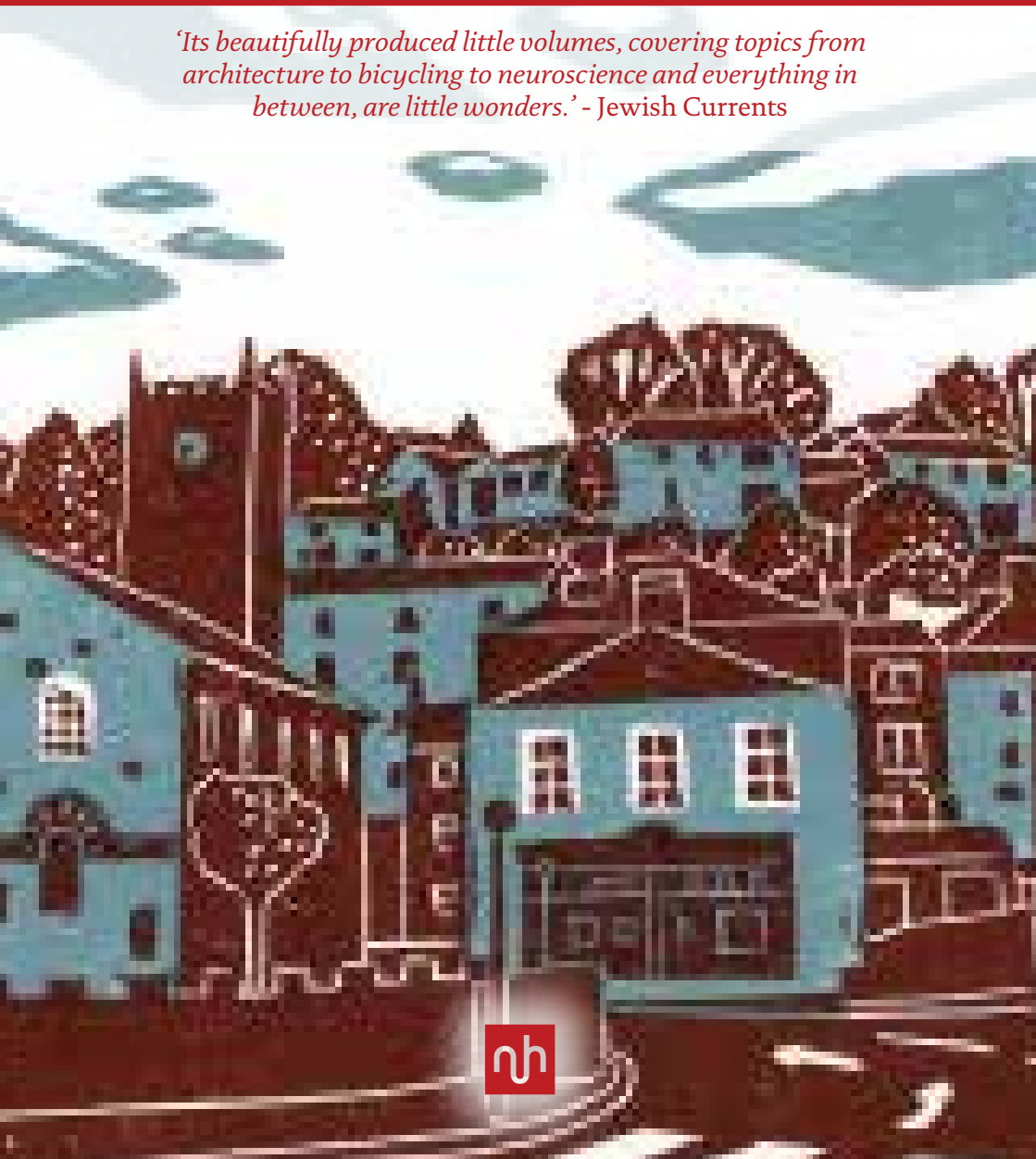


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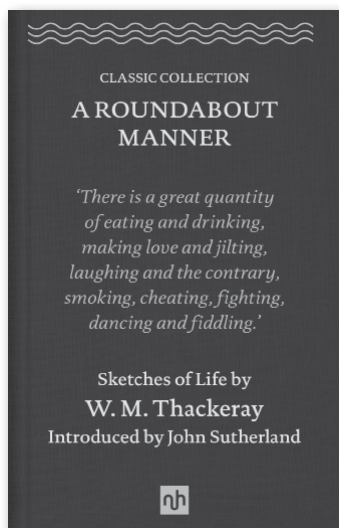


Forthcoming Titles

A ROUNDABOUT MANNER

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Introduced by John Sutherland



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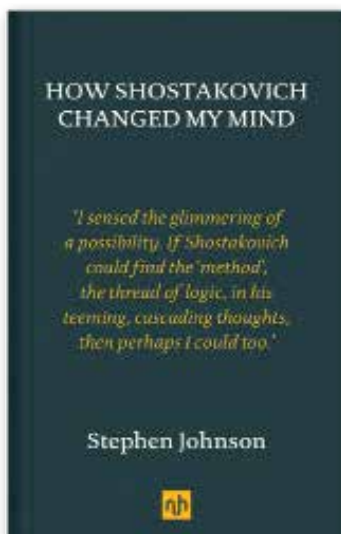
John Sutherland is a British academic, newspaper columnist and author. He is the Lord Northcliffe Professor Emeritus at University College London. Professor Sutherland has written voluminously on Thackeray for fifty years.

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HOW SHOSTAKOVICH CHANGED MY MIND

Stephen Johnson



BBC music broadcaster Stephen Johnson explores the power of Shostakovich's music during Stalin's reign of terror, and writes of the extraordinary healing effect of music on sufferers of mental illness. Johnson looks at neurological, psychotherapeutic and philosophical findings, and reflects on his own experience, where he believes Shostakovich's music helped him survive the trials and assaults of bipolar disorder.

Johnson draws on interviews with the members of the orchestra who performed Shostakovich's *Leningrad Symphony* at the time of the siege of Leningrad, during which almost a third of the population starved to death. In the end, this book is a reaffirmation of a kind of humanist miracle: that hope could be reborn in a time when, to quote the writer Nadezhda Mandelstam, there was only 'Hope against Hope'.

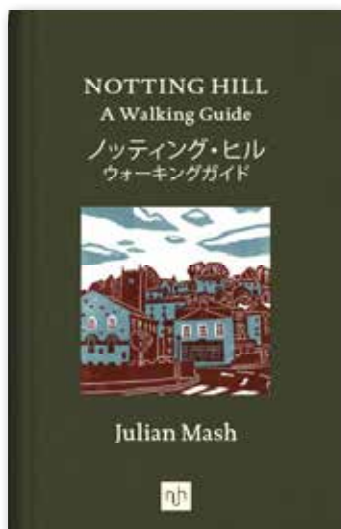
Stephen Jonson is an award-winning broadcaster, composer and writer.

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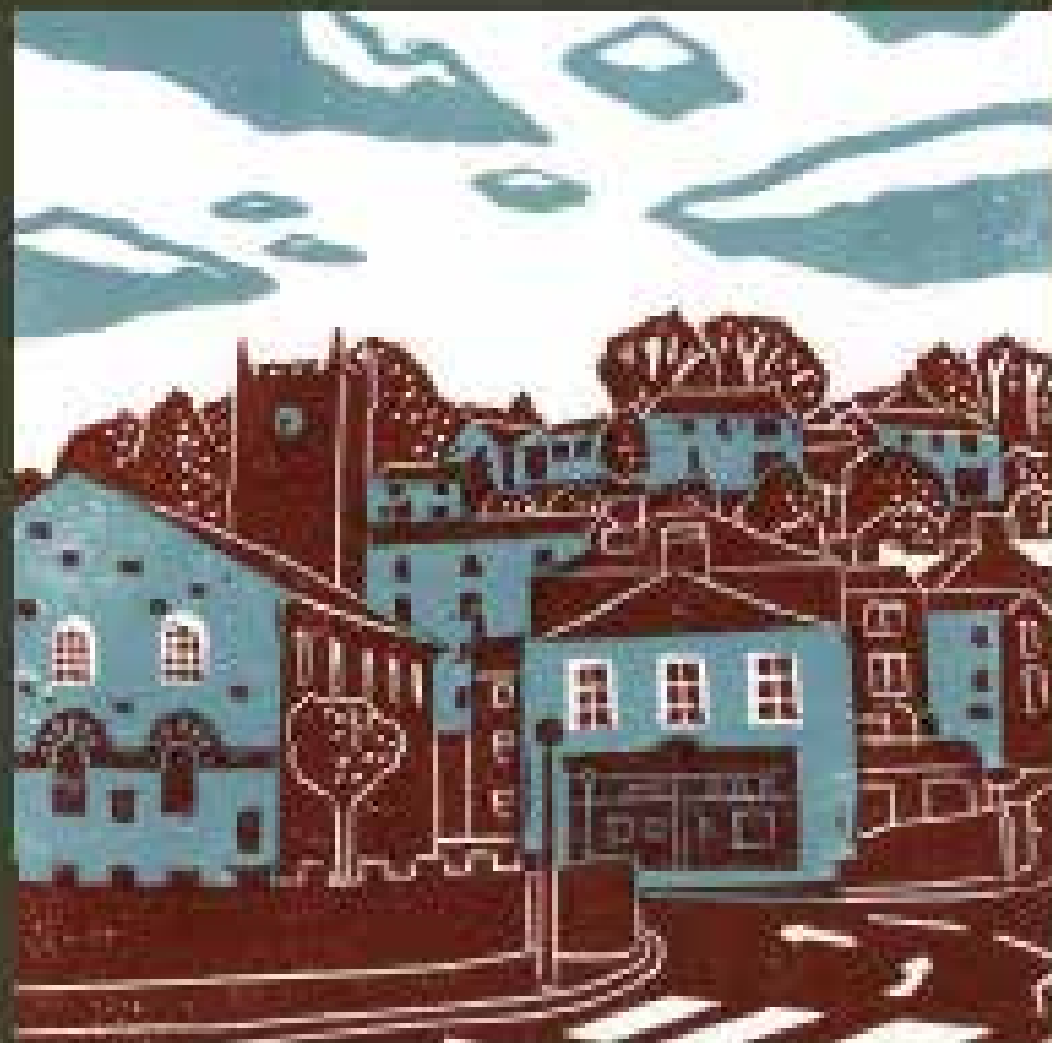
Beautifully laid out including several photographic images and four hand-drawn maps, the guide will appeal to both tourists and residents alike.

This guide taps into the burgeoning interest in literary walks and psychogeography, made popular by writers such as Ian Nairn, Iain Sinclair and Matthew Beaumont.

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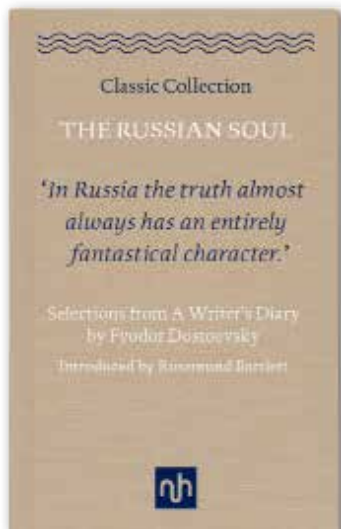
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Rosamund Bartlett is a distinguished scholar and writer and has authored biographies of Tolstoy and Chekhov, as well as on Wagner and Shostakovich. Her new translation of *Anna Karenina* was published in 2014, and follows two anthologies of Chekhov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

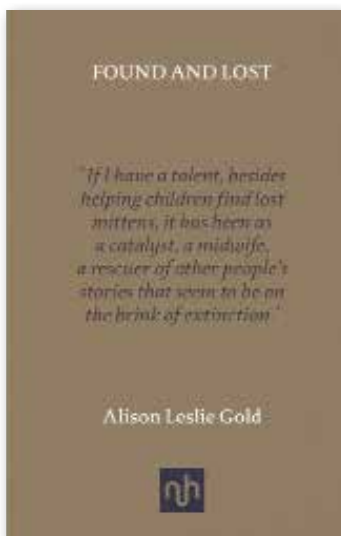
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Alison Leslie Gold's works include *Anne Frank Remembered*, written with Miep Gies, *Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend*, *A Special Fate* and *Fiet's Vase and Other Stories of Survival*. Her non-fiction work has received numerous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

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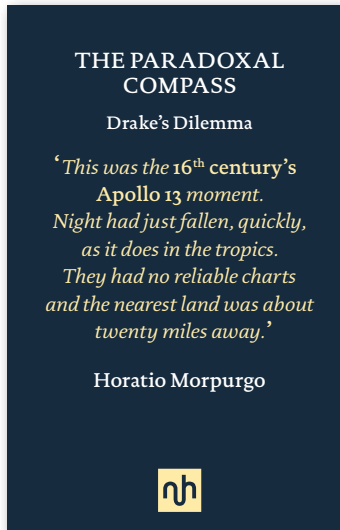
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Horatio Morpurgo's essays on the environment and on European affairs have appeared in many publications including *Arete*, *PN Review*, *London Magazine*, *Quarterly Review*, *Resurgence* and the *Ecologist*. He was involved in the campaign to set up the first Marine Protected Area in English waters in Lyme Bay.

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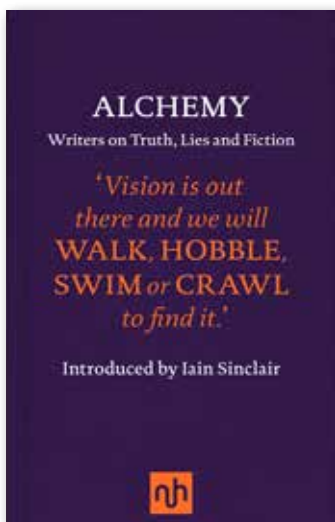
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Contributors: Joanna Kavenna, Gabriel Josipovici, Benjamin Markovits, Partou Zia, Anakana Schofield.

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.

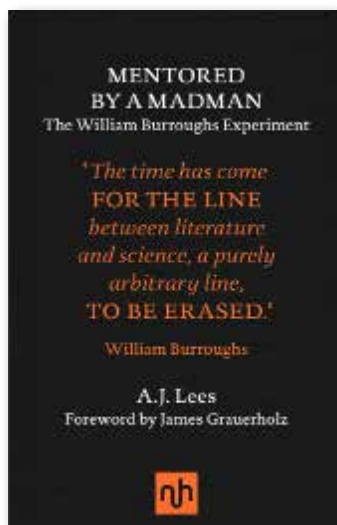
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The William Burroughs Experiment

A J Lees



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Publication date: May 25, 2016
Pages: 192

In this extraordinary memoir, neuroscientist Andrew Lees explains how William Burroughs, author of *Naked Lunch* and troubled drug addict, played an unlikely part in his medical career.

Lees draws on Burroughs' search for an addiction cure to discover a groundbreaking treatment for shaking palsy, and learns how to use the deductive reasoning of Sherlock Holmes to diagnose patients. Lees follows Burroughs into the rainforest and under the influence of yagé (ayahuasca) gains insights that encourage him to pursue new lines of pharmacological research and explore new forms of science.

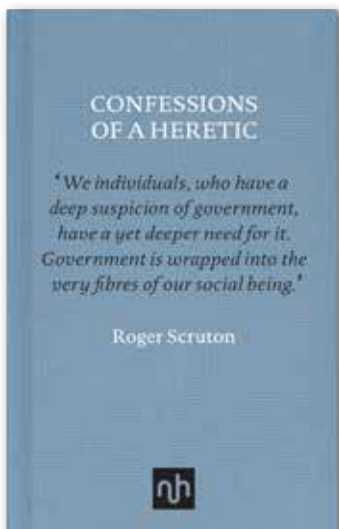
Andrew Lees is a Professor of Neurology at the National Hospital, London. He is the recipient of numerous awards and is one of the three most highly cited Parkinson's disease researchers in the world. Professor Lees is the author of several books.

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Roger Scruton is a philosopher, public commentator and author of over 40 books. He has specialised in aesthetics with particular attention to music and architecture.

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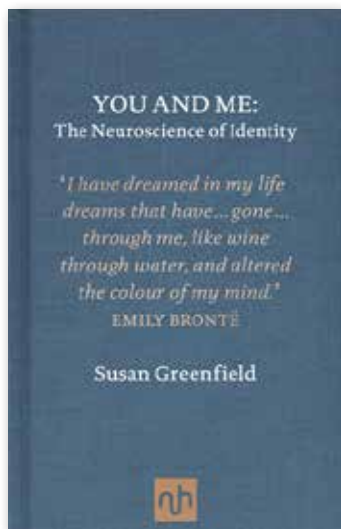
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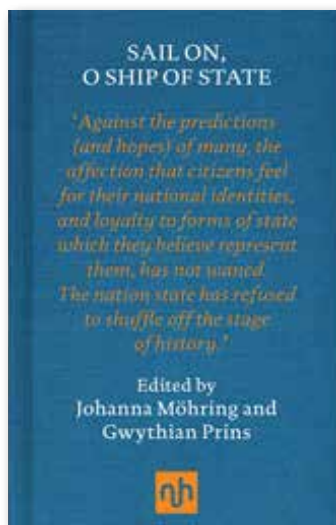
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Johanna Möhring is Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Professor Gwythian Prins is LSE research professor and the director of the LSE Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long-Wave Events. They are co-authors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

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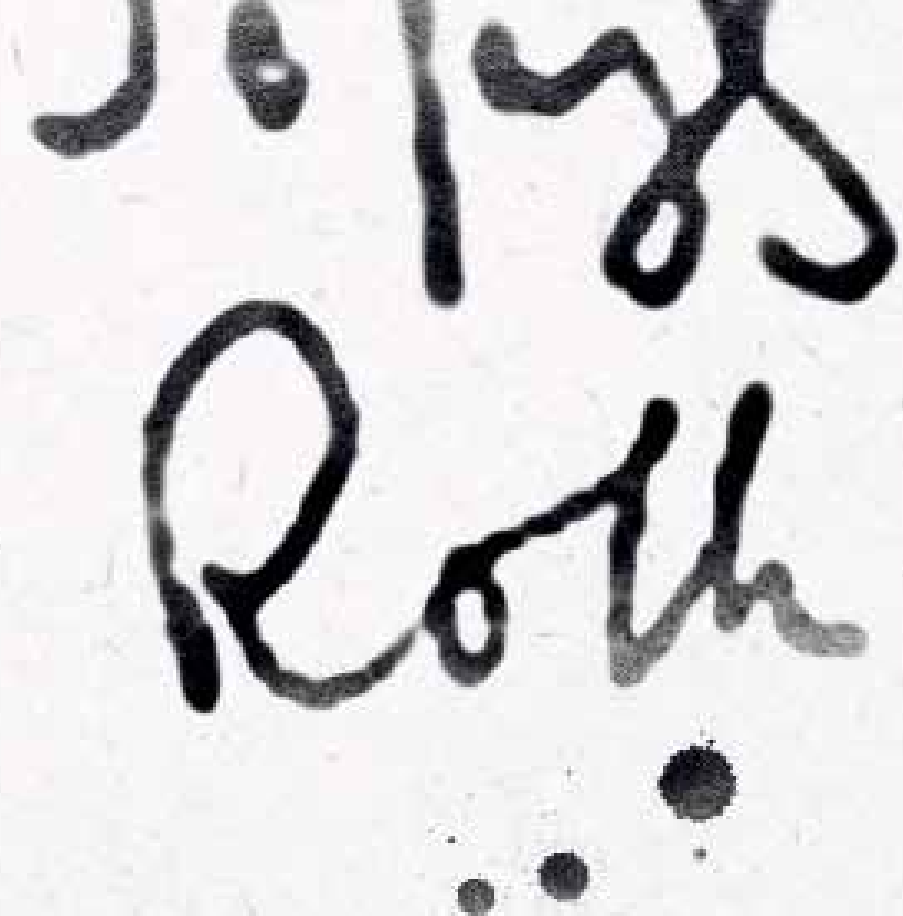
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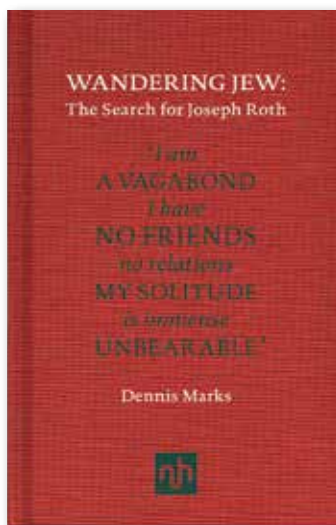
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In this revealing ‘psycho-geography’, Dennis Marks makes a journey through the eastern borderlands of Europe to learn about the elusive writer Joseph Roth and the world in which he lived. The result is a riveting and involving documentary that reunites Roth with his creative landscape.

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Dennis Marks was an acclaimed television producer and broadcast executive. He died in 2015.

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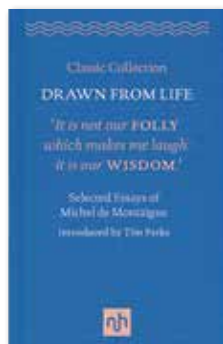
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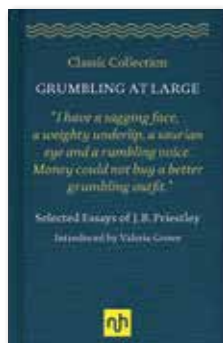
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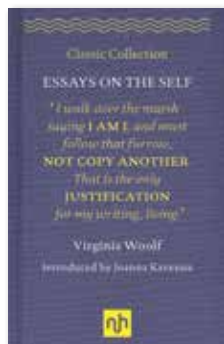
Ahad Ha'am is mainly remembered as the 'father of cultural Zionism'. But there was much more to the man and his thought. These essays show him to have been a brilliant exponent of the art of the essayist, a major literary figure and an original thinker. His ideas have a direct relevance today, both for confronting the future of Israel and Palestine and for thinking about cultural pluralism in a democratic society.

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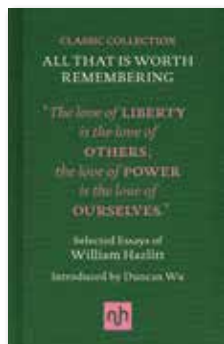


In these essays Virginia Woolf explores the nature of the finite self ('Who am I?' 'Who is everybody else?') and how individual experience might be relayed. She discusses the rights of women, the revolutions of modernity, the future of the novel. She is eloquent on social inequality and the agony of war. She fights with local demons, she mocks those who mock her, and generally prevails.

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That is the only
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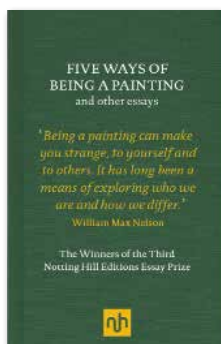
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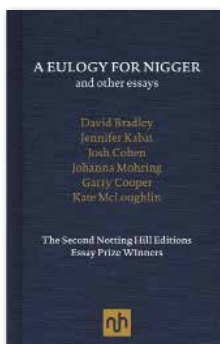
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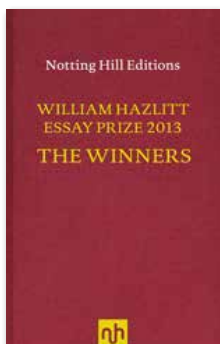
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