "The Picnic" and embarks on a Greek cruise in "The Maiden Voyage." Next, things take a turn for the diabolical when a solo Durrell runs into a former flame in "The Public School Education"—and then finds trouble of a different sort in "The Havoc of Havelock." Finally, the typically jocular Durrell unexpectedly shifts to the macabre with the surprise cuisine of "The Michelin Man" and the spine-tingling horror of "The Entrance." With his knack for describing his often outlandish, always entertaining adventures, Gerald Durrell serves up an engrossing blend of genres in this intriguing collection of stories. Including both fiction and nonfiction, *The Picnic and Suchlike Pandemonium* reveals the wide-ranging talents of the famed naturalist and memoirist. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

James Herriot's Dog Stories - James Herriot 1990-10-15

Tells the stories of fifty dogs and their unique relationships with their owners

Prospero's Cell - Lawrence Durrell 2012-06-12

From a member of the real-life family portrayed in *The Durrells in Corfu*, this memoir of the idyllic Greek island is "among the best books ever written" (*The New York Times*). Before Lawrence Durrell became a renowned novelist, poet, and travel writer, he spent four youthful years on Corfu, an island jewel with beauty to match the long and fascinating history within its rocky shores. While his brother, Gerald, was collecting animals as a budding naturalist, Lawrence fished, drank, and lived with

the natives in the years leading up to World War II, sheltered from the tumult that was engulfing Europe—until finally he could ignore the world no longer. Durrell left for Alexandria, to serve his country as a wartime diplomat, but never forgot the wonders of Corfu. In this "brilliant" journey through that idyllic time and place, Durrell returns to the land that made him so happy, blending his love of history with memories of his adventures there (*The Economist*). Like the blue Aegean, *Prospero's Cell* is deep and crystal clear, offering a perfect view straight to the heart of a nation.

My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell 1990

Fauna and Family - Gerald Durrell 2012-08-13

Fauna and Family, also known as *The Garden of the Gods*, is the third in Durrell's *Corfu* trilogy that begins with his beloved classic, *My Family and Other Animals* and continues with *Birds, Beasts and Relatives*. In his foreword to *Fauna and Family*, Durrell confessed that in the first two books, "I had left out a number of incidents and characters that I would have liked to have described, and I have attempted to repair this omission in this book . . . I hope that it might give the same pleasure to its readers as apparently its predecessors have done, as for me it portrays a very important part of my life . . . which is a truly happy and sunlit childhood." Also available from Godine: *Fillets of Plaice*

13.8 - John Gribbin 2016-09-08

The 20th century gave us two great theories of physics: the general theory of relativity, which describes the behaviour of things on a very large scale, including the entire Universe; and quantum theory, which describes the behaviour of things on a very small scale, the sub-atomic world. The refusal of the Universe to reveal an equation that combines these two great ideas has caused some people to doubt our whole understanding of physics. In this landmark new book, popular science master John Gribbin tells the dramatic story of the quest that has led us to discover the true age of the Universe (13.8 billion years) and the stars (just a little bit younger). This discovery, Gribbin argues, is one of humankind's greatest achievements and shows us that physics is on the

right track to finding the 'Theory of Everything'.13.8 provides an eye-opening look at this cutting-edge area of modern cosmology and physics, and tells the compelling story of what modern science has achieved - and what it can still achieve.

Whatever Happened to Margo? - Margaret Durrell 2018-03-15

In 1947, returning to the UK with two young children to support, Margaret Durrell starts a boarding house in Bournemouth. But any hopes of respectability are dashed as the tenants reveal themselves to be a host of eccentrics: from a painter of nudes to a pair of glamorous young nurses whose late-night shifts combined with an ever-revolving roster of gentleman callers leading to a neighbourhood rumour that Margo is running a brothel. Margo's own two sons, Gerry and Nicholas, prove to be every bit as mischievous as their famous Uncle Gerald - and he himself returns periodically with weird and wonderful animals, from marmosets to monkeys, that are quite unsuitable for life in a Bournemouth garden.

Pawnee - Leslie Knope 2011-11-22

Welcome to Pawnee: More Exciting than New York, More Glamorous than Hollywood, Roughly the Same Size as Bismarck, North Dakota In Pawnee, Leslie Knope (as played by Amy Poehler on NBC's hit show Parks and Recreation) takes readers on a hilarious tour through her hometown, the Midwestern haven known as Pawnee, Indiana. The book chronicles the city's colorful citizens and hopping nightlife, and also explores some of the most hilarious events from its crazy history -- like the time the whole town was on fire, its ongoing raccoon infestation, and the cult that took over in the 1970s. Packed with laugh-out-loud-funny photographs, illustrations, and commentary by the other inhabitants of Pawnee, it's a must-read that will make you enjoy every moment of your stay in the Greatest Town in America.

Encounters with Animals - Gerald Durrell 2012-09-06

Accounts of animals Gerald Durrell discovered and observed, based on broadcasts he made for the BBC. Here are entertaining accounts of the courtships, wars, and characters of animals encountered in West Africa, South America, Greece, etc., including the stories of Sarah Huggersack,

an orphaned baby giant anteater, and Pavlo, a marmoset from Guiana.

Birds, Beasts and Relatives - Gerald Durrell 2016-10-11

The follow-up to *My Family and Other Animals* and the inspiration for *The Durrells in Corfu*: A naturalist's memoir of his family's time on a Greek island. In the years before World War II, Gerald Durrell's family left the gloomy shores of England for the sun-drenched island of Corfu. Against this picturesque backdrop, Durrell fondly recalls his family's disorderly household and outrageous antics, including their interactions with locals of both human and animal varieties. After a boyhood spent studying zoology and acquiring the island's exotic insects, reptiles, birds, mammals, and sea creatures as pets, Durrell's budding naturalism would later bloom into a passion for conservation that would last a lifetime. Filled with clever observations, amusing anecdotes, and childlike wonder, *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* is half nature guide, half coming-of-age tale, and all charmingly funny memoir. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell 2016-10-11

The inspiration for *The Durrells in Corfu*, a Masterpiece production on public television: A naturalist's account of his childhood on the exotic Greek island. When the Durrells could no longer endure the gray English climate, they did what any sensible family would do: sold their house and relocated to the sun-soaked island of Corfu. As they settled into their new home, hilarious mishaps ensued as a ten-year-old Gerald Durrell pursued his interest in natural history and explored the island's fauna. Soon, toads and tortoises, bats and butterflies—as well as scorpions, geckos, ladybugs, praying mantises, octopuses, pigeons, and gulls—became a common sight in the Durrell villa. Uproarious tales of the island's animals and Durrell's fond reflections on his family bring this delightful memoir to life. Capturing the joyous chaos of growing up in an unconventional household, *My Family and Other Animals* will transport you to a place you won't want to leave. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

The Whispering Land - Gerald Durrell 2012
Animals.

My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell 2019-03
1935: The Durrells pack their bags and flee the gloom of England like a flock of migrating swallows. Their destination is the Greek island of Corfu, where the eccentric family takes up residence in a series of villas. Budding naturalist Gerald, the youngest of the brood, finds himself in paradise. For the island affords a multitude of fauna to be observed, studied - and (with varying degrees of success) domesticated. Soon the villas feature water-snakes in the bath, scorpions lurking in match-boxes, and a pair of irrepressible magpies who leave a trail of chaos and devastation in their wake...

The Corfu Trilogy - Gerald Durrell 2016-11-29
National Bestseller: The complete trilogy that inspired Masterpiece production *The Durrells in Corfu* in one volume. The tales of a naturalist and his family, who left England for the Greek island of Corfu—where they interacted with fascinating locals of both human and animal varieties—these memoirs have become beloved bestsellers and inspired the delightful series that aired on PBS television. Included in this three-book collection are: *My Family and Other Animals*: Ten-year-old Gerald Durrell arrives on sun-drenched Corfu with this family and pursues his interest in natural history, making friends with the island's fauna—from toads and tortoises to scorpions and geckos—while reveling in the joyous chaos of growing up in an unconventional household. *Birds, Beasts and Relatives*: Written after a boyhood spent studying zoology, this memoir is part nature guide, part coming-of-age tale, and all charmingly funny memoir. *The Garden of the Gods*: In the conclusion of the trilogy, Durrell shares more tales of wild animals and his even wilder family, including his mother, Louisa, and his siblings Lawrence, Leslie, and Margo, in the years before World War II. "[Durrell's] books have an unfailing charm. . . . It is a tribute to his skill that one never tires of his accounts" (Chicago Tribune). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Auntie Mame - Patrick Dennis 2002-02-05

With a wit as sharp as a vodka stinger and a heart as free as her spirit, Auntie Mame burst onto the literary scene in 1955--and today remains one of the most unforgettable characters in contemporary fiction. Wildly successful when it was first published in 1955, Patrick Dennis' Auntie Mame sold over two million copies and stayed put on the New York Times bestseller list for 112 weeks. It was made into a play, a Broadway and a Hollywood musical, and a fabulous movie starring Rosalind Russell. Since then, Mame has taken her rightful place in the pantheon of Great and Important People as the world's most beloved, madcap, devastatingly sophisticated, and glamorous aunt. She is impossible to resist, and this hilarious story of an orphaned ten-year-old boy sent to live with his aunt is as delicious a read in the twenty-first century as it was in the 1950s. Follow the rollicking adventures of this unflappable flapper as seen through the wide eyes of her young, impressionable nephew and discover anew or for the first time why Mame has made the world a more wonderful place. "Outrageous, hilarious, ribald, sophisticated, slapsatiric." The Denver Post

[Ordinary Russians](#) - Barry Broadfoot 2013-12-31

Barry Broadfoot's *Ordinary Russians* artfully recounts the author's 1987 month-long trip to the Soviet Union. Skillfully combining his own impressions with the storied experiences of Russians from all walks of life, including a trapper, a policewoman, a poet, and fishermen, Broadfoot presents a society in the midst of rapid change.

[Looking for the Durrells](#) - Melanie Hewitt 2021-08-03

Fiancés, friends, and other animals. . . After a year that sees a broken-off engagement and the death of her beloved father, Penny is desperate to get away. Fulfilling a childhood dream, she sets off on a month-long pilgrimage to Corfu--an island idyll she knows only through the pages of Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals*. On the island, Penny quickly finds herself drawn into the lives of a tight-knit circle of strangers. Exploring--searching for the places the Durrells knew decades before--she makes unexpected discoveries about the hopes, fears, and secrets of the people living there today. And as strangers start to be friends, lives past and present become entwined in ways none of them

could have predicted. . .

Marrying Off Mother and Other Stories - Gerald Durrell 1992

A collection of short stories by a world-renowned naturalist and author of *My Family and Other Animals* introduces an eccentric cast of characters including a prize-truffling pig in France and an aging Memphis belle.

The Durrells of Corfu - Michael Haag 2017-04-20

The Durrell family are immortalised in Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals* and its ITV adaptation, *The Durrells*. But what of the real life Durrells? Why did they go to Corfu in the first place - and what happened to them after they left? The real story of the Durrells is as surprising and fascinating as anything in Gerry's books, and Michael Haag, with his first hand knowledge of the family, is the ideal narrator, drawing on diaries, letters and unpublished autobiographical fragments. *The Durrells of Corfu* describes the family's upbringing in India and the crisis that brought them to England and then Greece. It recalls the genuine characters they encountered on Corfu - Theodore the biologist, the taxi driver Spiro Halikiopoulos and the prisoner Kosti - as well as the visit of American writer Henry Miller. And Haag has unearthed the story of how the Durrells left Corfu, including Margo's and Larry's last-minute escapes before the War. An extended epilogue looks at the emergence of Larry as a world famous novelist, and Gerry as a naturalist and champion of endangered species, as well as the lives of the rest of the family, their friends and other animals. The book is illustrated with family photos from the Gerald Durrell Archive, many of them reproduced here for the first time.

The Garden of the Gods - Gerald Durrell 2019-07

The enchanting island of Corfu was home to Gerald Durrell and his family for five years before the Second World War. For the passionate young zoologist, Corfu was a natural paradise teeming with strange birds and beasts that he could collect, watch and care for. But life was not without its problems. Gerald's family often objected to his activities, especially when the beasts wound up in the family's villa or even worse - the fridge. In addition to his tales of wild animals, Durrell recounts stories about his even wilder family - including his widowed mother,

Louisa, and elder siblings Lawrence, Leslie, and Margo - with undeniable wit and humour.

A Zoo in My Luggage - Gerald Durrell 2016-11-29

A British naturalist and his wife acquire a menagerie of animals and set up their own zoo in this delightful memoir by the author of the Corfu Trilogy. For many years I had wanted to start a zoo. . . . Any reasonable person smitten with an ambition of this sort would have secured the zoo first and obtained the animals afterwards. But throughout my life I have rarely if ever achieved what I wanted by tackling it in a logical fashion. After a decade of supplying creatures for other people's zoos, in 1957 Gerald Durrell and his wife set off on an adventurous journey to the Cameroons in West Africa, where they collected numerous mammals, birds, and reptiles. The wild nature of the animals created quite a bit of chaos, but the Durrells' problems really began when they attempted to return to Britain with their exotic new friends. Not only did they have to get them safely home, they also had to find somewhere able and—more importantly—willing to house them. Told with wit and a zest for all things furry and feathered, Durrell's *A Zoo in My Luggage* is a brilliant account of how a pioneer of wildlife preservation came to found a new type of zoo. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

An Otter on the Aga - Rex Harper 2012-11-22

In *AN OTTER ON THE AGA*, Rex Harper brings to life the story of the incredible animal sanctuary that he and his family spent over forty years building. From small beginnings, the Harpers' haven became a magnet for an extraordinary array of animal waifs and strays and was designated the official RSPCA centre for Cornwall in the late 1970s, taking in more than 50,000 abused and abandoned creatures by the time Rex and his wife retired. In this tale he introduces us to the colourful cast of characters that have become his family - Patti the unlikely guard dog poodle, Odin the Machiavellian raven and One Eye the seemingly indestructible cat. He describes, too, the dark side of his work as an RSPCA warden, chronicling some of the inhuman cruelty he witnessed during his years at the forefront of animal welfare in Cornwall. Inspiring

and poignant, warm and witty, AN OTTER ON THE AGA is an evocation of life close to nature, a book that will touch - and sometimes break - the hearts of animal lovers everywhere.

The Bafut Beagles - Gerald Durrell 2017-02-21

Travel to the wilds of Cameroon with the conservationist whose work inspired Masterpiece production The Durrells in Corfu on public television. In 1949, Gerald Durrell embarks with fellow zoologist Kenneth Smith on an expedition to collect rare animals in the British Cameroons in West Central Africa. There, he meets the Nero-like local ruler, the Fon of Bafut, who likes a man who can hold his liquor—will Durrell be able to get on his good side? In this unique memoir, set off on a journey with the famed British naturalist's group of hunters and his pack of motley hunting dogs as they encounter an array of exotic creatures, including flying mice, booming squirrels, a frog with a mysterious coat of hair, and teacup-size monkeys; and witness the joys and problems of collecting, keeping, and transporting wild animals from Africa to England. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Rosy Is My Relative - Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20

"An 'almost true' tale" of a man's adventures inheriting an elephant, so "lovingly embellished . . . you'll almost wish that you had a Rosy in your family too"—from the author of the Corfu Trilogy (Kirkus Reviews). When his uncle passes away unexpectedly, young Adrian Rookwhistle's inheritance turns his humdrum life upside down. Instead of a manor house, Adrian has been bequeathed Rosy, an elephant whose predilection for fine spirits leads to high jinks far beyond the means of a shy English gentleman. Convinced that a circus will take the troublesome tusker off his hands, Adrian leads Rosy on a trek to the coast, setting in motion an uproarious adventure of mammoth proportions. Author Gerald Durrell promises that despite being embellished here and there, "nearly all the adventures in this book really happened." Ultimately, this tale of a pachyderm with a penchant for pandemonium guarantees pure entertainment. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Menagerie Manor - Gerald Durrell 2016-12-20

The beloved naturalist and author of My Family and Other Animals shares the pleasures and pitfalls of opening a zoo on the English Channel Island of Jersey. Spurred by his passion for animals and a lifelong dream, in the spring of 1959 Gerald Durrell opened the Jersey Zoo—now known as the Durrell Wildlife Park—on the grounds of an old manor house. The menagerie provided a safe habitat for rare and endangered species and exposed its human visitors to the wonders of nature. Dealing with escapee animals and overdrawn bank accounts, Durrell soon discovered that owning and operating a fledgling zoo was no easy task. But despite the setbacks, these charming, often hilarious stories make clear that, for Durrell, ensuring the park's success and helping the creatures he loved so dearly was worth any obstacle. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Gerald Durrell including rare photos from the author's estate.

Amateurs In Eden - Joanna Hodgkin 2012-02-09

Nancy Durrell was a woman famous for her silences. Anaïs Nin said 'I think often of Nancy's most eloquent silences, Nancy talking with her fingers, her hair, her cheeks, a wonderful gift. Music again.' As the first wife Lawrence Durrell, author of The Alexandria Quartet, it is perhaps surprising that she is an unknown entity, a constant presence in the biographies of Durrell and others in the Bloomsbury set, yet always a shadowy figure, beautiful and enigmatic. But who was the woman who was with Durrell during the most important years of his development as a writer? Joanna Hodgkin decides to retrace her mother's fascinating story: the escape from her toxic and mysterious family; the years in bohemian literary London and Paris in the 1930s; marriage to Durrell and their discovery of the 'Eden' of pre-war Corfu and her desperate struggle to survive in Palestine alone with a small child as the British Mandate collapsed. Amateurs in Eden is a fascinating biography of a literary marriage and of an unusual woman struggling to live an independent life.

On Foot to Canterbury - Ken Haigh 2021-10-05

Setting off on foot from Winchester, Ken Haigh hikes across southern

England, retracing a traditional route that medieval pilgrims followed to the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket at Canterbury Cathedral. Walking in honour of his father, a staunch Anglican who passed away before they could begin their trip together, Haigh wonders: Is there a place in the modern secular world for pilgrimage? On his journey, he sorts through his own spiritual aimlessness, while crossing paths with writers like

Trollope, Keats, Austen, Swift, Dickens, and, of course, Chaucer. On Foot to Canterbury is part travelogue, part memoir, part literary history, and all heart.

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