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The Man In My Basement 2018-11-15

the man at charles blakey s door has a proposition almost too strange for words the stranger offers him 50 000 in cash to spend the summer in charles s basement and charles cannot even begin to guess why the beautiful house has been in the blakey family for generations but charles has just lost his job and is behind on his mortgage payments the money would be welcome but charles blakey is black and anniston bennet is white and it is clear that the stranger wants more than a basement view there is something deeper and darker about his request and charles does not need any more trouble but financial necessity leaves him no choice once anniston bennet is installed in his basement charles is cast into a role he never dreamed of anniston has some very particular requests for his landlord and try as he might charles cannot avoid being lured into bennet s strange world at first he resists but soon he is tempted tempted to understand a set of codes that has always eluded him tempted by the opportunity to understand the secret ways of white folks charles s summer with a man in his basement turns into an exploration of inconceivable worlds of power and manipulation and unimagined realms of humanity walter mosley pierces long hidden veins of justice and morality with startling insight into the deepest mysteries of human nature

The Man in My Basement 2004

to save the home that has belonged to his family for generations charles blakey a young black man whose life is slowly crumbling around him agrees to rent out his basement for the summer to a mysterious stranger

Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned 2018-09-06

adapted for the screen in 1998 starring laurence fishburne as socrates fortlow new york times bestselling author walter mosley introduces an astonishing character los angeles times book review in this acclaimed collection of entwined tales meet socrates fortlow a tough ex con seeking truth and redemption in south central los angeles and finding the miracle of survival i either committed a crime or had a crime done to me every day i was in jail once you go to prison you belong there socrates fortlow has done his time twenty seven years for murder and rape acts forged by his huge rock breaking hands now he has come home to a new kind of prison two battered rooms in an abandoned building in watts working for the bounty supermarket and moving perilously close to invisibility it is socrates who throws a lifeline to a drowning man young darryl whose shaky path is already bloodstained and fearsome in a place of violence and hopelessness socrates offers up his own battle scarred wisdom that can turn the world around

Fortunate Son 2006-04-10

in spite of remarkable differences eric and tommy are as close as brothers eric a nordic adonis is graced by a seemingly endless supply of good fortune tommy is a lame black boy cursed with health problems yet he remains optimistic and strong after tragedy rips their makeshift family apart the lives of these boys diverge astonishingly eric the golden youth is given everything but trusts nothing tommy motherless and impoverished has nothing but feels lucky every day of his life in a riveting story of modern day resilience and redemption the two confront separate

challenges and when circumstances reunite them years later they draw on their extraordinary natures to confront a common enemy and ultimately save their lives

Parishioner 2012-12-18

an ebook original crime novel from bestselling author walter mosley parishioner is a portrait of a hardened criminal who regrets his past but whose only hope for redemption is to sin again in a small town situated between los angeles and santa barbara a simple church of white stone sits atop a hill on the coast this nameless house of worship is a sanctuary for the worst kinds of sinners the congregation and even the clergy have broken all ten commandments and more now they have gathered to seek forgiveness xavier rule ecks to his friends didn t come to california in search of salvation but thanks to the grace of this church he has begun to learn to forgive himself and others for past misdeeds one day a woman arrives to seek absolution for the guilt she has carried for years over her role in a scheme to kidnap three children and sell them on the black market as part of atoning for his past life on the wrong side of the law ecks is assigned to find out what happened to the abducted children as he follows the thin trail of the twenty three year old crime he must struggle against his old lethal instincts and learn when to give in to them

47 2008-12-14

master storyteller walter mosley deftly mixes speculative and historical fiction in this daring new york times bestselling novel reminiscent of colson whitehead s the underground railroad 47 is a young slave boy living under the watchful eye of a brutal slave master his life seems doomed until he meets a mysterious runaway

slave tall john 47 finds himself swept up in a struggle for his own liberation

Devil in a Blue Dress (30th Anniversary Edition) 2020-10-06

the first novel by master of mystery the new york times walter mosley featuring easy rawlins the most iconic african american detective in all of fiction named one of the best 100 mystery novels of all time by the mystery writers of america this special thirtieth anniversary edition features an all new introduction from the author the year is 1948 the town is los angeles easy rawlins a black war veteran has just been fired from his job at a defense factory plant drinking in his friend s bar he s wondering how he II manage to make ends meet when a white man in a linen suit approaches him and offers him good money if easy will simply locate miss daphne money a missing blonde beauty known to frequent black jazz clubs easy has no idea that by taking this job his life is about to change forever more than simply a detective novel mosley is a talented author with something vital to say about the distance between the black and white worlds and with a dramatic way to say it the new york times

Down the River Unto the Sea 2018-02-22

winner of the rba prize for crime writing joe king oliver was one of the nypd s finest investigators until dispatched to arrest a well heeled car thief he is framed for assault a charge that lands him in the notorious rikers island prison a decade later king is a private detective running his agency with the help of his teenage daughter aia denise when he receives a card in the mail from the woman who

admits she was paid by someone in the nypd to frame him all those years ago king realises that he has no choice but to take his own case figuring out who on the force wanted him disposed of and why at the same time king must investigate the case of black radical journalist leonard compton aka a free man accused of killing two on duty police officers who had been abusing their badges to traffic drugs and women into the city s poorest neighbourhoods in pursuit of justice our hero must beat dirty cops and even dirtier bankers all the while two lives hang in the balance compton s and king s own

The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey 2010-11-11

a masterful moving novel about age memory and family from one of the literary icons of our time coming in march 2022 from apple plus a six part series starring samuel I jackson ptolemy grey is ninety one years old and has been all but forgotten by his family his friends even himself as he sinks into a lonely dementia his grand nephew ptolemy s only connection to the outside world was recently killed in a drive by shooting and ptolemy is too suspicious of anyone else to allow them into his life until he meets robyn his niece s seventeen year old lodger and the only one willing to take care of an old man at his grandnephew s funeral but robyn will not tolerate ptolemy s hermitlike existence she challenges him to interact more with the world around him and he grasps more firmly onto his disappearing consciousness however this new activity pushes ptolemy into the fold of a doctor touting an experimental drug that guarantees ptolemy won t live to see age ninety two but that he II spend his last days in feverish vigor and clarity with his mind clear what ptolemy finds in his own past in his own apartment and in the circumstances surrounding his grand nephew s death is shocking enough to

spur an old man to action and to ensure a legacy that no one will forget in the last days of ptolemy grey mosley captures the compromised state of his protagonist s mind with profound sensitivity and insight and creates an unforgettable pair of characters at the center of a novel that is sure to become a true contemporary classic

R.L.'s Dream 1996

rl s dream is a novel about the blues the blues as an expression of black poetry and black tragedy and how they sit in judgment on the american experience in contemporary new york aging bluesman soupspoon wise is alone ill and dying he has played his music in a thousand bars clubs and juke joints but never so memorably as the time he played with one robert rl johnson in the mississippi delta that brief indelible encounter with the great genius of country blues haunts soupspoon much as johnson himself is said to have been possessed by satan and so soupspoon proceeds to tell his story to kiki waters the young white woman who has taken him in another refugee from a south she can neither deny nor escape

Little Scarlet 2004-07-05

walter mosley delivers at last the compelling master work everyone s been waiting for a novel so intriguing so soulful so unstoppably dramatic that it will rank among the classic mysteries of our time at the height of the riots that cripple la in the summer of 1965 a white man is pulled from his car by a mob and escapes into a nearby apartment building soon afterward a red headed woman known as little scarlet is found dead in that apartment building and the fleeing man is the obvious

suspect the police ask easy rawlins to investigate what he finds is a killer whose rage like that which burned the city for weeks is intrinsically woven around race and passion rawlins s hunt for the killer will reveal a new city emerging from the ashes and a new life for easy and his friends mosley s lean and muscular vernacular captures the heat and the rhythm of los angeles heart where danger is the common currency of everyday life

Blood Grove 2021-02-02

master of craft and narrative walter mosley returns with this crowning achievement in the easy rawlins saga in which the iconic detective s loyalties are tested on the sun soaked streets of southern california national book foundation it is 1969 and flames can be seen on the horizon protest wafts like smoke though the thick air and easy rawlins the black private detective whose small agency finally has its own office gets a visit from a white vietnam veteran the young man comes to easy with a story that makes little sense he and his lover a beautiful young woman were attacked in a citrus grove at the city s outskirts he may have killed a man and the woman and his dog are now missing inclined to turn down what sounds like nothing but trouble easy takes the case when he realizes how damaged the young vet is from his war experiences the bond between veterans superseding all other considerations the veteran is not easy s only unlooked for trouble easy s adopted daughter feather s white uncle shows up uninvited raising questions and unsettling the life easy has long forged for the now young woman where feather sees a family reunion easy suspects something else something that will break his heart blood grove is a crackling moody and thrilling race through a california of hippies and tycoons radicals and sociopaths cops and grifters both men and

women easy will need the help of his friends from the genius jackson blue to the dangerous mouse alexander fearless jones and christmas black to make sense of a case that reveals the darkest impulses humans harbor blood grove is a novel of vast scope and intimate insight and a soulful call for justice by any means necessary

Blue Light 1998-11-02

a blue light crosses the universe and reaches earth causing each person it strikes to evolve into the embodiment of their true nature

Gone Fishin' 2002-09-17

everything easy rawlins and mouse alexander ever knew about friendship and themselves comes apart at the seams when they enter a steamy bayou world of voodoo sex revenge and death

Inside a Silver Box 2015-01-27

walter mosley s talent knows no bounds inside a silver box continues to explore the cosmic questions entertainingly discussed in his crosstown to oblivion from life s meaning to the nature of good and evil mosley takes readers on a speculative journey beyond reality in inside a silver box two people brought together by a horrific act are united in a common cause by the powers of the silver box the two join to protect humanity from destruction by an alien race the laz hell bent on regaining control over the silver box the most destructive and powerful tool in the universe the silver box will stop at nothing to prevent its former master from

returning to being even if it means finishing the earth itself at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

Charcoal Joe 2016-06-14

walter mosley s indelible detective easy rawlins is back with a new detective agency and a new mystery to solve picking up where his last adventures in rose gold left off in I a in the late 1960s ezekiel easy rawlins finds his life in transition he s ready finally to propose to his girlfriend bonnie shay and start a life together and he s taken the money he got from the rose gold case and together with two partners saul lynx and tinsford whisper natly has started a new detective agency but inevitably a case gets in the way easy s friend mouse introduces him to rufus tyler a very old man everyone calls charcoal joe joe s friend s son seymour young bright top of his class in physics at stanford has been arrested and charged with the murder of a white man from redondo beach joe tells easy he will pay and pay well to see this young man exonerated but seeing as how seymour literally was found standing over the man s dead body at his cabin home and considering the racially charged motives seemingly behind the murder that might prove to be a tall order between his new company a heart that should be broken but is not a whole raft of new bad guys on his tail and a bad odor that surrounds charcoal joe easy has his hands full his horizons askew and his life in shambles around his feet

What Next 2003

mosley has crafted a deeply personal and political proposal offering a commonsense approach to the challenge of finding world peace in a post 9 11

world he explores what the terrorist attacks meant to him and challenges african americans to use their unique position to help create a new kind of peace between the u s and the rest of the world

The Beautiful Struggle 2008-05-06

an exceptional father son story from the national book award winning author of between the world and me about the reality that tests us the myths that sustain us and the love that saves us paul coates was an enigmatic god to his sons a vietnam vet who rolled with the black panthers an old school disciplinarian and new age believer in free love an autodidact who launched a publishing company in his basement dedicated to telling the true history of african civilization most of all he was a wily tactician whose mission was to carry his sons across the shoals of inner city adolescence and through the collapsing civilization of baltimore in the age of crack and into the safe arms of howard university where he worked so his children could attend for free among his brood of seven his main challenges were ta nehisi spacey and sensitive and almost comically miscalibrated for his environment and big bill charismatic and all too ready for the challenges of the streets the beautiful struggle follows their divergent paths through this turbulent period and their father s steadfast efforts assisted by mothers teachers and a body of myths histories and rituals conjured from the past to meet the needs of a troubled present to keep them whole in a world that seemed bent on their destruction with a remarkable ability to reimagine both the lost world of his father s generation and the terrors and wonders of his own youth coates offers readers a small and beautiful epic about boys trying to become men in black america and beyond praise for the beautiful struggle i grew up in a maryland that lay years

miles and worlds away from the one whose summers and sorrows ta nehisi coates evokes in this memoir with such tenderness and science and the greatest proof of the power of this work is the way that reading it i felt that time distance and barriers of race and class meant nothing that in telling his story he was telling my own story for me michael chabon bestselling author of the yiddish policemen s union and the amazing adventures of kavalier clay ta nehisi coates is the young james joyce of the hip hop generation walter mosley

Fearless Jones 2001-06-05

in this thrilling 1950s noir when a beautiful woman comes into paris minton s life everything starts falling apart leaving him no choice but to ask fearless jones for help mosley returns to mysteries at last with his most engaging hero since easy rawlins when paris minton meets a beautiful new woman before he knows it he has been beaten up slept with shot at robbed and his bookstore burned to the ground he s in so much trouble he has no choice but to get his friend fearless jones out of jail to help him

Bad Boy Brawly Brown 2003-07-01

young brawly brown has traded in his family for the clan of the first men a group rejecting white leadership and laws brown s mom asks easy to make sure her baby s okay and easy promises to find him his first day on the case easy comes face to face with a corpse and before he knows it he is a murder suspect and in the middle of a police raid brawly brown is clearly the kind of trouble most folks try to avoid it takes everything easy has just to stay alive as he explores a world filled with betrayals and predators like he never imagined

Walkin' the Dog 2008-11-15

socrates fortlow an ex convict forced to define his own morality in a lawless world confronts wrongs that most people would rather ignore and comes face to face with the most dangerous emotion hope it has been nine years since his release from prison and he still makes his home in a two room shack in a watts alley but he has a girlfriend now a steady job and he is even caring for a pet the two legged dog he calls killer these responsibilities make finding the right path even harder especially when the police make socrates their first suspect in every crime within six blocks book jacket in each chapter of walkin the dog socrates challenges a different conundrum of modern life in blue lightning he is offered a better paying job but has to consider whether the extra pay is worth the freedom he would have to give up in promise he keeps a vow made long ago to a dying friend and learns that a promise to one person can mean damage to another in mookie kid he gets a telephone and learns that the price of being able to reach others is that others can contact him whether he wants to be reached or not book jacket walkin the dog builds to a stunning climax as socrates takes on a roque cop who has terrorized his neighborhood book jacket

Drive 2011-10-04

much later as he sat with his back against an inside wall of a motel 6 just north of phoenix watching the pool of blood lap toward him driver would wonder whether he had made a terrible mistake later still of course there d be no doubt but for now driver is as they say in the moment and the moment includes this blood lapping toward him

A Red Death 2018-04-05

shortlisted for the 1992 golden dagger award this novel is so hot it burns the fingers evening standard mosley s second novel confirms him as one of crime writing s finds of the 1990s daily telegraph it s 1953 in red baiting blacklisting los angeles a moral tar pit ready to swallow easy rawlins easy is out of the hurting business and into the housing and favor business when a racist irs agent nails him for tax evasion special agent darryl t craxton fbi offers to bail him out if he agrees to infiltrate the first american baptist church and spy on alleged communist organizer chaim wenzler that s when the murders begin

Diablerie 2010-12-15

is there anyone who doesn't wonder now and again about how differently their life could have turned out about a more interesting more adventurous more dangerous past they could have had ben dibbuk is married to the beautiful mona has a lovely daughter and a well paid job in nyc but he s been locked in this dream for more years than he can say but nothing can prepare ben for his chance meeting with star a mysterious woman at a launch for the hip magazine diablerie because star claims to share a gruesome secret that ben just can t remember has star spun a diabolical web of lies or could it be that something terrible really did happen back in june 1979 ben s grip on the truth begins to falter and the line between what really happened and what might have done becomes harder and harder to negotiate walter mosley creator of sometime fixer easy rawlins who appeared in classic thrillers such as devil in a blue dress and recently the shocking deliciously scandalous killing johnny fry is one of former us president bill

The Perishing 2022-11-01

a black immortal in 1930 s los angeles must recover the memory of her past in order to discover who she truly is in this extraordinarily affecting novel for readers of n k iemisin and octavia e butler lou a young black woman wakes up in an alley in 1930s los angeles with no memory of how she got there or where she s from taken in by a caring foster family lou dedicates herself to her education while trying to put her mysterious origins behind her she II go on to become the first black female journalist at the los angeles times but lou s extraordinary life is about to take an even more remarkable turn when she befriends a firefighter at a downtown boxing gym lou is shocked to realize that though she has no memory of meeting him she s been drawing his face for years increasingly certain that their paths previously crossed and beset by unexplainable flashes from different eras haunting her dreams lou begins to believe she may be an immortal sent here for a very important reason one that only others like her can explain setting out to investigate the mystery of her existence lou must make sense of the jumble of lifetimes calling to her just as new forces threaten the existence of those around her immersed in the rich historical tapestry of los angeles prohibition the creation of route 66 and the collapse of the st francis dam the perishing is a stunning examination of love and justice through the eyes of one miraculous woman whose fate seems linked to the city she comes to call home

Trouble Is What I Do 2020-02-27

from innovative bestselling novelist walter mosley comes the return of the beloved leonid mcgill detective series featuring a morally ambiguous p i who solves crimes and whose victims are society s most downtrodden leonid magill s spent a lifetime building up his reputation in the new york investigative scene his seemingly infallible instinct and inside knowledge of the crime world make him the ideal man to help when phillip worry comes knocking phillip catfish worry is a 92 year old mississippi bluesman who needs leonid s help with a simple task deliver a letter revealing the black lineage of a wealthy heiress and her corrupt father unsurprisingly the opportunity to do a simple favor while shocking the prevailing elite is too much for leonid to resist but when a famed and feared assassin puts a hit on catfish leonid has no choice but to confront the ghost of his own felonious past working to protect his client and his own family leonid must reach the heiress on the eve of her wedding before her powerful father kills those who hold their family s secret joined by a team of young and tough aspiring investigators leonid must gain the trust of wary socialites outsmart vengeful thugs and above all serve the truth no matter the cost

Six Easy Pieces 2018-07-12

easy should be living a contented life with steady work as senior head custodian of sojourner truth high school and a loving family but happiness is as elusive for easy as smoke in shadows easy s the man folks seek out when they can t take their problems to anyone else trading favors and investigating cases of arson murder missing persons and false accusations it s hard to steer clear of trouble

easy walks the line in this must have collection from bestselling award winning author walter mosley

And Sometimes I Wonder About You 2015-05-14

in new york if you have a problem no one else can solve you call leonid mcgill ex boxer hard drinker in a business that trades in cash and favours mcgill s an old school p i working a city that s got fancy all around him when mcgill is approached by a small time office manager to track down his long lost cousin he declines the case he can almost smell the desperation on the man but then mcgill s office is broken into and his potential client is found dead soon mcgill finds himself drawn into the underbelly of an establishment family and a pandora s box of secrets and lies taking you from the moneyed haunts of uptown to the shady streets of downtown mosley is the chandler of obama s america and one of the finest crime writers in the world

String Follow 2022-02-01

a work of evil genius that put me in a literal trance and didn't relinquish me until the final page i loved every insidious second mona awad author of bunny a darkly comic suburban gothic about a malevolent force that targets a group of ohio misfits harnessing their angst for its sinister designs something strange is happening to the teens in adena ohio a mysterious force is seeking inroads vulnerabilities to exploit friendships to hijack untapped rage to harness toward its own ends who will serve it best claire is abrasive and aimless embarrassed by her privilege weak willed david entertains fantasies of cultish orgies while tyler covertly takes up residence in his basement greg wages war on the voices in his head

while his sister beth quietly furiously unravels and at the center is the empathetic naive sarah the force wants her most of all but will she be the key to its success or its destruction eerie hypnotic and shot through with dark comedy string follow is a razor sharp suburban gothic that exposes the sweating bleeding truth of how kids become adults in twenty first century america simon jacobs blends the startlingly original and the uncannily familiar revealing the dark chaos that lurks beneath the surface of midwestern suburbia

The Tempest Tales 2009-06-09

refusing to go to hell in spite of his technical disqualification from heaven murdered african american everyman tempest landry is sent back to harlem where a guiding angel tries to convince him to accept judgment

Killing Johnny Fry 2008

marking a new territory for the bestselling author of devil in a blue dress this bold new novel is the story of one mans dark funny soulful and outrageously explicit sexual odyssey in search of a new way of life

John Woman 2018-09-04

the new york times bestselling author of the easy rawlins novels delivers a taut riveting and artfully edgy saga of one man s self transformation kirkus at twelve years old cornelius jones the son of an italian american woman and a black man from mississippi secretly takes over his father s job at a silent film theater in new york s east village until the innocent scheme goes tragically wrong years later his

dying father imparts this piece of wisdom to cornelius the person who controls the narrative of history controls their own fate after his father dies and his mother disappears cornelius sets about reinventing himself becoming professor john woman a man who will spread his father s teachings through the classrooms of an unorthodox southwestern university and beyond but there are other individuals who are attempting to influence the narrative of john woman and who might know something about the facts of his hidden past engaging with some of the most provocative ideas of recent intellectual history john woman is a compulsively readable deliciously unexpected novel about the way we tell stories and whether the stories we tell have the power to change the world

White Butterfly 2018-04-05

shortlisted for the 1993 golden dagger award in the crime field this is unquestionably the novel of the year literary review perhaps the most important black literary figure to appear on the scene since james baldwin s death guardian the police don t show up on easy rawlins s doorstep until the third girl dies it s los angeles 1956 and it takes more than one murdered black girl before the cops get interested now they need easy as he says i was worth a precinct full of detectives when the cops needed the word in the ghetto but easy turns them down he s married now a father and his detective days are over then a white college coed dies the same brutal death and the cops put the heat on easy if he doesn t help his best friend is headed for jail so easy s back walking the midnight streets of watts and the darker twisted avenues of a cunning killer s mind

Black Betty 2010-06-22

easy rawlins is on the verge of losing everything until he gets an offer from the fbi that he has no choice but to accept for most black americans the 1960s were times of hope for former p i easy rawlins los angeles s mean streets were never meaner or more deadly racial tensions are high black folks avoid even stepping foot in white neighborhoods despite the ongoing civil rights movement racism still rules the streets and police officers are no exception so when a white man approaches easy with a wad of cash to find a missing person easy would is tempted to simply throw the money back in his sleazy face but he personally knows the woman the white man wants to find the notorious black betty an ebony siren whose talent for all things rich and male took her from houston s fifth ward to beverly hills short on money and pulled by the strong desire to see black betty again he accepts the job but why exactly this white man wants to find her isn t clear easy s questions aren t being answers and he realizes the case might be more complex than he thought easy won t stop at anything to find black betty even as the obstacles grow higher and the bodies begin to pile up

Futureland 2002-11-01

projecting a near future united states in which justice is blind in at least one eye and the ranks of the disenchanted have swollen to dangerous levels mosely offers nine interconnected stories whose characters appear and reappear in each others lives for all its denizens from technocrats to terrorists celebs to crooks futureland is an all american nightmare just waiting to happen

Life Out of Context 2006

the author of the easy rawlins mystery series explores his political evolution as an african american writer during which he experienced a cultural dislocation through his growing awareness of inequalities and social disparity because of which millions of africans are forced to survive without basic level resources original

Cinnamon Kiss 2005-09-01

in this thrilling mystery easy rawlins takes a job to find a missing attorney and his beautiful assistant and faces danger around every corner it is the summer of love and easy rawlins is contemplating robbing an armored car it s farther outside the law than easy has ever traveled but his daughter feather needs a medical treatment that costs far more than easy can earn or borrow in time and his friend mouse tells him it s a cinch then another friend saul lynx offers a job that might solve easy s problem without jail time he has to track the disappearance of an eccentric prominent attorney his assistant of sorts the beautiful cinnamon cargill is gone as well easy can tell there is much more than he is being told robert lee his new employer is as suspect as the man who disappeared but his need overcomes all concerns and he plunges into unfamiliar territory from the newfound hippie enclaves to a vicious plot that stretches back to the battlefields of europe

A Quiet Belief In Angels 2009-07-30

a superb atmospheric thriller from one of crime fiction s new stars sunday telegraph joseph vaughan s life has been dogged by tragedy growing up in the 1950s he was at the centre of series of killings of young girls in his small rural community the girls were taken assaulted and left horribly mutilated barely a teenager himself joseph becomes determined to try to protect his community and classmates from the predations of the killer despite banding together with his friends as the guardians he was powerless to prevent more murders and no one was ever caught only after a full ten years did the nightmare end when the one of his neighbours is found hanging from a rope with articles from the dead girls around him thankfully the killings finally ceased but the past won t stay buried for it seems that the real murderer still lives and is killing again and the secret of his identity lies in joseph s own history

The Awkward Black Man 2020-11-26

bestselling author walter mosley has proven himself a master of narrative tension both with his extraordinary fiction and gripping writing for television the awkward black man collects seventeen of mosley s most accomplished short stories to showcase the full range of his remarkable talent mosley presents distinct characters as they struggle to move through the world in each of these stories heroes who are awkward nerdy self defeating self involved and on the whole odd he overturns the stereotypes that corral black male characters and paints a subtle powerful portrait of each of these unique individuals in the good news is a man s insecurity about his weight gives way to a serious illness and the intense loneliness that accompanies it deeply vulnerable he allows himself to be taken advantage of in return for a little human comfort in a raw display of true need pet fly previously published in the new yorker follows a man working as a mailroom clerk for a big company a solitary job for which he is overqualified and the unforeseen repercussions he endures when he attempts to forge a connection

beyond the one he has with the fly buzzing around his apartment and almost alyce chronicles failed loves family loss alcoholism and a zen approach to the art of begging that proves surprisingly effective touching and contemplative each of these unexpected stories offers the best of one of our most gifted writers

The Mistress's Daughter 2012-09-13

on the day that a m homes was born in 1961 she was given up for adoption her birth parents were a twenty two year old woman and an older married man with whom she was having an affair thirty years later out of the blue homes was contacted by a lawyer on behalf of her birth mother and they began to correspond her biological father contacted her soon after these two individuals and their effect on the adult homes are strange and unexpected and the story spirals into something utterly raw and hilarious heartbreaking and absurd along the way homes describes the clash between her childhood fantasies of her birth parents and the disappointing reality she writes about the experience of experiencing biological resemblance for the first time in my father s ass and the addictiveness of the genealogical research she embarks on she reflects on the significance of dna testing and having two mothers and two fathers and unearths profound truths about her family and herself finally she writes movingly about her own baby daughter and the way she has recently helped to mend homes fractured life

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