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The Pure Gold Baby Margaret Drabble 2014-10-07 Her promising career in 1960s London interrupted by an affair with a married professor that renders her a single mother, anthropology student Jessica Speight faces wrenching questions about responsibility, potential and compassion when her sunny child reveals unique needs. By the renowned author of *The Sea Lady*. 30,000 first printing.

The Millstone Margaret Drabble 1998-10-15 The story of an upper-middle-class unwed mother in 1960s London, from a novelist who is “often as meticulous as Jane Austen and as deadly as Evelyn Waugh” (Los Angeles Times). In a newly swinging London, Rosamund Stacey indulges in a premarital sexual encounter—and soon thereafter finds herself pregnant. Despite her fierce independence and academic brilliance, Rosamund is in fact naïve and unworldly, and the choices before her are terrifying. But in the perfection and helplessness of her baby she finds an unconditional love she has never known before—and as she navigates a situation still considered scandalous in her circles, she may discover that motherhood and independence need not be mutually exclusive. From “one of Britain’s most dazzling writers,” the award-winning author of *The Dark Flood Rises*, *The Millstone* captures both a moment in history when women’s lives were changing dramatically and the timeless truths of the female experience (The New York Times

Book Review).

Why Didn’t You Just Do What You Were Told? Jenny Diski 2021-10-15 'Nothing about Jenny Diski is conventional. Diski does not do linear, or normal, or boring ... highly intelligent, furiously funny' Sunday Times 'Funny, heartbreaking, insightful and wise' Emilia Clarke 'She expanded notions about what nonfiction, as an art form, could do and could be' New Yorker Jenny Diski was a fearless writer, for whom no subject was too difficult, even her own cancer diagnosis. Her columns in the London Review of Books – selected here by her editor and friend Mary-Kay Wilmers, on subjects as various as death, motherhood, sexual politics and the joys of solitude – have been described as 'virtuoso performances', and 'small masterpieces'. From Highgate Cemetery to the interior of a psychiatric hospital, from Tottenham Court Road to the icebergs of Antarctica, *Why Didn't You Just Do What You Were Told?* is a collective interrogation of the universal experience from a very particular psyche: original, opinionated – and mordantly funny.

The Sea Lady Margaret Drabble 2007 Two distinguished guests are travelling separately towards a ceremony where they will meet for the first time for three decades. Both are apprehensive, as they review the successes and failures of their public life, and their secret history.

The Pure Gold Baby Margaret Drabble 2013-10-01 An “achingly wise” novel about the challenges of motherhood: “Admirers of

Marilynne Robinson will find themselves very much at home in this book” —The Wall Street Journal Jessica Speight, an anthropologist in 1960s London, is at the beginning of a promising academic career when an affair turns her into a single mother. Baby Anna is delightful—but with time it becomes clear that she is different from other children. Told from the point of view of Jess’s fellow mothers, this is a movingly intimate look at the unexpected transformations at the heart of motherhood. “How do we treat the child who walks among us in a different way than most? In Margaret Drabble’s hands the answer is with a depth of empathy few master.” —Alice Sebold “Moving and meditative . . . I found a kind of somber bravery in the story of this unwavering, intelligent woman and her guileless and beautiful child.” —Meg Wolitzer, NPR’s All Things Considered “The Pure Gold Baby is a closely observed group portrait of female friends, a patient insight into the joys and pains of motherhood, and an image of how society has changed and how it has not.” —Harper’s

The Dark Flood Rises Margaret Drabble 2017-02-14 A magnificently mordant reckoning with mortality by the great British novelist Francesca Stubbs has a very full life. A highly regarded expert on housing for the elderly who is herself getting on in age, she drives “restlessly round England,” which is “her last love . . . She wants to see it all before she dies.” Amid the professional conferences she attends, she fits in visits to old friends, brings home-cooked dinners to her ex-husband, texts her son, who is grieving over the sudden death of his girlfriend, and drops in on her daughter, a quirky young woman who lives in a floodplain in the West Country. The space between vitality and morality suddenly seems narrow, but Fran “is not ready to settle yet, with a cat upon her knee.” She still prizes her “frisson of autonomy,” her belief in herself as a dynamic individual doing meaningful work in the world. This dark and glittering novel moves back and forth between an interconnected group of family and friends in England and a

seemingly idyllic expat community in the Canary Islands. It is set against a backdrop of rising flood tides in Britain and the seismic fragility of the Canaries, where we also observe the flow of immigrants from an increasingly war-torn Middle East. With Margaret Drabble’s characteristic wit and deceptively simple prose, *The Dark Flood Rises* enthralls, entertains, and asks existential questions in equal measure. Of course, there is undeniable truth in Francesca’s insight: “Old age, it’s a fucking disaster!”

Margaret Drabble Lynn Veach Sadler 1986 Surveys the life and career of the English author and examines the themes of her major novels

The Pattern in the Carpet Margaret Drabble 2010-09 The author offers an innovative mix of memoir, jigsaw-puzzle history, and the strange delights of puzzling, with sketches of her family members and her thoughts on the importance of childhood play, art, and writing.

The Needle's Eye Margaret Drabble 2012-03-29 Simon Camish, an embittered, diffident lawyer in a loveless marriage, would not have particularly noticed Rose Vassiliou had he not been asked to drive her home one night after a dinner party. Yet at one time she had been notorious—her name constantly in the news. Now, separated from her Greek husband, she lives alone with her three children. Despite all the efforts and sneers of her friends, she refuses to move from her slum house in a decaying neighborhood to which she has become attached. Gradually, Simon becomes aware that Rose is a woman of remarkable integrity and courage. He is drawn into her affairs when her husband takes legal action to reopen the question of custody of the children—a scheme for getting his wife back. And, while the precise nature of their ties eludes him, Simon comes to realize that Rose and her Greek ex-husband are forever and inextricably bound to each other.

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Red Girl Rat Boy Cynthia Flood
2013-09-23 A Quill & Quire Best Book of the Year A Globe & Mail Best Short Fiction Title A National Post Best Short Fiction Title A January Magazine Best Book of the Year Shortlisted for the 2014 Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize Longlisted for the 2014 Frank O'Connor Award "Complicated, passionate, genuine."—*Chatelaine Women*. Young women, old women. The hair-obsessed, the politically driven, the sure-footed, the bony-butted, the awkward and compulsive and alone. Sleep-deprived and testy. Exhausted and accepting. Among the innumerable wives, husbands, sisters, and in-laws vexed by short temper and insecurity throughout this short story collection, Cynthia Flood's protagonists stand out as citizens of a reality that the rest of the world will only partially understand. New from the Journey Prize-winning author, *Red Girl Rat Boy* is a collection of astonishing range and assured technique, whose voices—gothic, peculiar, domestic, and strange—remain as passionate and complex as ever. Praise for *Red Girl Rat Boy* "Revenge and politics season this potent and passionate collection of stories. Flood excavates indelible histories that haunt even those who've shaken the dust of the past." —Aritha van Herk, author of *Judith* "Flood's eye is unflinching, her language energetic and precise, her vision bracing, passionate and entirely lacking in sentimentality."—Nancy Richler, author of *The Imposter Bride* "The notary in 'Dirty Work' has 'retired from witnessing how rough human existence is.' Fortunately for us, Cynthia Flood has not ... these stories prove her to be among our great North American fiction writers."—Betsy Warland, author of *Breathing the Page: Reading the Act of Writing* "Raw energy is Cynthia Flood's territory. This is a superb collection."—Laurie Lewis, author of *Little Comrades* "Cynthia Flood is full of surprises.

If there's one thing that characterizes her elegant, crystal-sharp short stories, it's that element of surprise ... they reward the attentive reader with surprise and delight"—Dave Margoshes, author of *A Book of Great Worth*

The Waterfall Margaret Drabble 1986 Gift from Kansas City Library. This is a story of Jane, poetess and failed wife full of guilt and self-doubt, who has given up hope until redeemed and restored to herself unexpectedly by love.

The Realms of Gold Margaret Drabble 1989 English archaeologist Frances Wingate, divorced mother of four, and distinguished scholar Karel Schmidt, selfless and marriage-imprisoned, stay-at-home, come inexorably together once more after years of on-again, off-again romance

The Radiant Way Margaret Drabble 1988 This novel goes back through the lives of three women, a psychoanalyst, an art historian and a good woman who all met at Cambridge in the 1950s.

At the Pond Margaret Drabble 2019-06 Combining personal reminiscence with reflections on the history of the place over the years and through the seasons, for the first time this collection brings together writers' impressions of the Pond.

The Radiant Way Margaret Drabble 2014-09-23 Liz Headleand, Esther Breuer, and Alix Bowen have been friends since Cambridge. Twenty-five years later, life has led them all down very different paths. Liz is a successful and well-known psychiatrist with a full social life. Esther, an eccentric bohemian, is a renowned professor of Italian art. Alix, a Socialist, teaches English in a London prison. Over the course of five years, their lives are marked by affairs, divorce, remarriage, sexual exploration, and the great political and social turmoil of London in the 1980s. In this story, "rich, various, many tentacled, chockful of life" (Margaret Atwood, Ms.), Margaret Drabble shows us a rapidly changing world from these three rich and vastly different vantage points, and the friendship that holds them all together.

The Sea Lady Margaret Drabble 2006

Traveling separately to Orneston, England, a town by the North Sea where they had spent a summer together as children, Humphrey Clark and Ailsa Kelman reassess the course of their individual lives and decisions over the past thirty years of separation, reviewing the successes and failures of their public lives, as well as their secret history, in the process.

The Garrick Year Margaret Drabble

2013-10-01 From the Golden PEN

Award-winning author: A “well-written, entertaining” dark comedy of a marriage on the rocks in 1960s London (Joyce Carol Oates, *The New York Times*). Emma and David Evans seem to have a perfect life. He’s a handsome and successful Welsh actor; she’s a sometimes model, soon-to-be television news anchor, and full-time mother. But all is not well under the surface. She’s impatient and choked by domesticity; he’s narcissistic and unfaithful. Between the two of them is a privately combative marriage that has fed their want of drama. Then David relocates the family from their London home to provincial Hereford, where he’s to star in two plays during the city’s festival season. It’s here, far removed from the highbrow stimulation of the city, that Emma’s resentment of David—his long hours, his expectations, his ego—finally boils over. Bored and lonely, she falls into the arms of the theater’s director, an indiscretion that triggers a series of surprises neither Emma nor David could have foreseen. Narrated by a complicated, fascinating, and fiercely intelligent woman at the end of her rope, *The Garrick Year* is “a witty, beautiful novel . . . written with extraordinary art” (*The New York Times*).

“[A] romantic novel about actors and the theatre and marriage and sex and babies . . . deliciously bitter . . . so alive.” —*The New Yorker* “Unsparring . . . a very knowing, diverting entertainment.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

A Summer Bird-Cage Margaret Drabble

2013-10-01 Attractive and witty, Sarah has just graduated from Oxford and started a new job at the BBC. As she immerses herself in the excitement of 1960s London, her beautiful older sister, Louise, marries the

famous, though admittedly difficult, novelist Stephen Halifax. Louise initially revels in the newfound wealth and glamor that her marriage affords her, but soon she finds her relationship the subject of bitter gossip and scathing tabloid headlines. Despite the distance that has always existed between the two sisters, Sarah finds herself bound to Louise as she faces the scrutiny of London society and the two begin to forge a connection they had previously thought impossible. With Margaret Drabble’s signature eye for the subtleties and intricacies of everyday life, *A Summer Bird-Cage* is captivating, a dazzling, resonant portrait of two young women struggling to find their footing in a city as fickle as it is intoxicating.

The Middle Ground Margaret Drabble

2013-12-10 A “marvelous” novel about a woman’s psychological battle with the realities of midlife (*The New York Times Book Review*). Witty and endearingly neurotic, Kate Armstrong has hit a certain age—and the crisis that goes along with it. She has a career as a successful journalist, specializing in feminist issues, but she struggles to challenge herself at work. She’s a mother, but her children have all left the nest, and her marriage has ended in divorce. She has a lively circle of friends, but her relationships with them are complicated by years of history and failed affairs. She’s left one stage of life behind and has another stage ahead of her, but right now she’s stuck somewhere in the middle. With her “unfailing insight and intelligence,” Margaret Drabble shows us a woman alone in London for the first time in years—slowly rediscovering herself in a city on the brink of great change (*The New York Times*).

The Gates of Ivory Margaret Drabble

2013-10-01 A woman tries to uncover the mysterious fate of a friend in Cambodia in this “very smart” and suspenseful novel (*The New York Times Book Review*). Liz Headland is one of London’s best-known and most prominent psychiatrists. One day she arrives at work to find a mysterious package, postmarked from Cambodia. Inside, she finds various scraps of paper, a

laundry bill from a Bangkok hotel, old newspaper clippings—and pieces of human finger bones. Shocked but intrigued, she realizes the papers belong to her old friend Stephen Cox, a playwright who moved to Cambodia to work on a script about the Khmer Rouge. Convinced Stephen is trying to send her some sort of message, Liz follows the clues in the box to the jungles of Cambodia, risking her life to find her friend. In this thrilling novel, Margaret Drabble continues the trilogy she began in *The Radiant Way* and *A Natural Curiosity*, taking us far from the civilized, familiar streets of London, and painting an “urgent, brilliant” portrait of the tumultuous, terror-ridden landscape of Cambodia in the late twentieth century (*The Boston Globe*). “A tour de force.” —*Calgary Herald* “Unputdownable . . . A sojourn within *The Gates of Ivory* is not something one soon forgets.” —*Edmonton Journal*

You'll Enjoy It When You Get There Elizabeth Taylor 2014-09-23 Elizabeth Taylor is finally beginning to gain the recognition due to her as one of the best English writers of the postwar period, prized and praised by Sarah Waters and Hilary Mantel, among others. Inheriting Ivy Compton-Burnett's uncanny sensitivity to the terrifying undercurrents that swirl beneath the apparent calm of respectable family life while showing a deep sympathy of her own for human loneliness, Taylor depicted dislocation with the unflinching presence of mind of Graham Greene. But for Taylor, unlike Greene, dislocation began not in distant climes but right at home. It is in the living room, playroom, and bedroom that Taylor stages her unforgettable dramas of alienation and impossible desire. Taylor's stories, many of which originally appeared in *The New Yorker*, are her central achievement. Here are self-improving spinsters and gossiping girls, war orphans and wallflowers, honeymooners and barmaids, mistresses and murderers. Margaret Drabble's new selection reveals a writer whose wide sympathies and restless curiosity are matched by a steely penetration into the human heart and mind.

The Seven Sisters Margaret Drabble 2013-09-05 Candida Wilton—a woman recently betrayed, rejected, divorced, and alienated from her three grown daughters—moves from a beautiful Georgian house in lovely Suffolk to a two-room walk-up flat in a run-down building in central London. Candida is not exactly destitute. So, is the move perversity, she wonders, a survival test, or is she punishing herself? How will she adjust to this shabby, menacing, but curiously appealing city? What can happen, at her age, to change her life? And yet, as she climbs the dingy communal staircase with her suitcases, she feels both nervous and exhilarated. There is a relationship with a computer to which she now confides her past and her present. And friendships of sorts with other women—widows, divorced, never married, women straddled between generations. And then Candida's surprise inheritance . . . A beautifully rendered story, this is Margaret Drabble at her novelistic best.

The Ice Age Margaret Drabble 2013-10-01 Just thirty-eight-years-old, Anthony Keating's already survived both a divorce and a heart attack. He has left the BBC for the dangerous life of property speculation in the boom-and-bust 1970s, and is brooding on the oil crisis, galloping inflation and the slump in his grand house in the British countryside. His only stroke of good luck in an otherwise collapsing life is his new lover, the beautiful actress Alison Murray. But when Alison's daughter Jane is arrested while traveling in Eastern Europe, Alison rushes to try and save her, and Anthony soon follows and finds himself caught by the strife and hardships of the communist bloc. Set against a backdrop of the Cold War and the political turmoil that led England to Margaret Thatcher, *The Ice Age* tells the story of three people desperately seeking firm ground amidst chaos with Margaret Drabble's characteristically “high degree of intelligence and irony” (*The New Yorker*).
The Dark Flood Rises Margaret Drabble 2016-10-31 Francesca Stubbs holds our hand as we take a walk through old age and death. Fran brings us to drinks with her dear

friends, dropping off mouth-watering suppers for Claude, her ex-husband, warm and cosy in his infirmity. She visits her daughter, Poppet, holed up as the waters rise in a sodden West Country, and texts her son Christopher in Lanzarote, as he deals with the estate of his shockingly deceased girlfriend. The questions of what constitutes a good death and how we understand it preoccupy this glittering novel. The Dark Flood Rises asks momentous questions as it entertains and enthralls. In her beautifully imagined new book, Margaret Drabble is at her incisive best, exploring the end of life with her trademark humour, composure and wisdom. Dame Margaret Drabble was born in 1939. She is the author of seventeen highly acclaimed novels, including most recently *The Pure Gold Baby*. She has also written biographies and screenplays, and was the editor of the *Oxford Companion to English Literature*. She was appointed CBE in 1980 and made DBE in the 2008 Honours list. 'The Dark Flood Rises (the title is taken from a poem by D.H. Lawrence) is not a therapeutic, eschatological, sociological, political or even philosophical novel. Never mind that it can be mistaken for any or all of these. In one way, it is a hymn to an inherited England, to its highways, gardens, streets, hotels, neighborhoods, landscapes, parking lots, stoneworks, cottages, secluded and public spaces...But this humane and masterly novel by one of Britain's most dazzling writers is something else as well, deeper than mere philosophy: a praisesong for the tragical human predicament exactly as it has been ordained on Earth, our terminal house' *New York Times Book Review* 'A thoughtful and deep book...[Drabble's] sharp intelligence and the wisdom of her remarkable life are laid out clearly and provokingly here. You could not find a better guide for the final journey.' *Saturday Paper* 'Entertaining and insightful and as far from gloomy as you might expect.' *SA Weekend* '[Drabble] applies her signature humour, compassion and wisdom to deliberate on what constitutes a good life and a good death, from the viewpoint of the old and the bereaved.' *Best Books of 2016*,

New Zealand Listener 'Engaging, informative, thoughtful and smart on detail...Hooray for Margaret Drabble.' *Age* 'What a privilege it is to be able to read and enjoy [Drabble's] wisdom...to share her thoughts on ageing and dying, put bluntly, without morbidity, and leavened by humour and an obvious enjoyment in engaging in her favourite occupation.' *Otago Daily Times* '[A] supremely wise novel...It's a quiet epic...Drabble's intricate mosaic of observation, meditation, and affectionate humour suggests that if there are answers, they lie in small things. Call no man happy until he dies, goes the old saying: but perhaps the odd moment of happiness can be enough.' *Australian Book Review* 'Luminously perceptive.' *Australian Women's Weekly* 'The Dark Flood Rises pulls no punches about the indignities of "getting on", lightened by brilliant writing and good humour.' *North and South* 'As Drabble unfolds the interweaving stories of her cast, most of them in their seventies, she gently and adroitly brings them all to moving, poignant life...I don't think anyone has written better about old age as we know it now...Drabble's new work is to be welcomed, appreciated and celebrated.' *New Zealand Listener* 'An extraordinary jewel of a book...This is a work by a master of fiction and every library and school should rush to get a copy. It is a summation of what a woman of exceptional achievement and intelligence knows about writing and about life.' *Australian*

A Day in the Life of a Smiling Woman
Margaret Drabble 2011-05-18 Short fiction from "a fastidious chronicler of the vagaries of women's lives in England since the early nineteen-sixties" (Joyce Carol Oates, *The New Yorker*). In stories that explore marriage, female friendships, the English tourist abroad, love affairs with houses, peace demonstrations, gin and tonics, cultural TV programs, and more, Margaret Drabble showcases her insight into the lives of women. This decade-spanning collection not only reveals how the female experience has—and hasn't—changed; it also demonstrates the talent that has earned

Drabble multiple literary honors, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and a Golden PEN Award, and made her “one of the United Kingdom’s finest contemporary fiction writers” (Publishers Weekly, starred review).

The Realms of Gold Margaret Drabble
2013-10-01 An archaeologist struggles to unearth her own true passions in the “richest, most absorbing novel” by the author of *The Dark Flood Rises* (Joyce Carol Oates). Frances Wingate is one of England’s most renowned archaeologists, having recently discovered a lost city in the Saharan desert. On the outside, she appears to have it all. But beneath the surface, the scientist deals with the demands of children and family—as well as a tumultuous, on-again, off-again romance with a married historian. It’s only when Frances throws herself into her work that she discovers some surprising connections to others, in this novel about the search for meaning in life that is “alive with ideas” (Anatole Broyard, *The New York Times*).

The Witch of Exmoor Margaret Drabble
2012-03-29 A Los Angeles Times Best Book of the Year: “Part social satire, part thriller, and entirely clever” (Elle). It is a midsummer’s evening in the English countryside, and the three grown Palmer children are coming to the end of an enjoyable meal in the company of their partners and offspring. From this pleasant vantage point they play a dinner-party game: What kind of society would you be willing to accept if you didn’t know your place in it? But the abstract question of justice, like all their family conversations, is eventually brought back to the more pressing problem of their eccentric mother, Frieda, the famous writer, who has abandoned them and her old life, and gone to live alone in Exmoor. Frieda has always been a powerful and puzzling figure, a monster mother with a mysterious past. What is she plotting against them now? Has some inconvenient form of political correctness led her to favor her enchanting half-Guyanese grandson? What will she do with her money? Is she really writing her

memoirs? And why has she disappeared? Has the dark spirit of Exmoor finally driven her mad? *The Witch of Exmoor* brilliantly interweaves high comedy and personal tragedy, unraveling the story of a family whose comfortable, rational lives, both public and private, are about to be violently disrupted by a succession of sinister, messy events. “Leisurely and mischievous,” it is a dazzling, wickedly gothic tale of a British matriarch, her three grasping children, and the perils of self-absorption (*The New Yorker*). “As meticulous as Jane Austen, as deadly as Evelyn Waugh.” —Los Angeles Times

The Waterfall Margaret Drabble
2013-10-01 Jane and Malcolm Gray’s marriage is characterized by sexual unhappiness and the growing apathy they both feel toward one another. When Jane is confined to bed rest while pregnant with their second child, Malcolm realizes he must escape, leaving Jane in the care of her dear friend and cousin, Lucy, and Lucy’s husband James. After Jane gives birth, Lucy and James alternate nights with her, and it is during this time alone together that Jane and James fall in love, beginning an affair as marked by guilt as joy. Through Jane’s struggle to reconcile her relationship with James with her friendship with Lucy, Margaret Drabble gives us an intimate look at a woman caught between the claims of sexual awakening, maternal love and friendship.

Margaret Drabble Glenda Leeming 2006
Margaret Drabble is a writer whose subject matter and technique have developed profoundly since the early sixties: this book draws together the different aspects of her narrative practice, and looks at the increasing flexibility of her narrative methods, both in terms of the kind of narrator used and in the structuring of plot events. The often distanced and ironic narration is discussed, and shown to reinforce Drabble's recurrent themes - themes that include the effect of early family influence and heredity on free choice, the inexorable pressure of social changes, and the role of accident in destabilizing the

confident individual. In the later novels people move in a world where they and others may be victims of a callous society, but may equally be guilty of condoning or promoting society's worst trends. This study describes how narrative increasingly becomes ambiguous, offering then withholding support for the behaviour of the characters, and challenging the reader to think again.

A Natural Curiosity Margaret Drabble 2013-10-01 An “engrossing” novel following three women as they confront the darkness and danger of their world, by the author of *The Radiant Way* (People). Sweeping from smart London townhouses to a rundown embassy in the Middle East, from the splendors of the Musée d’Orsay in Paris to drowsy afternoons in the hills of sunny Italy, this novel tells the intertwined stories of three Cambridge-educated women living in Margaret Thatcher’s England. Whether it is a conscientious social worker’s quest to befriend a convicted killer; an affair with a stranger after a husband’s suicide; or an attempt to rescue a friend who’s been kidnapped by terrorists, this is a novel rich with dramatic events and deeply intriguing characters who find the courage to persevere through trying times, in the hopes of finding some sort of justice and truth. “[Drabble] invites us to see beyond the filth and horror of modern life to the world of possibilities in our own lives, where we also have the power to write our own endings.” —Winnipeg Free Press “The diverse plotlines develop amidst an abundance of social detail about 1980s Britain, providing a rich and fascinating texture. A winner.” —Library Journal

Angus Wilson Margaret Drabble 1997-09-01 The first biography of literary lion (ANGLO-SAXON ATTITUDES) and gay pioneer Angus Wilson (1913-1991), captured brilliantly by one of our greatest novelists. In this vivid and absorbing biography, Margaret Drabble has created a portrait of an artist of enormous courage, a man who confronted challenge to the end.

The Millstone Margaret Drabble 1998 An independent young woman is faced with a

difficult choice when she discovers that she is pregnant after her one and only sexual experience

A Writer's Britain Margaret Drabble 1979 Selections from England's great writers, describing various sites and scenes, are accompanied by commentary on how those writers have affected our tastes

The Gifts of War Margaret Drabble 2011-02-15 'Her feelings for the child redeemed her from bitterness, and shed some light on the dark industrial terraces and the waste lands of the city's rubble.' One of the most acclaimed novelists of her generation, Margaret Drabble is an unmatched observer of postwar English lives, portraying social change, sexual liberation, landscape, class and the messy complications of human relationships with intricacy and honesty. In these two stories of lives colliding, a mother buying a birthday gift has her dreams destroyed, and a honeymoon leads to an unexpected epiphany. This book contains *The Gifts of War* and *Hassan's Tower*.

The Red Queen Margaret Drabble 2005-10-03 Barbara Halliwell, on a grant at Oxford, receives an unexpected package—a centuries-old memoir by a Korean crown princess. An appropriate gift indeed for her impending trip to Seoul, but Barbara doesn't know who sent it. On the plane, she avidly reads the memoir, a story of great intrigue as well as tragedy. The Crown Princess Hyegyong recounts in extraordinary detail the ways of the Korean court and confesses the family dramas that left her childless and her husband dead by his own hand. When a Korean man Barbara meets at her hotel offers to guide her to some of the haunts of the crown princess, Barbara tours the royal courts and develops a strong affinity for everything related to the princess and her mysterious life. Barbara's time in Korea goes quickly, but captivated by her experience and wanting to know more about the princess, she wonders if her life can ever be the way it was before.

Orwell's Roses Rebecca Solnit 2021-10-19 Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction Finalist for the

PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography “An exhilarating romp through Orwell’s life and times and also through the life and times of roses.” —Margaret Atwood “A captivating account of Orwell as gardener, lover, parent, and endlessly curious thinker.” —Claire Messud, Harper’s “Nobody who reads it will ever think of Nineteen Eighty-Four in quite the same way.” —Vogue A lush exploration of roses, pleasure, and politics, and a fresh take on George Orwell as an avid gardener whose political writing was grounded in his passion for the natural world “In the year 1936 a writer planted roses.” So begins Rebecca Solnit’s new book, a reflection on George Orwell’s passionate gardening and the way that his involvement with plants, particularly flowers, and the natural world illuminates his other commitments as a writer and antifascist, and the intertwined politics of nature and power. Sparked by her unexpected encounter with the surviving roses he planted in 1936, Solnit’s account of this understudied aspect of Orwell’s life explores his writing and his actions—from going deep into the coal mines of England, fighting in the Spanish Civil War, critiquing Stalin when much of the international left still supported him (and then critiquing that left), to his analysis of the relationship between lies and authoritarianism. Through Solnit’s celebrated ability to draw unexpected connections, readers encounter the photographer Tina Modotti’s roses and her Stalinism, Stalin’s obsession with forcing lemons to grow in impossibly cold conditions, Orwell’s slave-owning ancestors in Jamaica, Jamaica Kincaid’s critique of colonialism and imperialism in the flower garden, and the brutal rose industry in Colombia that supplies the American market. The book draws to a close with a rereading of Nineteen Eighty-Four that

completes her portrait of a more hopeful Orwell, as well as a reflection on pleasure, beauty, and joy as acts of resistance.

The Lady from the Sea Henrik Ibsen 1890

The Peppered Moth Margaret Drabble

2012-03-29 The prize-winning author of *The Dark Flood Rises* offers an “absorbing” portrait of three generations of women—inspired by her own family (The New York Times Book Review). In the early 1900s, young Bessie Bawtry grows up in a mining town in South Yorkshire, England. Unusually gifted, she longs to escape a life burdened by unquestioned tradition. She studies patiently, dreaming of the day when she will take the entrance exam for Cambridge and leave her narrow world. A generation later, Bessie’s daughter Chrissie feels a similar impulse to expand her horizons, which she in turn passes on to her own daughter. Nearly a century after that, Bessie’s granddaughter finds herself listening to a lecture on genetics and biological determinism. She has returned to Breaseborough and wonders at the families who remained in the humble little town where Bessie grew up. Confronted with what would have been her life had her grandmother stayed, she finds herself faced with difficult questions. Is she really so different from the plain South Yorkshire locals? As she soon learns, the past has a way of reasserting itself—not unlike the peppered moth that was once thought to be nearing extinction but is now enjoying a sudden and unexplained resurgence. With *The Peppered Moth*, the acclaimed author of *The Seven Sisters* conjures a captivating work of semi-fiction, grappling with her memory of her own mother and the indelible mark of family and heredity.

The Genius of Thomas Hardy Margaret Drabble 1976 Hardy’s life, diverse artistic achievements, and milieu, are examined by scholars, critics, and historians