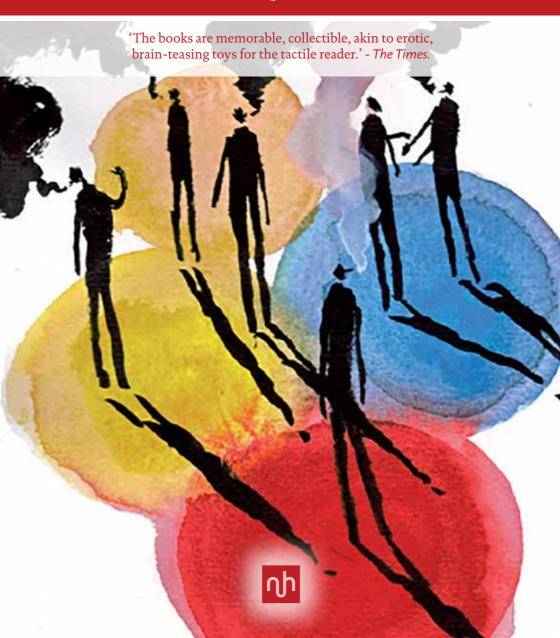
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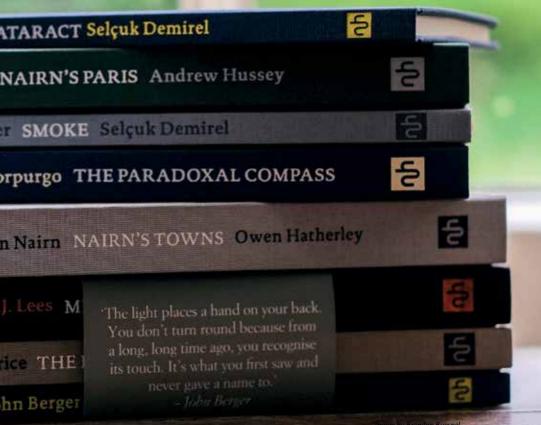
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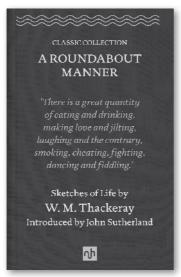




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John Sutherland is a British academic, newspaper columnist and author. He is the Lord Northcliffe Professor Emeritus at University College London. Professor Sutherland has written voluminously on Thackeray for fifty years.

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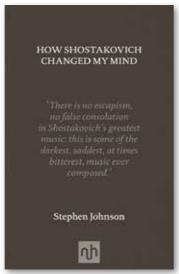
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Stephen Jonson is an award-winning broadcaster, composer and writer.

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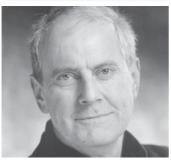
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Gyles Brandreth is a writer, broadcaster, former MP and government whip. He is a veteran of QI and Have I Got News For You, a reporter on The One Show, and a regular on Just a Minute. His many books include The Oscar Wilde Murder Mysteries and the No 1 best-seller The 7 Secrets of Happiness.

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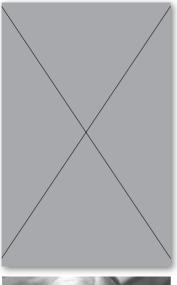
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Alison Leslie Gold's works include Anne Frank Remembered, written with Miep Gies, Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend, A Special Fate and Fiet's Vase and Other Stories of Survival. Her non-fiction work has received numerous tributes including a Best of the Best Award, a Notable Book for a Global Society Award and a Christopher Award.

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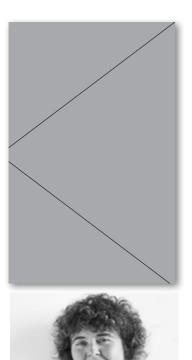
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Rosamund Bartlett is a distinguished scholar and writer and has authored biographies of Tolstoy and Chekhov, as well as on Wagner and Shostakovich. Her new translation of *Anna Karenina* was published in 2014, and follows two anthologies of Chekhov stories and a volume of his letters.

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John Berger's many books include Ways of Seeing, the Booker prizewinning novel *G*, Here is Where We Meet and From A to X. He died in January 2017.

Selçuk Demirel was born in Turkey and lives in Paris. His illustrations have been featured in major publications all over the world.

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Iain Sinclair is a writer and filmmaker. He has written several books of fiction and non-fiction, and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

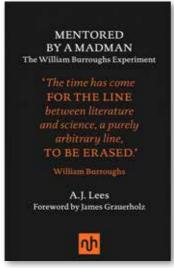
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Andrew Lees is a Professor of Neurology at the National Hospital, London. He is the recipient of numerous awards and is one of the three most highly cited Parkinson's disease researchers in the world. Professor Lees is the author of several books.

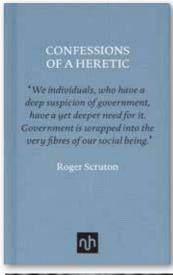
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He engages in contemporary political and cultural debates from the standpoint of a conservative thinker and is well known as a powerful polemicist. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and the British Academy.

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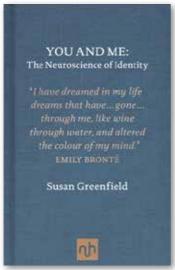
Kirsty Gunn is the recipient of several awards and prizes including the *New York Times Notable Book Award*, and the *James Tait Black Memorial Prize*. She is Professor of Writing Practice and Study at The University of Dundee.

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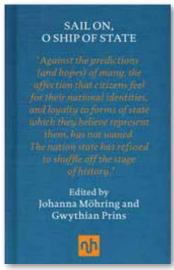
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Johanna Möhring is Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Professor Gwythian Prins is LSE research professor and the director of the LSE Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long-Wave Events. They are coauthors of *Another Europe?* which outlines two possible but irreconcilable visions of Europe.

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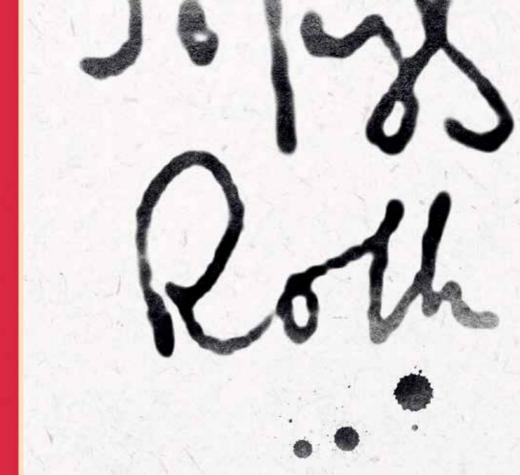
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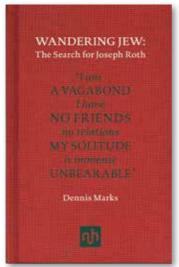


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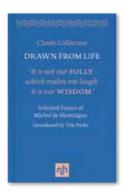
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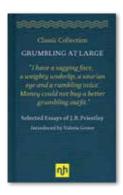
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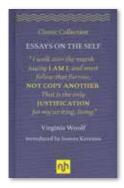
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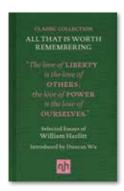
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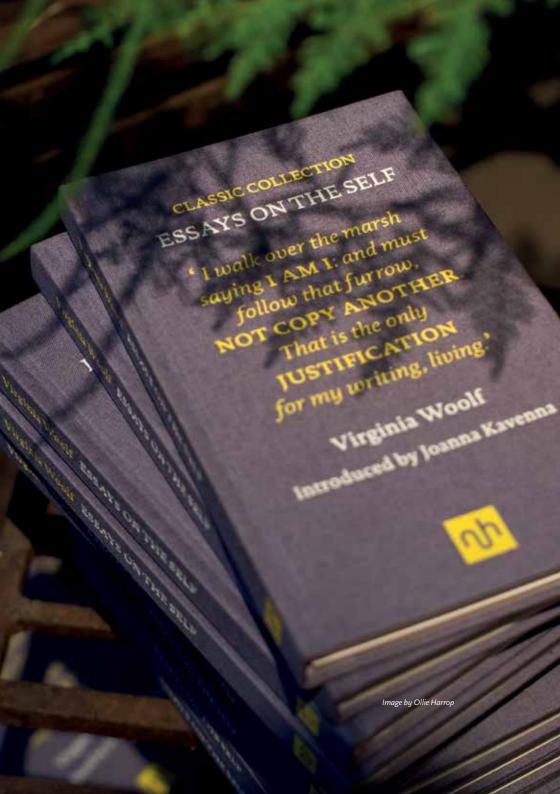
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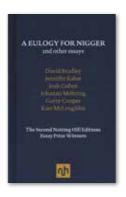


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