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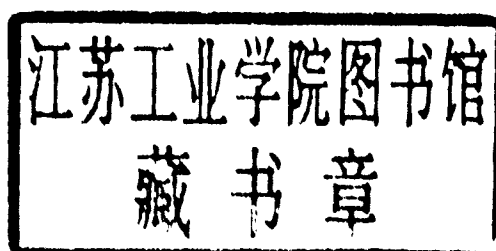
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Introduction

The twenty-six articles in *British Writers, Supplement IV* survey writers who for one reason or another are not represented in either the initial seven volumes of *British Writers* (1979–1984) or in supplements I (1987), II (1992), or III (1996). In Supplement IV, as distinct from its predecessors, all but a couple of the writers came of age following World War II; they are not only moderns, but contemporaries, their careers still evolving.

From its inception, *British Writers* was designed as a companion to the ongoing *American Writers* (1974–). These two sets were followed by *Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome* (2 vols., 1982), by *European Writers* (14 vols., 1983–1991) and its three-volume redaction, *European Writers* (1992), by *Latin American Writers* (3 vols., 1989), and by *African Writers* (2 vols., 1996). These volumes constitute, so far, the Scribner World Literature series. And they are allied to works such as *Science Fiction Writers* (1982), *Supernatural Fiction Writers* (2 vols., 1985), *William Shakespeare: His World, His Work, His Influence* (3 vols., 1985), *Writers for Children* (1988), *The Books of the Bible* (1989), *Modern American Women Writers* (1991), *African-American Writers* (1991), and *American Nature Writers* (2 vols., 1996).

Each article in *British Writers Supplement IV* is devoted to a single writer; each is between twelve and fifteen thousand words long. Each article presents an account of the writer's works, life, and relations to his or her time, place, and literary context. But from article to article the emphasis varies, just as from writer to writer the relative interest of the life, the reading, the situation varies. Whatever the relative emphasis, the works come first; other matters are taken up to the extent that they form or inform the works.

In style and scope, the articles are expressly written for that mythical but inspiring figure, the general reader, rather than for the specialist. They are written, that is, for high school, college, and graduate students, as well as for their teachers; for librarians and editors; for reviewers, scholars, and

critics; for literary browsers; for anyone who wants to repair an erosion or gap in his or her reservoir of knowledge. The article that can at once inform the general reader and stimulate the specialist will have achieved its goal.

Above all, and in consultation with librarians, the editors asked themselves whether a writer under consideration for inclusion was someone that English-speaking readers were likely to look up—upon publication of Supplement IV or twenty years later. The editors therefore took into account a shift in reader interest and critical activity and classroom attention that has not yet worked itself out. That shift, which is often thought of as a process of decanonization, includes a weakening of the distinction between popular literature and the other kind, whatever we call it. Thus in earlier supplements there were articles on such “popular” writers as Agatha Christie, John le Carré, Bram Stoker, H. Rider Haggard, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Daphne du Maurier; and thus, in Supplement IV, there are articles on Eric Ambler and P. D. James.

In accordance with a practice that evolved early in the series, not all the writers represented in Supplement IV are “British” in one or another restricted sense of the word. Salman Rushdie, for example, was born in Bombay; Christina Stead and Thomas Keneally are Australian-born; Paul Muldoon is very much an Irishman. But their relation to British literary culture was continuous and formative, if sometimes adversarial; their work shows up most vividly for what it is against the background of that British literary culture it enlarges or contests. In any case, the editors felt that readers would want to look up Keneally and Muldoon, for example, but could not do so elsewhere in articles like the ones that make up this volume. This last justification, however, could apply to all the articles in this volume: they are all about writers who are well worth looking up.

GEORGE STADE

Chronology

1901–1910 Reign of King Edward VII

- 1901 William McKinley assassinated; Theodore Roosevelt succeeds to the presidency
First transatlantic wireless telegraph signal transmitted
Chekhov's *Three Sisters*
Freud's *Psychopathology of Everyday Life*
Rudyard Kipling's *Kim*
Thomas Mann's *Buddenbrooks*
Potter's *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*
Shaw's *Captain Brassbound's Conversion*
August Strindberg's *The Dance of Death*
- 1902 Barrie's *The Admirable Crichton*
Arnold Bennett's *Anna of the Five Towns*
Cézanne's *Le Lac D'Annecy*
Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*
Henry James's *The Wings of the Dove*
William James's *The Varieties of Religious Experience*
Kipling's *Just So Stories*
Maugham's *Mrs. Craddock*
Christina Stead born
Stevie Smith born
Times Literary Supplement begins publishing
- 1903 At its London congress the Russian Social Democratic Party divides into Mensheviks, led by Plekhanov, and Bolsheviks, led by Lenin
The treaty of Panama places the Canal Zone in U.S. hands for a nominal rent
Motor cars regulated in Britain to a 20-mile-per-hour limit
The Wright brothers make a successful flight in the United States
Burlington magazine founded
Samuel Butler's *The Way of All Flesh* published posthumously
Cyril Connolly born
George Gissing's *The Private Papers of Henry Ryecroft*

- Thomas Hardy's *The Dynasts*
Henry James's *The Ambassadors*
Alan Paton born
Shaw's *Man and Superman*
Synge's *Riders to the Sea* produced in Dublin
Yeats's *In the Seven Woods* and *On Baile's Strand*
- 1904 Roosevelt elected president of the United States
Russo-Japanese war (1904–1905)
Construction of the Panama Canal begins
The ultraviolet lamp invented
The engineering firm of Rolls Royce founded
Barrie's *Peter Pan* first performed
Cecil Day Lewis born
Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*
Conrad's *Nostromo*
Henry James's *The Golden Bowl*
Kipling's *Traffics and Discoveries*
Georges Rouault's *Head of a Tragic Clown*
G. M. Trevelyan's *England Under the Stuarts*
Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*
First Shaw-Granville Barker season at the Royal Court Theatre
The Abbey Theatre founded in Dublin
Russian sailors on the battleship *Potemkin* mutiny
After riots and a general strike the czar concedes demands by the Duma for legislative powers, a wider franchise, and civil liberties
Albert Einstein publishes his first theory of relativity
The Austin Motor Company founded
Bennett's *Tales of the Five Towns*
Claude Debussy's *La Mer*
E. M. Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*
Henry Green born
Richard Strauss's *Salome*

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- H. G. Wells's *Kipps*
 Oscar Wilde's *De Profundis*
 1906 Liberals win a landslide victory in the British general election
 The Trades Disputes Act legitimizes peaceful picketing in Britain
 Captain Dreyfus rehabilitated in France
 J. J. Thomson begins research on gamma rays
 The U.S. Pure Food and Drug Act passed
 Churchill's *Lord Randolph Churchill*
 William Empson born
 Galsworthy's *The Man of Property*
 Kipling's *Puck of Pook's Hill*
 Shaw's *The Doctor's Dilemma*
 Yeats's *Poems 1899-1905*
 1907 Exhibition of cubist paintings in Paris
 Henry Adams' *The Education of Henry Adams*
 Henri Bergson's *Creative Evolution*
 Conrad's *The Secret Agent*
 Daphne du Maurier born
 Forster's *The Longest Journey*
 Christopher Fry born
 André Gide's *La Porte étroite*
 Shaw's *John Bull's Other Island* and *Major Barbara*
 Synge's *The Playboy of the Western World*
 Trevelyan's *Garibaldi's Defence of the Roman Republic*
 1908 Herbert Asquith becomes prime minister
 David Lloyd George becomes chancellor of the exchequer
 William Howard Taft elected president of the United States
 The Young Turks seize power in Istanbul
 Henry Ford's Model T car produced
 Bennett's *The Old Wives' Tale*
 Pierre Bonnard's *Nude Against the Light*
 Georges Braque's *House at L'Estaque*
 Chesterton's *The Man Who Was Thursday*
 Jacob Epstein's *Figures* erected in London
 Forster's *A Room with a View*
 Anatole France's *L'Ile des Pingouins*
 Henri Matisse's *Bonheur de Vivre*
 Elgar's *First Symphony*
 Ford Madox Ford founds the *English Review*
 1909 The Young Turks depose Sultan Abdul Hamid
 The Anglo-Persian Oil Company formed

- Louis Bleriot crosses the English Channel from France by monoplane
 Admiral Robert Peary reaches the North Pole
 Freud lectures at Clark University (Worcester, Mass.) on psychoanalysis
 Serge Diaghilev's *Ballets Russes* opens in Paris
 Galsworthy's *Strife*
 Hardy's *Time's Laughingstocks*
Eric Ambler born
 Malcolm Lowry born
 Claude Monet's *Water Lilies*
 Stephen Spender born
 Trevelyan's *Garibaldi and the Thousand*
 Wells's *Tono-Bungay* first published (book form, 1909)

1910-1936 Reign of King George V

- 1910 The Liberals win the British general election
 Marie Curie's *Treatise on Radiography*
 Arthur Evans excavates Knossos
 Edouard Manet and the first post-impressionist exhibition in London
 Filippo Marinetti publishes "Manifesto of the Futurist Painters"
 Norman Angell's *The Great Illusion*
 Bennett's *Clayhanger*
 Forster's *Howards End*
 Galsworthy's *Justice* and *The Silver Box*
 Kipling's *Rewards and Fairies*
 Rimsky-Korsakov's *Le Coq d'or*
 Stravinsky's *The Firebird*
 Vaughan Williams' *A Sea Symphony*
 Wells's *The History of Mr. Polly*
 Wells's *The New Machiavelli* first published (in book form, 1911)
 1911 Lloyd George introduces National Health Insurance Bill
 Suffragette riots in Whitehall
 Roald Amundsen reaches the South Pole
 Bennett's *The Card*
 Chagall's *Self Portrait with Seven Fingers*
 Conrad's *Under Western Eyes*
 D. H. Lawrence's *The White Peacock*
 Katherine Mansfield's *In a German Pension*
 Edward Marsh edits *Georgian Poetry*
 Moore's *Hail and Farewell* (1911-1914)
 Flann O'Brien born
 Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*
 Stravinsky's *Petrouchka*

CHRONOLOGY

- Trevelyan's *Garibaldi and the Making of Italy*
Wells's *The New Machiavelli*
Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde*
1912 Woodrow Wilson elected president of the United States
SS *Titanic* sinks on its maiden voyage
Five million Americans go to the movies daily; London has four hundred movie theaters
Second post-impressionist exhibition in London
Bennett's and Edward Knoblock's *Milestones*
Constantin Brancusi's *Maiistra*
Wassily Kandinsky's *Black Lines*
D. H. Lawrence's *The Trespasser*
1913 Second Balkan War begins
Henry Ford pioneers factory assembly technique through conveyor belts
Epstein's *Tomb of Oscar Wilde*
New York Armory Show introduces modern art to the world
Alain Fournier's *Le Grand Meaulnes*
Freud's *Totem and Tabu*
D. H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*
Mann's *Death in Venice*
Proust's *Du Côté de chez Swann* (first volume of *À la recherche du temps perdu*, 1913–1922)
Barbara Pym born
Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloé*
1914 The Panama Canal opens (formal dedication on 12 July 1920)
Irish Home Rule Bill passed in the House of Commons
Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated at Sarajevo
World War I begins
Battles of the Marne, Masurian Lakes, and Falkland Islands
Joyce's *Dubliners*
Shaw's *Pygmalion* and *Androcles and the Lion*
Yeats's *Responsibilities*
Wyndham Lewis publishes *Blast* magazine and *The Vorticist Manifesto*
1915 The Dardanelles campaign begins
Britain and Germany begin naval and submarine blockades
The *Lusitania* is sunk
Hugo Junkers manufactures the first fighter aircraft
Poison gas used for the first time
First Zeppelin raid in London
Brooke's 1914: *Five Sonnets*
Norman Douglas' *Old Calabria*
D. W. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation*
Gustav Holst's *The Planets*
D. H. Lawrence's *The Rainbow*
Wyndham Lewis's *The Crowd*
Maugham's *Of Human Bondage*
Pablo Picasso's *Harlequin*
Sibelius' Fifth Symphony
1916 Evacuation of Gallipoli and the Dardanelles
Battles of the Somme, Jutland, and Verdun
Britain introduces conscription
The Easter Rebellion in Dublin
Asquith resigns and David Lloyd George becomes prime minister
The Sykes-Picot agreement on the partition of Turkey
First military tanks used
Wilson reelected president of the United States
Henri Barbusse's *Le Feu*
Griffith's *Intolerance*
Roald Dahl born
Joyce's *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*
Jung's *Psychology of the Unconscious*
Moore's *The Brook Kerith*
Edith Sitwell edits *Wheels* (1916–1921)
Wells's *Mr. Britling Sees It Through*
1917 United States enters World War I
Czar Nicholas II abdicates
The Balfour Declaration on a Jewish national home in Palestine
The Bolshevik Revolution
Georges Clemenceau elected prime minister of France
Lenin appointed chief commissar; Trotsky appointed minister of foreign affairs
Conrad's *The Shadow-Line*
Douglas' *South Wind*
Eliot's *Prufrock and Other Observations*
Modigliani's *Nude with Necklace*
Sassoon's *The Old Huntsman*
Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*
Yeats's *The Wild Swans at Coole*
1918 Wilson puts forward Fourteen Points for World Peace

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- Central Powers and Russia sign the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
 Execution of Czar Nicholas II and his family
 Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates
 The Armistice signed
 Women granted the vote at age thirty in Britain
 Rupert Brooke's *Collected Poems*
 Gerard Manley Hopkins' *Poems*
 Joyce's *Exiles*
 Lewis's *Tarr*
 Sassoon's *Counter-Attack*
 Oswald Spengler's *The Decline of the West*
 Strachey's *Eminent Victorians*
 Béla Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle*
 Charlie Chaplin's *Shoulder Arms*
 1919 The Versailles Peace Treaty signed
 J. W. Alcock and A. W. Brown make first transatlantic flight
 Ross Smith flies from London to Australia
 National Socialist party founded in Germany
 Benito Mussolini founds the Fascist party in Italy
 Sinn Féin Congress adopts declaration of independence in Dublin
 Eamon De Valera elected president of Sinn Féin party
 Communist Third International founded
 Lady Astor elected first woman Member of Parliament
 Prohibition in the United States
 John Maynard Keynes's *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*
 Eliot's *Poems*
 Maugham's *The Moon and Sixpence*
 Shaw's *Heartbreak House*
 The Bauhaus school of design, building, and crafts founded by Walter Gropius
 Amedeo Modigliani's *Self-Portrait*
 1920 The League of Nations established
 Warren G. Harding elected president of the United States
 Senate votes against joining the League and rejects the Treaty of Versailles
 The Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote
 White Russian forces of Denikin and Kolchak defeated by the Bolsheviks
- P. D. James born**
 Karel Čapek's *R.U.R.*
 Galsworthy's *In Chancery* and *The Skin Game*
 Sinclair Lewis' *Main Street*
 Katherine Mansfield's *Bliss*
 Matisse's *Odalises* (1920–1925)
 Ezra Pound's *Hugh Selwyn Mauberly*
 Paul Valéry's *Le Cimetière Marin*
 Yeats's *Michael Robartes and the Dancer*
 1921 Britain signs peace with Ireland
 First medium-wave radio broadcast in the United States
 The British Broadcasting Corporation founded
 Braque's *Still Life with Guitar*
 Chaplin's *The Kid*
 Aldous Huxley's *Crome Yellow*
 Paul Klee's *The Fish*
 D. H. Lawrence's *Women in Love*
 John McTaggart's *The Nature of Existence* (vol. 1)
 Moore's *Héloïse and Abélard*
 Eugene O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones*
 Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author*
 Shaw's *Back to Methuselah*
 Strachey's *Queen Victoria*
 1922 Lloyd George's Coalition government succeeded by Bonar Law's Conservative government
 Benito Mussolini marches on Rome and forms a government
 William Cosgrave elected president of the Irish Free State
 The BBC begins broadcasting in London
 Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter discover Tutankhamen's tomb
 The PEN club founded in London
 The *Criterion* founded with T. S. Eliot as editor
 Kingsley Amis born
 Eliot's *The Waste Land*
 A. E. Housman's *Last Poems*
 Joyce's *Ulysses*
 D. H. Lawrence's *Aaron's Rod* and *England, My England*
 Sinclair Lewis's *Babbitt*
 O'Neill's *Anna Christie*
 Pirandello's *Henry IV*

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| <p>Edith Sitwell's <i>Façade</i>
 Virginia Woolf's <i>Jacob's Room</i>
 Yeats's <i>The Trembling of the Veil</i></p> <p>1923 The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics established
 French and Belgian troops occupy the Ruhr in consequence of Germany's failure to pay reparations
 Mustafa Kemal (Ataturk) proclaims Turkey a republic and is elected president
 Warren G. Harding dies; Calvin Coolidge becomes president
 Stanley Baldwin succeeds Bonar Law as prime minister
 Adolf Hitler's attempted coup in Munich fails
 <i>Time</i> magazine begins publishing
 E. N. da C. Andrade's <i>The Structure of the Atom</i>
 Brendan Behan born
 Christine Brooke-Rose born
 Bennett's <i>Riceyman Steps</i>
 Churchill's <i>The World Crisis</i> (1923–1927)
 J. E. Flecker's <i>Hassan</i> produced
 Nadine Gordimer born
 Paul Klee's <i>Magic Theatre</i>
 Lawrence's <i>Kangaroo</i>
 Rainer Maria Rilke's <i>Duino Elegies</i> and <i>Sonnets to Orpheus</i>
 Sibelius' <i>Sixth Symphony</i>
 Picasso's <i>Seated Woman</i>
 William Walton's <i>Façade</i></p> <p>1924 Ramsay MacDonald forms first Labour government, loses general election, and is succeeded by Stanley Baldwin
 Calvin Coolidge elected president of the United States
 Noël Coward's <i>The Vortex</i>
 Forster's <i>A Passage to India</i>
 Mann's <i>The Magic Mountain</i>
 Shaw's <i>St. Joan</i></p> <p>1925 Reza Khan becomes shah of Iran
 First surrealist exhibition held in Paris
 Alban Berg's <i>Wozzeck</i>
 Chaplin's <i>The Gold Rush</i>
 John Dos Passos' <i>Manhattan Transfer</i>
 Theodore Dreiser's <i>An American Tragedy</i>
 Sergei Eisenstein's <i>Battleship Potemkin</i>
 F. Scott Fitzgerald's <i>The Great Gatsby</i>
 André Gide's <i>Les Faux Monnayeurs</i></p> | <p>Hardy's <i>Human Shows and Far Phantasies</i>
 Huxley's <i>Those Barren Leaves</i>
 Kafka's <i>The Trial</i>
 O'Casey's <i>Juno and the Paycock</i>
 Virginia Woolf's <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i> and <i>The Common Reader</i>
 Brancusi's <i>Bird in Space</i>
 Shostakovich's <i>First Symphony</i>
 Sibelius' <i>Tapiola</i></p> <p>1926 Ford's <i>A Man Could Stand Up</i>
 Gide's <i>Si le grain ne meurt</i>
 Hemingway's <i>The Sun also Rises</i>
 Kafka's <i>The Castle</i>
 D. H. Lawrence's <i>The Plumed Serpent</i>
 T. E. Lawrence's <i>Seven Pillars of Wisdom</i> privately circulated
 Maugham's <i>The Casuarina Tree</i>
 O'Casey's <i>The Plough and the Stars</i>
 Puccini's <i>Turandot</i>
 John Berger born</p> <p>1927 General Chiang Kai-shek becomes prime minister in China
 Trotsky expelled by the Communist party as a deviationist; Stalin becomes leader of the party and dictator of the Soviet Union
 Charles Lindbergh flies from New York to Paris
 J. W. Dunne's <i>An Experiment with Time</i>
 Freud's <i>Autobiography</i> translated into English
 Albert Giacometti's <i>Observing Head</i>
 Ernest Hemingway's <i>Men Without Women</i>
 Fritz Lang's <i>Metropolis</i>
 Wyndham Lewis' <i>Time and Western Man</i>
 F. W. Murnau's <i>Sunrise</i>
 Proust's <i>Le Temps retrouvé</i> posthumously published
 Stravinsky's <i>Oedipus Rex</i>
 Virginia Woolf's <i>To the Lighthouse</i></p> <p>1928 The Kellogg-Briand Pact, outlawing war and providing for peaceful settlement of disputes, signed in Paris by sixty-two nations, including the Soviet Union
 Herbert Hoover elected president of the United States
 Women's suffrage granted at age twenty-one in Britain
 Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin
 Anita Brookner born</p> |
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CHRONOLOGY

- William Trevor born**
 Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill's *The Three-Penny Opera*
 Eisenstein's *October*
 Huxley's *Point Counter Point*
 Christopher Isherwood's *All the Conspirators*
 D. H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*
 Wyndham Lewis' *The Childermass*
 Matisse's *Seated Odalisque*
 Munch's *Girl on a Sofa*
 Shaw's *Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism*
 Virginia Woolf's *Orlando*
 Yeats's *The Tower*
- 1929 The Labour party wins British general election
 Trotsky expelled from the Soviet Union
 Museum of Modern Art opens in New York
 Collapse of U.S. stock exchange begins world economic crisis
- Thom Gunn born**
 Robert Bridges's *The Testament of Beauty*
 William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*
 Robert Graves's *Goodbye to All That*
 Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*
 Ernst Junger's *The Storm of Steel*
 Hugo von Hoffmannsthal's *Poems*
 Henry Moore's *Reclining Figure*
 J. B. Priestley's *The Good Companions*
 Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*
 Shaw's *The Applecart*
 R. C. Sheriff's *Journey's End*
 Edith Sitwell's *Gold Coast Customs*
 Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward, Angel*
 Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*
 Yeats's *The Winding Stair*
 Second surrealist manifesto; Salvador Dali joins the surrealists
 Epstein's *Night and Day*
 Mondrian's *Composition with Yellow Blue*
- 1930 Allied occupation of the Rhineland ends
 Mohandas Gandhi opens civil disobedience campaign in India
 The *Daily Worker*, journal of the British Communist party, begins publishing
 J. W. Reppe makes artificial fabrics from an acetylene base
- John Arden born
 Auden's *Poems*
 Coward's *Private Lives*
 Eliot's *Ash Wednesday*
 Wyndham Lewis's *The Apes of God*
 Maugham's *Cakes and Ale*
 Ezra Pound's *XXX Cantos*
 Evelyn Waugh's *Vile Bodies*
- 1931 The failure of the Credit Anstalt in Austria starts a financial collapse in Central Europe
 Britain abandons the gold standard; the pound falls by twenty-five percent
 Mutiny in the Royal Navy at Invergordon over pay cuts
 Ramsay MacDonald resigns, splits the Cabinet, and is expelled by the Labour party; in the general election the National Government wins by a majority of five hundred seats
 The Statute of Westminster defines dominion status
 Ninette de Valois founds the Vic-Wells Ballet (eventually the Royal Ballet)
 Coward's *Cavalcade*
 Dali's *The Persistence of Memory*
 John le Carré born
- Fay Weldon born**
 O'Neill's *Mourning Becomes Electra*
 Anthony Powell's *Afternoon Men*
 Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *Vol de nuit*
 Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*
 Virginia Woolf's *The Waves*
- 1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president of the United States
 Paul von Hindenburg elected president of Germany; Franz von Papen elected chancellor
 Sir Oswald Mosley founds British Union of Fascists
 The BBC takes over development of television from J. L. Baird's company
 Basic English of 850 words designed as a prospective international language
 The Folger Library opens in Washington, D.C.
 The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre opens in Stratford-upon-Avon
 Faulkner's *Light in August*
 Huxley's *Brave New World*

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- F. R. Leavis' *New Bearings in English Poetry*
 Boris Pasternak's *Second Birth*
 Ravel's *Concerto for Left Hand*
 Rouault's *Christ Mocked by Soldiers*
 Waugh's *Black Mischief*
 Yeats's *Words for Music Perhaps*
- 1933 Roosevelt inaugurates the New Deal
 Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany
 The Reichstag set on fire
 Hitler suspends civil liberties and freedom of the press; German trade unions suppressed
 George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein found the School of American Ballet
 Lowry's *Ultramarine*
 André Malraux's *La Condition humaine*
 Orwell's *Down and Out in Paris and London*
 Gertrude Stein's *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*
- 1934 The League Disarmament Conference ends in failure
 The Soviet Union admitted to the League
 Hitler becomes Führer
 Civil war in Austria; Engelbert Dollfuss assassinated in attempted Nazi coup
 Frédéric Joliot and Irene Joliot-Curie discover artificial (induced) radioactivity
 Einstein's *My Philosophy*
 Fitzgerald's *Tender Is the Night*
 Graves's *I, Claudius* and *Claudius the God*
 Toynbee's *A Study of History* begins publication (1934–1954)
 Waugh's *A Handful of Dust*
- 1935 Grigori Zinoviev and other Soviet leaders convicted of treason
 Stanley Baldwin becomes prime minister in National Government; National Government wins general election in Britain
 Italy invades Abyssinia
 Germany repudiates disarmament clauses of Treaty of Versailles
 Germany reintroduces compulsory military service and outlaws the Jews
 Robert Watson-Watt builds first practical radar equipment
Thomas Keneally born
David Lodge born
D. M. Thomas born
 Karl Jaspers' *Suffering and Existence*
- Ivy Compton-Burnett's *A House and Its Head*
 Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*
 Barbara Hepworth's *Three Forms*
 George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*
 Greene's *England Made Me*
 Isherwood's *Mr. Norris Changes Trains*
 Malraux's *Le Temps du mépris*
 Yeats's *Dramatis Personae*
 Klee's *Child Consecrated to Suffering*
 Benedict Nicholson's *White Relief*
- 1936 Edward VII accedes to the throne in January; abdicates in December
- 1936–1952 Reign of George VI**
- 1936 German troops occupy the Rhineland
 Ninety-nine percent of German electorate vote for Nazi candidates
 The Popular Front wins general election in France; Léon Blum becomes prime minister
 Roosevelt reelected president of the United States
 The Popular Front wins general election in Spain
 Spanish Civil War begins
 Italian troops occupy Addis Ababa; Abyssinia annexed by Italy
 BBC begins television service from Alexandra Palace
A. S. Byatt born
 Auden's *Look, Stranger!*
 Auden and Isherwood's *The Ascent of F-6*
 A. J. Ayer's *Language, Truth and Logic*
 Chaplin's *Modern Times*
 Greene's *A Gun for Sale*
 Huxley's *Eyeless in Gaza*
 Keynes's *General Theory of Employment*
 F. R. Leavis' *Revaluation*
 Mondrian's *Composition in Red and Blue*
 Dylan Thomas' *Twenty-five Poems*
 Wells's *The Shape of Things to Come* filmed
- 1937 Trial of Karl Radek and other Soviet leaders
 Neville Chamberlain succeeds Stanley Baldwin as prime minister
 China and Japan at war
 Frank Whittle designs jet engine
 Picasso's *Guernica*
 Shostakovich's *Fifth Symphony*
 Magritte's *La Reproduction interdite*

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	Hemingway's <i>To Have and Have Not</i>		MacNeice's <i>Autumn Journal</i>
	Malraux's <i>L'Espoir</i>		Powell's <i>What's Become of Waring?</i>
	Orwell's <i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i>	1940	Churchill becomes prime minister
	Priestley's <i>Time and the Conways</i>		Italy declares war on France, Britain, and Greece
	Virginia Woolf's <i>The Years</i>		General de Gaulle founds Free French Movement
1938	Trial of Nikolai Bukharin and other Soviet political leaders		The Battle of Britain and the bombing of London
	Austria occupied by German troops and declared part of the Reich		Roosevelt reelected president of the United States for third term
	Hitler states his determination to annex Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia		Bejeman's <i>Old Lights for New Chancels</i>
	Britain, France, Germany, and Italy sign the Munich agreement		Angela Carter born
	German troops occupy Sudetenland		Bruce Chatwin born
	Caryl Churchill born		Chaplin's <i>The Great Dictator</i>
	Edward Hulton founds <i>Picture Post</i>		Disney's <i>Fantasia</i>
	Cyril Connolly's <i>Enemies of Promise</i>		Greene's <i>The Power and the Glory</i>
	du Maurier's <i>Rebecca</i>		Hemingway's <i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>
	Faulkner's <i>The Unvanquished</i>		C. P. Snow's <i>Strangers and Brothers</i> (retitled <i>George Passant</i> in 1970, when entire sequence of ten novels, published 1940–1970, was entitled <i>Strangers and Brothers</i>)
	Graham Greene's <i>Brighton Rock</i>		
	Hindemith's <i>Mathis der Maler</i>	1941	German forces occupy Yugoslavia, Greece, and Crete, and invade the Soviet Union
	Jean Renoir's <i>La Grande Illusion</i>		Lend-Lease agreement between the United States and Britain
	Jean-Paul Sartre's <i>La Nausée</i>		President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill sign the Atlantic Charter
	Yeats's <i>New Poems</i>		Japanese forces attack Pearl Harbor; United States declares war on Japan, Germany, Italy; Britain on Japan
	Anthony Asquith's <i>Pygmalion</i> and Walt Disney's <i>Snow White</i>		Auden's <i>New Year Letter</i>
1939	German troops occupy Bohemia and Moravia; Czechoslovakia incorporated into Third Reich		James Burnham's <i>The Managerial Revolution</i>
	Madrid surrenders to General Franco; the Spanish Civil War ends		F. Scott Fitzgerald's <i>The Last Tycoon</i>
	Italy invades Albania		Huxley's <i>Grey Eminence</i>
	Spain joins Germany, Italy, and Japan in anti-Comintern Pact		Shostakovich's <i>Seventh Symphony</i>
	Britain and France pledge support to Poland, Romania, and Greece		Tippett's <i>A Child of Our Time</i>
	The Soviet Union proposes defensive alliance with Britain; British military mission visits Moscow		Orson Welles's <i>Citizen Kane</i>
	The Soviet Union and Germany sign non-aggression treaty, secretly providing for partition of Poland between them		Virginia Woolf's <i>Between the Acts</i>
	Germany invades Poland; Britain, France, and Germany at war	1942	Japanese forces capture Singapore, Hong Kong, Bataan, Manila
	The Soviet Union invades Finland		German forces capture Tobruk
	New York World's Fair opens		U.S. fleet defeats the Japanese in the Coral Sea, captures Guadalcanal
	Eliot's <i>The Family Reunion</i>		Battle of El Alamein
	Margaret Drabble born		Allied forces land in French North Africa
	Seamus Heaney born		Atom first split at University of Chicago
	Isherwood's <i>Good-bye to Berlin</i>		William Beveridge's <i>Social Insurance and Allied Services</i>
	Joyce's <i>Finnegans Wake</i> (1922–1939)		Albert Camus's <i>L'Étranger</i>

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Joyce Cary's *To Be a Pilgrim*

Edith Sitwell's *Street Songs*

Waugh's *Put Out More Flags*

1943 German forces surrender at Stalingrad
German and Italian forces surrender in North Africa

Italy surrenders to Allies and declares war on Germany

Cairo conference between Roosevelt, Churchill, Chiang Kai-shek

Teheran conference between Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin

Pat Barker born

Eliot's *Four Quartets*

Henry Moore's *Madonna and Child*

Sartre's *Les Mouches*

Vaughan Williams' *Fifth Symphony*

1944 Allied forces land in Normandy and southern France

Allied forces enter Rome

Attempted assassination of Hitler fails

Liberation of Paris

U.S. forces land in Philippines

German offensive in the Ardennes halted
Roosevelt reelected president of the United States for fourth term

Education Act passed in Britain

Pay-as-You-Earn income tax introduced

Beveridge's *Full Employment in a Free Society*

Cary's *The Horse's Mouth*

Huxley's *Time Must Have a Stop*

Maugham's *The Razor's Edge*

Sartre's *Huis Clos*

Edith Sitwell's *Green Song and Other Poems*

Graham Sutherland's *Christ on the Cross*

Trevelyan's *English Social History*

1945 British and Indian forces open offensive in Burma

Yalta conference between Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin

Mussolini executed by Italian partisans

Roosevelt dies; Harry S. Truman becomes president

Hitler commits suicide; German forces surrender

The Potsdam Peace Conference

The United Nations Charter ratified in San Francisco

The Labour Party wins British General Election

Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Surrender of Japanese forces ends World War II

Trial of Nazi war criminals opens at Nuremberg

All-India Congress demands British withdrawal from India

De Gaulle elected president of French Provisional Government; resigns the next year

Betjeman's *New Bats in Old Belfries*

Britten's *Peter Grimes*

Orwell's *Animal Farm*

Russell's *History of Western Philosophy*

Sartre's *The Age of Reason*

Edith Sitwell's *The Song of the Cold*

Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*

1946 Bills to nationalize railways, coal mines, and the Bank of England passed in Britain

Nuremberg Trials concluded

United Nations General Assembly meets in New York as its permanent headquarters

The Arab Council inaugurated in Britain

Julian Barnes born

Frederick Ashton's *Symphonic Variations*

Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia*

David Lean's *Great Expectations*

O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*

Roberto Rossellini's *Paisà*

Dylan Thomas' *Deaths and Entrances*

1947 President Truman announces program of aid to Greece and Turkey and outlines the "Truman Doctrine"

Independence of India proclaimed; partition between India and Pakistan, and communal strife between Hindus and Moslems follows

General Marshall calls for a European recovery program

First supersonic air flight

Britain's first atomic pile at Harwell comes into operation

Edinburgh festival established

Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Palestine

Princess Elizabeth marries Philip Mountbatten, duke of Edinburgh

David Hare born

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- Salman Rushdie born**
 Auden's *Age of Anxiety*
 Camus's *La Peste*
 Chaplin's *Monsieur Verdoux*
 Lowry's *Under the Volcano*
 Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*
 Edith Sitwell's *The Shadow of Cain*
 Waugh's *Scott-King's Modern Europe*
- 1948 Gandhi assassinated
 Czech Communist Party seizes power
 Pan-European movement (1948–1958)
 begins with the formation of the permanent Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC)
 Berlin airlift begins as the Soviet Union halts road and rail traffic to the city
 British mandate in Palestine ends; Israeli provisional government formed
 Yugoslavia expelled from Soviet bloc
 Columbia Records introduces the long-playing record
 Truman elected president of the United States for second term
- Ian McEwan born**
 Greene's *The Heart of the Matter*
 Huxley's *Ape and Essence*
 Leavis' *The Great Tradition*
 Pound's *Cantos*
 Priestley's *The Linden Tree*
 Waugh's *The Loved One*
- 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization established with headquarters in Brussels
 Berlin blockade lifted
 German Federal Republic recognized; capital established at Bonn
 Konrad Adenauer becomes German chancellor
 Mao Tse-tung becomes chairman of the People's Republic of China following Communist victory over the Nationalists
- Martin Amis born**
 Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*
 Cary's *A Fearful Joy*
 Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*
 Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*
- 1950 Korean War breaks out
 Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Bertrand Russell
 R. H. S. Crossman's *The God That Failed*
- T. S. Eliot's *The Cocktail Party*
 Fry's *Venus Observed*
 Doris Lessing's *The Grass Is Singing*
 C. S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* (1950–1956)
 Wyndham Lewis' *Rude Assignment*
 George Orwell's *Shooting an Elephant*
 Carol Reed's *The Third Man*
 Dylan Thomas' *Twenty-six Poems*
- 1951 Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean defect from Britain to the Soviet Union
 The Conservative party under Winston Churchill wins British general election
 The Festival of Britain celebrates both the centenary of the Crystal Palace Exhibition and British postwar recovery
 Electric power is produced by atomic energy at Arcon, Idaho
- Paul Muldoon born**
 W. H. Auden's *Nones*
 Samuel Beckett's *Molloy and Malone Dies*
 Benjamin Britten's *Billy Budd*
 Greene's *The End of the Affair*
 Akira Kurosawa's *Rashomon*
 Wyndham Lewis' *Rotting Hill*
 Anthony Powell's *A Question of Upbringing* (first volume of *A Dance to the Music of Time*, 1951–1975)
 J. D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*
 C. P. Snow's *The Masters*
- 1952 Igor Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*
 Reign of Elizabeth II
 At Eniwetok Atoll the United States detonates the first hydrogen bomb
 The European Coal and Steel Community comes into being
 Radiocarbon dating introduced to archaeology
 Michael Ventris deciphers Linear B script
 Dwight D. Eisenhower elected president of the United States
 Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*
 Charles Chaplin's *Limelight*
 Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*
 Arthur Koestler's *Arrow in the Blue*
 F. R. Leavis' *The Common Pursuit*
 Lessing's *Martha Quest* (first volume of *The Children of Violence*, 1952–1965)
 C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*

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| Thomas' <i>Collected Poems</i> | | Patrick White's <i>The Tree of Man</i> | |
| Evelyn Waugh's <i>Men at Arms</i> (first volume of <i>Sword of Honour</i> , 1952-1961) | 1956 | Nasser's nationalization of the Suez Canal leads to Israeli, British, and French armed intervention | |
| Angus Wilson's <i>Hemlock and After</i> | | Uprising in Hungary suppressed by Soviet troops | |
| 1953 Constitution for a European political community drafted | | Khrushchev denounces Stalin at Twentieth Communist Party Congress | |
| Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed for passing U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union | | Eisenhower reelected president of the United States | |
| Cease-fire declared in Korea | | Anthony Burgess' <i>Time for a Tiger</i> | |
| Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norkay, scale Mt. Everest | | Golding's <i>Pincher Martin</i> | |
| Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Winston Churchill | | Murdoch's <i>Flight from the Enchanter</i> | |
| General Mohammed Naguib proclaims Egypt a republic | | John Osborne's <i>Look Back in Anger</i> | |
| Beckett's <i>Watt</i> | | Snow's <i>Homecomings</i> | |
| Joyce Cary's <i>Except the Lord</i> | 1957 | Edmund Wilson's <i>Anglo-Saxon Attitudes</i> | |
| Robert Graves's <i>Poems</i> 1953 | | The Soviet Union launches the first artificial earth satellite, <i>Sputnik I</i> | |
| 1954 First atomic submarine, <i>Nautilus</i> , is launched by the United States | | Eden succeeded by Harold Macmillan | |
| Dien Bien Phu captured by the Vietminh | | Suez Canal reopened | |
| Geneva Conference ends French domination over Indochina | | Eisenhower Doctrine formulated | |
| U.S. Supreme Court declares racial segregation in schools unconstitutional | | Parliament receives the Wolfenden Report on Homosexuality and Prostitution | |
| Nasser becomes president of Egypt | | Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Albert Camus | |
| Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Ernest Hemingway | | Beckett's <i>Endgame</i> and <i>All That Fall</i> | |
| Kazuo Ishiguro born | | Lawrence Durrell's <i>Justine</i> (first volume of <i>The Alexandria Quartet</i> , 1957-1960) | |
| Kingsley Amis' <i>Lucky Jim</i> | | Ted Hughes's <i>The Hawk in the Rain</i> | |
| John Betjeman's <i>A Few Late Chrysanthemums</i> | | Murdoch's <i>The Sandcastle</i> | |
| William Golding's <i>Lord of the Flies</i> | | V. S. Naipaul's <i>The Mystic Masseur</i> | |
| Christopher Isherwood's <i>The World in the Evening</i> | | Eugene O'Neill's <i>Long Day's Journey into Night</i> | |
| Koestler's <i>The Invisible Writing</i> | | Osborne's <i>The Entertainer</i> | |
| Iris Murdoch's <i>Under the Net</i> | 1958 | Muriel Spark's <i>The Comforters</i> | |
| C. P. Snow's <i>The New Men</i> | | White's <i>Voss</i> | |
| Thomas' <i>Under Milk Wood</i> published posthumously | | European Economic Community established | |
| 1955 Warsaw Pact signed | | Khrushchev succeeds Bulganin as Soviet premier | |
| West Germany enters NATO as Allied occupation ends | | Charles de Gaulle becomes head of France's newly constituted Fifth Republic | |
| The Conservative party under Anthony Eden wins British general election | | The United Arab Republic formed by Egypt and Syria | |
| Cary's <i>Not Honour More</i> | | The United States sends troops into Lebanon | |
| Greene's <i>The Quiet American</i> | | First U.S. satellite, <i>Explorer 1</i> , launched | |
| Philip Larkin's <i>The Less Deceived</i> | | Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Boris Pasternak | |
| F. R. Leavis' <i>D. H. Lawrence, Novelist</i> | | | |
| Vladimir Nabokov's <i>Lolita</i> | | | |