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### Single Scene Short Stories

This comprehensive collection of one hundred short stories by the French writer ranges from a short fable to a novella and includes such popular masterpieces as "Bella-Vista" and "The Tender Shoot."

### Laure

This vivid portrait of life in the music halls of early-20th-century Paris was drawn from the personal experiences of the author of Gigi. Colette's novel, first published in 1911, reflects her adventures as an itinerant cafe dancer as well as her struggles balancing respectability and artistic freedom.

### Bella-vista

A compilation of acclaimed short stories that each take place within a single scene

### The Oxford Book of French Short Stories

Chéri, first published in 1920, is considered Colette's finest novel. Exquisitely handsome, spoilt and sardonic, Chéri is the only son of a wealthy courtesan, a contemporary of Léa, the magnificent and talented woman who for six years has devoted herself to his amorous education. When a rich marriage is arranged for Chéri, Léa reluctantly decides their relationship must end. Chéri, despite his apparent detachment, is haunted by memories of Léa; alienated from his wife, his family and

his surroundings, he retreats into a fantasy world made up of dreams and the past, a world from which there is only one route of escape. In her portrait of the fated love affair between a very young man and a middle-aged woman, Colette achieved a peak in her earthy, sensuous and utterly individual art. Chéri caused considerable controversy both in its choice of setting - the fabulous demi-monde of the Parisian courtesans - and in its portrayal of Chéri.

## **New York Magazine**

"Gigi" is the story of a young girl being raised in a household more concerned with success and money than with the desires of the heart. But Gigi is uninterested in the dishonest society life she observes all around her and remains exasperatingly Gigi "Julie de Carneilhan," focuses on a contest of wills between Julie, an elegant woman of forty, and her ex-husband.

"Chance Acquaintances," a novella, involves an invalid wife, her philandering husband, and a music-hall dancer whose odd meeting at a French spa affects and indelibly marks each one of their lives.-Back cover.

## **Secrets of the Flesh**

This collection of French short stories in translation expands our idea of French writing by including new stories by women writers and by authors of Francophone origin. Spanning the centuries from the late eighteenth to the late twentieth, the collection opens with a rumbustious tale from the Marquis de Sade, takes in the masters of the nineteenth century, from Stendhal and Balzac to Maupassant, and reaches to Quebec, Africa, and the French Caribbean in the twentieth century. Women writers include relatively well known figures such as Renee Vivien, Colette, and Beauvoir, and newer writers such as Assia Djebar, Christiane Baroche, and Annie Saumont. The French short story is a rich and diverse medium, but all the stories selected share a common characteristic: they make exciting reading.

## **Claudine And Annie**

### **The Claudine Novels**

Laure (1903-1938) was a revolutionary poet, masochist Catholic rich girl, and world traveler. Toward the end of her life she became the lover of French writer Georges Bataille. Her writings and her real life story were remarkable in their violence

### **The Blue Lantern**

Includes over fifty selected interviews with the author from 1932-1977.

## **Women and Fiction**

## **Sudden Fiction International**

## **A Writer's Eye: Collected Book Reviews**

Retreat From Love is one of Colette's celebrated 'Claudine' novels. It was the first to be written under her own name, without the influence of her husband, the Svengali Willy, from whom she had recently separated. A tale of sexual and emotional trysts between three aristocratic youths, Retreat From Love shows the work of a newly mature Colette, a novelist who was now to be judged by the highest standards. In an isolated farmhouse in the Jura, Claudine awaits her husband Renaud's return from a Swiss sanatorium. She distracts herself by encouraging her young friend Annie to recount salacious episodes from her love life. When Renaud's homosexual son Marcel arrives Claudine sets about matchmaking, a fiasco she bitterly regrets.

## **Think, Write, Speak**

THE STORIES THAT INSPIRED THE FILM COLETTE, out Jan 2019. In this final novel in Colette's famous series it is Claudine's friend Annie who tells the story in the form of a private diary. Claudine is happily settled with her adored husband Renaud, spending her time giving wide and worldly advice to despairing Annie, whose life with the boring and dominating Alain is set to dramatically change. With the help of Claudine, Annie takes steps to empower her own life, a life away from her husband. Though Colette's intoxicating series of novels emerges a portrait of Claudine an intelligent, modern woman whose life is always honest, passionate and inspiring.

## **The Collected Stories of Grace Paley**

Following the recent popular success of Sudden Fiction, this volume enters new realms to gather more than fifty of the best and most compelling short stories--each complete and no more than five pages--from all over the world.

## **Cheri**

"Berlin probably deserved a Pulitzer Prize." —Dwight Garner, The New York Times NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITORS' CHOICE. Named one of the Best Books of 2018 by The Boston Globe, Kirkus, and Lit Hub. Named a Fall Read by BuzzFeed, ELLE, TIME, Nylon, The Boston Globe, Vulture, Newsday, HuffPost, Bustle, The A.V. Club, The Millions, BUST, Reinfery29, Fast Company and MyDomaine. A collection of previously uncompiled stories from the short-story master and literary sensation Lucia Berlin In 2015, Farrar, Straus and Giroux published A Manual for Cleaning Women, a posthumous story collection by a relatively unknown writer, to wild, widespread acclaim. It was a New York Times bestseller; the paper's Book Review named it one of the Ten Best Books of 2015; and NPR, Time, Entertainment Weekly, The Guardian, The Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, and other outlets gave the book rave reviews. The book's author, Lucia Berlin, earned comparisons to Raymond Carver, Grace Paley, Alice Munro, and Anton Chekhov. Evening in Paradise is a careful selection from Berlin's remaining stories—twenty-two gems that showcase the gritty glamour that made readers fall in love with her. From Texas to Chile, Mexico to New York City, Berlin finds beauty in the darkest places and darkness in the seemingly pristine. Evening in Paradise is an essential piece of Berlin's oeuvre, a jewel-box follow-up for new and old fans.

## **Tropic of Cancer (Harper Perennial Modern Classics)**

Miller's groundbreaking first novel, banned in Britain for almost thirty years.

## **Evening in Paradise**

Edited and with an introduction by Robert Phelps The hundred short stories collected here include such masterpieces as 'Bella-Vista', 'The Tender Shoot' and 'Le K-pi', Colette's subtle and ruthless rendering of a woman's belated sexual awakening. Shot through with the colours and flavours of the Parisian world and fertile French countryside, these short stories reverberate with the fine-spun desire, wit and psychological acuity that made Colette unique.

## **The Other Woman**

A scandalously talented stage performer, a practiced seductress of both men and women, and the flamboyant author of some of the greatest works of twentieth-century literature, Colette was our first true superstar. Now, in Judith Thurman's Secrets of the Flesh, Colette at last has a biography worthy of her dazzling reputation. Having spent her childhood in the shadow of an overpowering mother, Colette escaped at age twenty into a turbulent marriage with the sexy, unscrupulous Willy--a literary charlatan who took credit for her bestselling Claudine novels. Weary of Willy's sexual domination, Colette pursued an extremely public lesbian love affair with a niece of Napoleon's. At forty, she gave birth to a daughter who bored her, at forty-seven she seduced her teenage stepson, and in her seventies she flirted with the Nazi occupiers of Paris, even

though her beloved third husband, a Jew, had been arrested by the Gestapo. And all the while, this incomparable woman poured forth a torrent of masterpieces, including Gigi, Sido, Cheri, and Break of Day. Judith Thurman, author of the National Book Award-winning biography of Isak Dinesen, portrays Colette as a thoroughly modern woman: frank in her desires, fierce in her passions, forever reinventing herself. Rich with delicious gossip and intimate revelations, shimmering with grace and intelligence, *Secrets of the Flesh* is one of the great biographies of our time. NOTE: This edition does not include a photo insert.

## **My Mother's House**

Three wishes. Seb wants to be happy. Matt wants to find 'the one.' Connor wants them. Two drunken kisses. Seb didn't plan to kiss Matt and Connor, but he doesn't regret it, even if it has changed their friendship forever. Matt has never considered dating a man before, let alone two. Despite his confusion, being with Seb and Connor feels right. One uncertain future. Connor's potential fate has stopped him living and loving. Can he face his fears to be with the men he loves?\*\*\*Contains explicit language and scenes\*\*\*

## **The Collected Stories Of Colette**

A small inn in Provence serves as the backdrop for a story of lost love and regret

## **Gigi, Julie de Carneilhan, and Chance Acquaintances**

A guide for librarians and teachers offers annotations summarizing the themes, plots, and publication information for 450 popular short stories.

## **Retreat from Love**

## **French Stories/Contes Francais**

A collection of short stories and character studies reflecting life in France during the early twenties

## **The Complete Claudine**

Ten unusual stories: "Micromégas" by Voltaire; "The Atheist's Mass" by Balzac; "The Legend of St. Julian the Hospitaller" by Flaubert; "Spleen of Paris" by Baudelaire; and more. English translations appear on facing pages.

## **Earthly Paradise**

Chéri (French Edition) by Colette - Chéri, together with The Last of Chéri, is a classic story of a love affair between a very young man and a charming older woman. The amour between Fred Peloux, the beautiful gigolo known as Chéri, and the courtesan Léa de Lonval tenderly depicts the devotion that stems from desire, and is an honest account of the most human preoccupations of youth and middle age. With compassionate insight Colette paints a full-length double portrait using an impressionistic style all her own. We are delighted to publish this classic book as part of our extensive Classic Library collection. Many of the books in our collection have been out of print for decades, and therefore have not been accessible to the general public. The aim of our publishing program is to facilitate rapid access to this vast reservoir of literature, and our view is that this is a significant literary work, which deserves to be brought back into print after many decades. The contents of the vast majority of titles in the Classic Library have been scanned from the original works. To ensure a high quality product, each title has been meticulously hand curated by our staff. Our philosophy has been guided by a desire to provide the reader with a book that is as close as possible to ownership of the original work. We hope that you will enjoy this wonderful classic work, and that for you it becomes an enriching experience.

## **Tampa Bay Noir**

## **Short Story Index**

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

## **The Vagabond**

Colette, prodded by her first husband, Willy, began her writing career with Claudine at School, which catapulted the young author into instant, sensational success. Among the most autobiographical of Colette's works, these four novels are dominated by the child-woman Claudine, whose strength, humor, and zest for living make her seem almost a symbol for the

life force. Janet Flanner described these books as "amazing writing on the almost girlish search for the absolute of happiness in physical love . . . recorded by a literary brain always wide awake on the pillow."

## **The Rainy Moon and Other Stories**

Claudine fills a diary with her experiences growing up in France.

## **My Mother's House and Sido**

Tampa Bay joins Miami in representing the (alleged) Sunshine State in the Noir Series arena. "At last, the popular Akashic Noir series has adopted the Tampa Bay areaThe notion of elevating place to the status of a character in a story, a frequent topic in writers workshops, works to maximum effect. The descriptive forays are full of observations that can only be gleaned by living here." --Tampa Bay Times "A new collection of noir fiction features all sorts of miscreants finding their way through this part of Florida." --Ocala Star Banner "[A] lively collection of superior short stories." --South Florida Sun Sentinel "For too long readers have connected Florida Noir with the admittedly fascinating locales of Miami-Dade County, thanks to a slew of talented and popular writers no doubt, but there's another major metropolitan area on the Gulf Coast that's every bit Miami's equal for bizarre noir. Tampa Bay gets a much-deserved turn in the spotlight with this new collection in the Akashic series, edited by Colette Bancroft and featuring some stellar contributions from writers out of the greater Tampa diaspora, including Michael Connelly, Tim Dorsey, Sarah Gerard, Ace Atkins, and Lori Roy." --CrimeReads, One of the Most Anticipated Crime Books of 2020 "Books can transport us to faraway, exotic places we've never seen, but they can also show us new angles of familiar places we thought we knew. Places closer to home like Hyde Park, Tierra Verde, Davis Islands, Palma Ceia, Clearwater Beach, Pass-a-Grille, Indian Rocks Beach, Westshore, St. Petersburg's 34th Street, Gibsonton, Lake Maggiore, Pinellas Park, Largo, Safety Harbor and Rattlesnake. Those are the local settings--yes, Rattlesnake is a real place!--for the 15 stories collected in Tampa Bay Noir, an anthology of new crime fiction due out in August." --Creative Pinellas "Anyone who lives in the Tampa Bay area knows there are stories of intrigue here, just waiting to be told." --The Gabber "Every classic mystery-fiction theme is represented here--murder, fraud, love, sex, money--and, overall, the writing is top quality. Lovers of short crime fiction should eat this one up." --Booklist "Fifteen tales that reveal the dark side of sunny Tampa Bay." --Kirkus Reviews Akashic Books continues its award-winning series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir. Each book comprises all new stories, each one set in a distinct location within the geographic area of the book. Brand-new stories by: Michael Connelly, Lori Roy, Ace Atkins, Karen Brown, Tim Dorsey, Lisa Unger, Sterling Watson, Luis Castillo, Sarah Gerard, Danny López, Ladee Hubbard, Gale Massey, Yuly Restrepo Garcés, Eliot Schrefer, and Colette Bancroft. From the introduction by Colette Bancroft: Ask most people what the Tampa Bay area is famous for, and they might mention sparkling beaches and sleek urban centers and contented retirees strolling

the golf courses year-round. But it's always had a dark side. Just look at its signature event: a giant pirate parade. Not only does Gasparilla honor the buccaneer traditions of theft, debauchery, and violence; its namesake pirate captain, José Gaspar, is a fake who probably never existed. And if there's any variety of crime baked into Florida's history, it's fraud. From the indigenous residents who supposedly conned Spanish explorers seeking the Fountain of Youth through the rolling cycles of real estate scams that have shaped the Sunshine State for the last century or so, the place is a grifter's native habitat.

## **Thematic Guide to Popular Short Stories**

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## **Collected Stories of Colette**

In these two superb stories of the politics of love, Colette is at her witty, instinctive best. Gigi is being educated in the skills of the Courtesan: to choose cigars, to eat lobster, to enter a world where a woman's chief weapon is her body. However, when it comes to the question of Gaston Lachaille, very rich and very bored, Gigi does not want to obey the rules. In 'The Cat', a wonderful story of burgeoning sexuality and blossoming love, an exquisite strong-minded Russian Blue is struggling for mastery of Alain with his seductive fianc-e, Camille.

## **The Penguin Book of Erotic Stories by Women**

An international collection spanning one hundred years. From Elizabeth Cook's Billets Doux, on a woman's imaginative punishment for a man's infidelity, to Yuan Ch'iung Ch'iung's A Lover's Ear, on the erotic experience of cleaning your loved one's ear.

## **I Wished for You**

## **The Oxford Book of French Short Stories**

'This is a delightful collection, ideal either for Tube reading or for savouring at greater length.-DailyTelegraph --

### **Barks and Purrs**

### **Claudine À Paris**

"My mother's house" is an actual recollection of Colette's childhood. It is the girl in "The vagabond" as a child.

### **Cheri**

### **Break of Day**

### **Gigi and the Cat**

'This is a collection full of energy and stunning, quiet innovation it spills over with contempt, raucous humour, sadness and generosity. In it, life and language are synonymous, and there is no higher praise. What a wonderful book' Ali Smith Here are all Grace Paley's classic stories in one volume. Paley's quirky, boisterous characters and rich use of language won her readers' hearts and secured her place as one of America's most accomplished short-story writers. Her stories are united by her signature interweaving of personal and political truths, her extraordinary capacity for empathy and her pointed depiction of the small and large events that make up daily life. Books included in the VMC 40th anniversary series include: Frost in May by Antonia White; The Collected Stories of Grace Paley; Fire from Heaven by Mary Renault; The Magic Toyshop by Angela Carter; The Weather in the Streets by Rosamond Lehmann; Deep Water by Patricia Highsmith; The Return of the Soldier by Rebecca West; Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston; Heartburn by Nora Ephron; The Dud Avocado by Elaine Dundy; Memento Mori by Muriel Spark; A View of the Harbour by Elizabeth Taylor; and Faces in the Water by Janet Frame

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