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Flannery A Life of Flannery O'Connor *Hachette UK* The landscape of American literature was fundamentally changed when Flannery O'Connor stepped onto the scene with her first published book, *Wise Blood*, in 1952. Her fierce, sometimes comic novels and stories reflected the darkly funny, vibrant, and theologically sophisticated woman who wrote them. Brad Gooch brings to life O'Connor's significant friendships -- with Robert Lowell, Elizabeth Hardwick, Walker Percy, and James Dickey among others -- and her deeply felt convictions, as expressed in her communications with Thomas Merton, Elizabeth Bishop, and Betty Hester. Hester was famously known as "A" in O'Connor's collected letters, *The Habit of Being*, and a large cache of correspondence to her from O'Connor was made available to scholars, including Brad Gooch, in 2006. O'Connor's capacity to live fully -- despite the chronic disease that eventually confined her to her mother's farm in Georgia -- is illuminated in this engaging and authoritative biography. Praise for Flannery: "Flannery O'Connor, one of the best American writers of short fiction, has found her ideal biographer in Brad Gooch. With elegance and fairness, Gooch deals with the sensitive areas of race and religion in O'Connor's life. He also takes us back to those heady days after the war when O'Connor studied creative writing at Iowa. There is much that is new in this book, but, more important, everything is presented in a strong, clear light."-Edmund White "This splendid biography gives us no saint or martyr but the story of a gifted and complicated woman, bent on making the best of the difficult hand fate has dealt her, whether it is with grit and humor or with an abiding desire to make palpable to readers the terrible mystery of God's grace."-Frances Kiernan, author of *Seeing Mary Plain: A Life of Mary McCarthy* "A good biographer is hard to find. Brad Gooch is not merely good-he is extraordinary. Blessed with the eye and ear of a novelist, he has composed the life that admirers of the fierce and hilarious Georgia genius have long been hoping for."-Joel Conarroe, President Emeritus, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation **Rumi's Secret The Life of the Sufi Poet of Love** *HarperCollins* The acclaimed New York Times bestselling author of *Smash Cut*, *Flannery*, and *City Poet* delivers the first popular biography of Rumi, the thirteenth-century Persian poet revered by contemporary Western readers. Ecstatic love poems of Rumi, a Persian poet and Sufi mystic born over eight centuries ago, are beloved by millions of readers in America as well as around the world. He has been compared to Shakespeare for his outpouring of creativity and to Saint Francis of Assisi for his spiritual wisdom. Yet his life has long remained the stuff of legend rather than intimate knowledge. In this breakthrough biography, Brad Gooch brilliantly brings to life the man and puts a face to the name Rumi, vividly coloring in his time and place—a world as rife with conflict as our own. The map of Rumi's life stretched over 2,500 miles. Gooch traces this epic journey from Central Asia, where Rumi was born in 1207, traveling with his family, displaced by Mongol terror, to settle in Konya, Turkey. Pivotal was the disruptive appearance of Shams of Tabriz, who taught him to whirl and transformed him from a respectable Muslim preacher into a poet and mystic. Their vital connection as teacher and pupil, friend and beloved, is one of the world's greatest spiritual love stories. When Shams disappeared, Rumi coped with the pain of separation by composing joyous poems of reunion, both human and divine. Ambitious, bold, and beautifully written, *Rumi's Secret* reveals the unfolding of Rumi's devotion to a "religion of love," remarkable in his own time and made even more relevant for the twenty-first century by this compelling account. **Flannery O'Connor A Biography** *Greenwood Publishing Group* Presents the life of the Southern novelist, who wrote two influential novels and a collection of short stories before her early death at the age of thirty-nine. **City Poet The Life and Times of Frank O'Hara** *Harper Collins* The definitive biography of Frank O'Hara, one of the greatest American poets of the twentieth century, the magnetic literary figure at the center of New York's cultural life during the 1950s and 1960s. *City Poet* captures the excitement and promise of mid-twentieth-century New York in the years when it became the epicenter of the art world, and illuminates the poet and artist at its heart. Brad Gooch traces Frank O'Hara's life from his parochial Catholic childhood to World War II, through his years at Harvard and New York. He brilliantly portrays O'Hara in his element, surrounded by a circle of writers and artists who would transform America's cultural landscape: Willem de Kooning, Franz Kline, Helen Frankenthaler, Jackson Pollock, Gregory Corso, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, LeRoi Jones, and John Ashbery. Gooch brings into focus the artistry and influence of a life "of guts and wit and style and passion" (Luc Sante) that was tragically abbreviated in 1966 when O'Hara, just forty and at the height of his creativity, was hit and killed by a jeep on the beach at Fire Island—a death that marked the end of an exceptional career and a remarkable era. *City Poet* is illustrated with 55 black and white photographs. **A Good Hard Look Years after poor health forces her to return to her family home, author Flannery O'Connor reluctantly attends the wedding of her cousin and inadvertently draws the attention of the groom, a wealthy Manhattan resident who fears life is passing him by. Scary Kisses** *Overlook Books* From the lost generation of Andy Warhol's New York to the cocaine-fuelled runways of the top fashion houses of Paris and Milan, *Scary Kisses* captures the tenderness and cruelty of the beautiful people circa 1980. As a menage a trois drifts listlessly into a spiral of cynicism and nihilistic gratification, Gooch's raw, voyeuristic eye for detail and precise, snapshot prose recreates a time unlike any other, and characters that flash with stark, bright realism. On a par with *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, this is a classic portrait of Manhattan nightlife and decadence. **The Terrible Speed of Mercy A Spiritual Biography of Flannery O'Connor** *Thomas*

Nelson "Many of my ardent admirers would be roundly shocked and disturbed if they realized that everything I believe is thoroughly moral, thoroughly Catholic, and that it is these beliefs that give my work its chief characteristics." —Flannery O'Connor Flannery O'Connor's work has been described as "profane, blasphemous, and outrageous." Her stories are peopled by a sordid caravan of murderers and thieves, prostitutes and bigots whose lives are punctuated by horror and sudden violence. But perhaps the most shocking thing about Flannery O'Connor's fiction is the fact that it is shaped by a thoroughly Christian vision. If the world she depicts is dark and terrifying, it is also the place where grace makes itself known. Her world—our world—is the stage whereon the divine comedy plays out; the freakishness and violence in O'Connor's stories, so often mistaken for a kind of misanthropy or even nihilism, turn out to be a call to mercy. In this biography, Jonathan Rogers gets at the heart of O'Connor's work. He follows the roots of her fervent Catholicism and traces the outlines of a life marked by illness and suffering, but ultimately defined by an irrepressible joy and even hilarity. In her stories, and in her life story, Flannery O'Connor extends a hand in the dark, warning and reassuring us of the terrible speed of mercy. *The Abbess of Andalusia* Flannery O'Connor's *Spiritual Journey* *TAN Books* Flannery O'Connor has been studied and lauded under many labels: the Southern author whose pen captured the soul of a proud region struggling to emerge out of racism and poverty, the female writer whose independent spirit and tragically short life inspired a generation of women, the Catholic artist whose fiction evokes themes of sin and damnation, mercy and redemption. Now, and for the first time, *The Abbess of Andalusia* affords us an in-depth look at Flannery O'Connor the believer. In these pages you will come to know Flannery O'Connor not only as a writer and an icon, but as a theologian and apologist; as a spiritual director and a student of prayer; as a suffering soul who learned obedience and merited grace through infirmity; and truly, as the Abbess of her own small, but significant, spiritual house. For decades Flannery O'Connor the author has touched her readers with the brilliance of her books. Now be edified and inspired by the example of her life. *Wise Blood* *Faber & Faber* *Wise Blood*, Flannery O'Connor's first novel, is the story of Hazel Motes who, released from the armed services, returns to the evangelical Deep South. There he begins a private battle against the religiosity of the community and in particular against Asa Hawkes, the 'blind' preacher, and his degenerate fifteen-year-old daughter. In desperation Hazel founds his own religion, 'The Church without Christ', and this extraordinary narrative moves towards its savage and macabre resolution. 'A literary talent that has about it the uniqueness of greatness.' *Sunday Telegraph* 'No other major American writer of our century has constructed a fictional world so energetically and forthrightly charged by religious investigation.' *The New Yorker* 'A genius.' *New York Times* *Smash Cut* A Memoir of Howard & Art & the '70s & the '80s *HarperCollins* The author of the acclaimed *City Poet* returns with a searing memoir of life in 1980s New York City—a colorful and atmospheric tale of wild bohemians, glamorous celebrity, and complicated passions—with cameo appearances by Madonna, Robert Mapplethorpe, William Burroughs, and a host of others legendary artists. Brad Gooch arrived in New York in the late 1970s, yearning for artistic and personal freedom. *Smash Cut* is his bold and intimate memoir of this exhilarating time and place. At its center is his love affair with film director Howard Brookner, pieced together from fragments of memory and fueled by a panoply of emotions, from blazing ecstasy to bleakest despair. As both men try to reconcile love and fidelity with the irresistible desire to enjoy the freedom of the age, they live together and apart. Gooch works briefly as a model in Milan, then returns to the city and discovers his vocation as an artist. Brookner falls ill with a mysterious virus that soon has a terrifying name: AIDS. And the story, and life in the city, is suddenly overshadowed by this new demon plague that will ravage a generation and transform the creative world. Gooch charts the progress of Brookner through his illness, and writes unforgettably about endings: of a great talent, a passionate love affair, and an incandescent era. Beautifully written, full of rich detail and poignant reflection, recalling a time and a place and group of friends with affection and clarity, *Smash Cut* is an extraordinary memoir and an exquisite account of an epoch. Illustrated with 30 black-and-white photographs. *Flannery O'Connor The Cartoons* *Fantagraphics Books* Flannery O'Connor was among the greatest American writers of the second half of the 20th century; she was a writer in the Southern tradition of Eudora Welty, William Faulkner, and Carson McCullers, who wrote such classic novels and short stories as *Wise Blood*, *The Violent Bear It Away*, and "A Good Man is Hard to Find." She is perhaps as well known for her tantalizing brand of Southern Gothic humor as she is for her Catholicism. That these tendencies should be so happily married in her fiction is no longer a surprise. The real surprise is learning that this much beloved icon of American literature did not set out to be a fiction writer, but a cartoonist. This seems to be the last well-kept secret of her creative life. *Finding the Boyfriend Within* A Practical Guide for Tapping into your own Source of Love, Happiness, and Respect *Simon and Schuster* In the tradition of the perennial bestseller *I'm OK, You're OK*, noted author Brad Gooch offers single and coupled gay men a provocative, sophisticated, and inspirational guide that addresses the big issues of love, romance, and being alone. Part memoir, part self-help, *Finding the Boyfriend Within* is a remarkably practical and helpful guide in the quest for self-discovery for the thousands of gay men who despair of ever being in a committed relationship. Filled with anecdotes, romantic advice, problem-solving suggestions, and humor -- as well as wisdom from both the East and West -- *Finding the Boyfriend Within* offers simple self-awareness exercises to help discover the respect, happiness, and love that come first, and most enduringly, from within. *A Spiritual Life Perspectives from Poets, Prophets, and Preachers* *Westminster John Knox Press* This revealing collection presents a selection of twenty poets, prophets, and preachers who share their understandings of what makes a "good spiritual life." They draw on their professional experiences and, as important, grace us with their personal thoughts. The result is essentially a textbook for spirituality courses, exposing readers to the spiritual lives of a wonderfully diverse group of people with a wide range of Christian experiences. Every reader is sure to find a perspective with which he or she can identify. *Jailbait and Other Stories* *Sea Horse PressLtd* The ten stories in Brad Gooch's first book of prose are as contemporary as an overheard phone call. Don't expect complicated plots, in-depth conversations, moments of acute psychological analysis. Instead the author gives us a voyeuristic look at some tough people caught in private (slightly embarrassing) moments. Seen as if through the windows of an apartment building. Speaking the pared-down dialogue

of a TV show or movie. Gooch's style--spare, hesitant, factual, sensual, polished--allows the primitive storytelling back in; we feel the propelling undertow of his characters' desires and impulses. *Jailbait and Other Stories* is unquestionably a text of an for the Eighties. *City Poet The Life and Times of Frank O'Hara* *Harper Perennial* The definitive biography of Frank O'Hara, one of the greatest American poets of the twentieth century, the magnetic literary figure at the center of New York's cultural life during the 1950s and 1960s. *City Poet* captures the excitement and promise of mid-twentieth-century New York in the years when it became the epicenter of the art world, and illuminates the poet and artist at its heart. Brad Gooch traces Frank O'Hara's life from his parochial Catholic childhood to World War II, through his years at Harvard and New York. He brilliantly portrays O'Hara in his element, surrounded by a circle of writers and artists who would transform America's cultural landscape: Willem de Kooning, Franz Kline, Helen Frankenthaler, Jackson Pollock, Gregory Corso, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, LeRoi Jones, and John Ashbery. Gooch brings into focus the artistry and influence of a life "of guts and wit and style and passion" (Luc Sante) that was tragically abbreviated in 1966 when O'Hara, just forty and at the height of his creativity, was hit and killed by a jeep on the beach at Fire Island—a death that marked the end of an exceptional career and a remarkable era. *City Poet* is illustrated with 55 black and white photographs.

Flannery O'Connor Fiction Fired by Faith *Liturgical Press* *Flannery O'Connor: Fiction Fired by Faith* tells the remarkable story of the gifted young woman who set out from her native Georgia to develop her talents as a writer and eventually succeeded in becoming one of the most accomplished fiction writers of the twentieth century. Struck with a fatal disease just as her career was blooming, O'Connor was forced to return to her rural home and to live an isolated life, far from the literary world she longed to be a part of. In this insightful new biography, Angela Alaimo O'Donnell depicts O'Connor's passionate devotion to her vocation, despite her crippling illness, the rich interior life she lived through her reading and correspondence, and the development of her deep and abiding faith in the face of her own impending mortality. She also explores some of O'Connor's most beloved stories, detailing the ways in which her fiction served as a means for her to express her own doubts and limitations, along with the challenges and consolations of living a faithful life. O'Donnell's biography recounts the poignant story of America's preeminent Catholic writer and offers the reader a guide to her novels and stories so deeply informed by her Catholic faith.

People of God is a series of inspiring biographies for the general reader. Each volume offers a compelling and honest narrative of the life of an important twentieth or twenty-first century Catholic. Some living and some now deceased, each of these women and men has known challenges and weaknesses familiar to most of us but responded to them in ways that call us to our own forms of heroism. Each offers a credible and concrete witness of faith, hope, and love to people of our own day.

The Golden Age of Promiscuity *Alfred a Knopf Incorporated* *Leaving Columbia University* to pursue a career as an avant-garde filmmaker, Sean Devlin embarks on an energetic, voyeuristic journey of discovery through the carefree and decadent gay New York club scene of the 1970s. 15,000 first printing.

Godtalk Travels in Spiritual America *Knopf* Chronicles the author's odyssey in search of spirituality in American in the late twentieth-century, exploring his quest to understand both traditional and nontraditional, mainstream and fringe, forms of spirituality.

Dating the Greek Gods Empowering Spiritual Messages on Sex and Love, Creativity and Wisdom *Simon and Schuster* From the author of the highly successful and influential *Finding the Boyfriend Within* comes an inspirational guide for gay men seeking spiritual fulfillment. When Brad Gooch began promoting his self-help book *Finding the Boyfriend Within*, the first of its kind directed toward a gay readership, he was overwhelmed by the response it generated. Thousands of gay men embraced the book's message of looking into themselves to find comfort and purpose in life. So enthusiastic was the response to the book that Gooch began conducting workshops and, in the process, conceived *Dating the Greek Gods* as both a follow-up and a companion to the earlier book -- a self-help book designed as a sort of "advanced class" for readers of *Finding the Boyfriend Within*. Because of the conflicted reaction many gay men have to any discussion of religious spirituality, Gooch hit upon the idea of drawing on an older spiritual base -- that of Ancient Greece -- for examining and explaining his approach to achieving a higher understanding of self through spirituality. The stories of the Greek gods have inspired human consciousness for more than thirty centuries, the outgrowth of a society in which homosexuality was an accepted aspect of human behavior. *Dating the Greek Gods* explores these stories as well as the dominant characteristics of those Greek deities, tying the spirituality of being a gay male to the inner patterns -- or archetypes -- that shape men's personalities and personal relationships. Gooch organizes the book into a series of meditations and personal exercises shaped around the characters, stories, and dominant traits of the deities. For example, in chapter one, Apollo addresses wisdom; chapter two concerns Dionysus and deals with sexuality and disco nights; chapter three is about Hermes and concerns communication, and so on, from Hephaestos and Eros (creativity and romance) to Zeus (independence and freedom). Gooch delves into these enduring archetypes to show men how, by understanding the philosophy behind these gods, they can come to better understand themselves and, in the process, enrich their lives. Unique in its approach and totally accessible in its realization, *Dating the Greek Gods* is an enlightened and literary self-help book that encourages readers to turn to their own inner oracle -- the inner voice that prompted them to "come out" in the first place -- and in the process to revitalize themselves through viewing the world's spiritual traditions in a more inclusive and caring fashion.

Flannery O'Connor A Girl Who Knew Her Own Mind *University of Georgia Press* In her biography of writer Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964, née Mary Flannery), Mary Carpenter introduces young readers to one of the most renowned American authors. With an accessible style of writing, Flannery O'Connor gives younger readers an overview of O'Connor's life and examines the influences, such as her family, region, and education, that helped her become one of the most respected fiction writers of the twentieth century. In a frank but age-appropriate manner, Carpenter discusses the writer's rural southern upbringing, her relationship to race, her chronic lupus, and her Catholic faith. The book will appeal to younger (nine- to ten-year-old) readers with sophisticated interests along with, and maybe more importantly, those older middle-school students who are not yet skillful readers and who thus often search with difficulty for interesting topics presented in books of a shorter length than most written for that age group. Mary Flannery's life is inspirational. Her childhood in

Savannah, Georgia, was both difficult and privileged. During the Great Depression, her father had to leave home to find work and then became very ill. Later in small-town Milledgeville, Georgia, Flannery lived with her mother and an extended family of strong women. Flannery's ability to know her mind at an early age helped her build an artistic reputation starting in high school. Through her fiction, she went on to become a role model for unconventional girls everywhere and for anyone who dreams of becoming a writer. *A Prayer Journal Farrar, Straus and Giroux* "I would like to write a beautiful prayer," writes the young Flannery O'Connor in this deeply spiritual journal, recently discovered among her papers in Georgia. "There is a whole sensible world around me that I should be able to turn to Your praise." Written between 1946 and 1947 while O'Connor was a student far from home at the University of Iowa, *A Prayer Journal* is a rare portal into the interior life of the great writer. Not only does it map O'Connor's singular relationship with the divine, but it shows how entwined her literary desire was with her yearning for God. "I must write down that I am to be an artist. Not in the sense of aesthetic frippery but in the sense of aesthetic craftsmanship; otherwise I will feel my loneliness continually . . . I do not want to be lonely all my life but people only make us lonelier by reminding us of God. Dear God please help me to be an artist, please let it lead to You." O'Connor could not be more plain about her literary ambition: "Please help me dear God to be a good writer and to get something else accepted," she writes. Yet she struggles with any trace of self-regard: "Don't let me ever think, dear God, that I was anything but the instrument for Your story." As W. A. Sessions, who knew O'Connor, writes in his introduction, it was no coincidence that she began writing the stories that would become her first novel, *Wise Blood*, during the years when she wrote these singularly imaginative Christian meditations. Including a facsimile of the entire journal in O'Connor's own hand, *A Prayer Journal* is the record of a brilliant young woman's coming-of-age, a cry from the heart for love, grace, and art.

Passing by the Dragon The Biblical Tales of Flannery O'Connor Wipf and Stock Publishers This book attempts a close reading of the fiction of Flannery O'Connor, story by story, with one eye on her use of the Bible, and her view of the Bible in relation to her own work. After introductory chapters on O'Connor's markings in her own Roman Catholic Bible, her book reviews in diocesan newspapers, and her impatience with her wayward readers, Michaels looks first at her two novels, *Wise Blood* and *The Violent Bear It Away*, and then at seventeen of her short stories from her two collections, *A Good Man Is Hard to Find* and *Everything That Rises Must Converge*. Michaels takes notice of O'Connor's explicit references to the Bible (or Bibles) in her stories, and looks more particularly to the ways in which the stories are driven at least in part by specific biblical texts. Among the themes that emerge are alienation or displacement, what it means to be "good," the relation between body and spirit and between the Old Testament and the New, issues of race and gender, and above all what O'Connor once called "the action of grace in territory held largely by the devil."

Zombie 00 A young man growing up in Truckstown, Pennsylvania, fascinated by the "Sacred Voodoo Chamber" of the Scranton Art Museum, is transformed into a zombie, a process that becomes his guiding force in life, taking him from a series of petty crimes in his hometown, to the streets of New York City, to a study of ancient African religions in Haiti.

Reprint. Seeing Mary Plain: A Life of Mary McCarthy W. W. Norton & Company A revealing portrait of the dramatic life of writer and intellectual Mary McCarthy. From her *Partisan Review* days to her controversial success as the author of *The Group*, to an epic libel battle with Lillian Hellman, Mary McCarthy brought a nineteenth-century scope and drama to her emblematic twentieth-century life. Dubbed by *Time* as "quite possibly the cleverest woman America has ever produced," McCarthy moved in a circle of ferociously sharp-tongued intellectuals—all of whom had plenty to say about this diamond in their midst. Frances Kiernan's biography does justice to one of the most controversial American intellectuals of the twentieth century. With interviews from dozens of McCarthy's friends, former lovers, literary and political comrades-in-arms, awestruck admirers, amused observers, and bitter adversaries, *Seeing Mary Plain* is rich in ironic judgment and eloquent testimony. A *Los Angeles Times* Best Book of 2000 and a *Washington Post* Book World "Rave".

Flannery O'Connor and the Perils of Governing by Tenderness Rowman & Littlefield Flannery O'Connor's fiction continues to haunt American readers, in part because of its uncanny ability to remind us who we are and what we need. This book reveals the extent to which O'Connor was a serious reader of the history of political philosophy and why O'Connor feared that the habit to govern by tenderness would lead to terror. *Read On-- Biography Reading Lists for Every Taste ABC-CLIO* Categorizing hundreds of popular biographies according to their primary appeal—character, story, setting, language, and mood—and organizing them into thematic lists, this guide will help readers' advisors more effectively recommend titles. * A chronology of the history of the biography genre * Brief reviews of over 450 high interest biographies

Flannery O'Connor and Teilhard de Chardin A Journey Together Towards Hope and Understanding about Life Peter Lang Flannery O'Connor, the renowned short-story writer, lived and fought a tumultuous battle with lupus erythematosus most of her adult life. In her last five years, she sought insightful and helpful sources to alleviate her struggle with the disease. Among these sources were the ideas and thoughts of a Jesuit-paleontologist-mystic by the name of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, an individual who opened doors of witness to the secular world and attracted suspicious questioning from his Catholic superiors. Like a moth drawn to a flame, Flannery O'Connor, a devoted Thomist, increasingly admired the ideas of Teilhard de Chardin to the point that she incorporated his ideas into her last six short stories in the collection *Everything That Rises Must Converge*. This book adds significantly to the neglected study of Teilhard de Chardin's influence in the later literary development of Flannery O'Connor. This book would be a valuable asset to students and scholars focusing on American literature, Southern literature, twentieth-century Southern female writers, and Flannery O'Connor.

Approaches to Teaching the Works of Flannery O'Connor Modern Language Association Known for her violent, startling stories that culminate in moments of grace, Flannery O'Connor depicted the postwar segregated South from a unique perspective. This volume proposes strategies for introducing students to her Roman Catholic aesthetic, which draws on concepts such as incarnation and original sin, and offers alternative contexts for reading her work. Part 1, "Materials," describes resources that provide a grounding in O'Connor's work and life. The essays in part 2, "Approaches," discuss her beliefs about writing and her distinctive approach to fiction and religion; introduce fresh perspectives, including those of race, class, gender, and

interdisciplinary approaches; highlight her craft as a creative writer; and suggest pairings of her works with other texts. Alice Walker's short story "Convergence" is included as an appendix. *Creating Flannery O'Connor: Her Critics, Her Publishers, Her Readers* University of Georgia Press Daniel Moran explains how O'Connor attained that status, and how she felt about it, by examining the development of her literary reputation from the perspectives of critics, publishers, agents, adapters for other media, and contemporary readers. *Hothouse: The Art of Survival and the Survival of Art at America's Most Celebrated Publishing House*, Farrar, Straus, and Giroux Simon and Schuster This fascinating account of the book publisher who is home to more Nobel Prize-winning writers than any other publishing house in the world reveals the era and city that built FSG through the stories of two men—Roger Straus, and Robert Giroux. *The Inevitable Hour: A History of Caring for Dying Patients in America* JHU Press At the turn of the twentieth century, medicine's imperative to cure disease increasingly took priority over the demand to relieve pain and suffering at the end of life. Filled with heartbreaking stories, *The Inevitable Hour* demonstrates that professional attention and resources gradually were diverted from dying patients. Emily K. Abel challenges three myths about health care and dying in America. First, that medicine has always sought authority over death and dying; second, that medicine superseded the role of families and spirituality at the end of life; and finally, that only with the advent of the high-tech hospital did an institutional death become dehumanized. Abel shows that hospitals resisted accepting dying patients and often worked hard to move them elsewhere. Poor, terminally ill patients, for example, were shipped from Bellevue Hospital in open boats across the East River to Blackwell's Island, where they died in hovels, mostly without medical care. Some terminal patients were not forced to leave, yet long before the advent of feeding tubes and respirators, dying in a hospital was a profoundly dehumanizing experience. With technological advances, passage of the Social Security Act, and enactment of Medicare and Medicaid, almshouses slowly disappeared and conditions for dying patients improved—though, as Abel argues, the prejudices and approaches of the past are still with us. The problems that plagued nineteenth-century almshouses can be found in many nursing homes today, where residents often receive substandard treatment. A frank portrayal of the medical care of dying people past and present, *The Inevitable Hour* helps to explain why a movement to restore dignity to the dying arose in the early 1970s and why its goals have been so difficult to achieve. *Flannery O'Connor in the Age of Terrorism: Essays on Violence and Grace* Univ. of Tennessee Press In any age, humans wrestle with apparently inexorable forces. Today, we face the threat of global terrorism. In the aftermath of September 11, few could miss sensing that a great evil was at work in the world. In Flannery O'Connor's time, the threats came from different sources—World War II, the Cold War, and the Korean conflict—but they were just as real. She, too, lived through a "time of terror." The first major critical volume on Flannery O'Connor's work in more than a decade, *Flannery O'Connor in the Age of Terrorism* explores issues of violence, evil, and terror—themes that were never far from O'Connor's reach and that seem particularly relevant to our present-day setting. The fifteen essays collected here offer a wide range of perspectives that explore our changing views of violence in a post-9/11 world and inform our understanding of a writer whose fiction abounds in violence. Written by both established and emerging scholars, the pieces that editors Avis Hewitt and Robert Donahoo have selected offer a compelling and varied picture of this iconic author and her work. Included are comparisons of O'Connor to 1950s writers of noir literature and to the contemporary American novelist Cormac McCarthy; cultural studies that draw on horror comics of the Cold War and on Fordism and the American mythos of the automobile; and pieces that shed new light on O'Connor's complex religious sensibility and its role in her work. While continuing to speak fresh truths about her own time, O'Connor's fiction also resonates deeply with the postmodern sensibilities of audiences increasingly distant from her era—readers absorbed in their own terrors and sense of looming, ineffable threats. This provocative new collection presents O'Connor's work as a touchstone for understanding where our culture has been and where we are now. With its diverse approaches, *Flannery O'Connor in the Age of Terrorism* will prove useful not only to scholars and students of literature but to anyone interested in history, popular culture, theology, and reflective writing. Avis Hewitt has published articles in *Flannery O'Connor Review*, *Christianity and Literature*, and *Renascence*. She is associate professor of English at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Robert Donahoo is professor of English at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He has published articles in *Flannery O'Connor Review*, *Literature and Belief*, *Journal of Contemporary Thought*, and *Journal of the Short Story in English*. *A Study Guide for Flannery O'Connor's Good Country People* Gale, Cengage Learning A Study Guide for Flannery O'Connor's "Good Country People," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Short Stories for Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Short Stories for Students* for all of your research needs. *Conversations with Flannery O'Connor* Univ. Press of Mississippi As this collection of interviews shows, Flannery O'Connor's fiction, though bound to a particular time and place, embodies and reveals universal ideas. O'Connor's curiosity about human nature and its various manifestations compelled her to explore mysterious places in the mind and heart. Despite her short life and prolonged illness, O'Connor was interviewed in a variety of times and locations. The circumstances of the interviews did not seem to matter much to O'Connor; her approach and demeanor remained consistent. Her self-knowledge was always apparent, in her confidence in herself, in her enterprise as a writer, and in her beliefs. She could penetrate the surfaces; she could see things in depth. Her perceptions were wide-ranging and insightful. Her interviews, given sparingly but with careful reflection and precision, make a unique contribution to an understanding of her fiction and to the evolving narrative of her short but influential life. Dr. Rosemary M. Magee is Vice President and Secretary of the University at Emory University. *Dear Regina: Flannery O'Connor's Letters from Iowa* University of Georgia Press *Dear Regina* offers a remarkable window into the early years of one of America's best-known literary figures. While at the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop from 1945 to 1948, Flannery O'Connor wrote to her mother Regina Cline O'Connor (who she addressed by her first name) nearly every day and sometimes more than once a day. The complete correspondence of more than six hundred letters is housed at the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives,

and Rare Book Library at Emory University. From that number, Miller selects 486 letters to show us a young adult learning to adjust to life on her own for the first time. In these letters, O'Connor shares details about living in a boardinghouse and subsisting on canned food and hot-plate dinners, and she asks for advice about a wide range of topics, including how to assuage her relatives' concerns about her well-being and how to buy whiskey to use for cough medicine. These letters, which are being published for the first time with the unprecedented permission of the Mary Flannery O'Connor Charitable Trust, also offer readers important insights into O'Connor's intellectually formative years, when her ideas about writing, race, class, and interpersonal relationships were developing and changing. Her preoccupation with money, employment, and other practical matters reveals a side of O'Connor that we do not often see in her previously published letters. Most importantly, the letters show us her relationship with her mother in a much more intimate, positive light than we have seen before. The importance of this aspect of the letters cannot be overstated, given that so much literary analysis conflates her and Regina with the "sour, deformed daughters and self-righteous mothers" that critic Louise Westling sees so often in O'Connor's work.

The Habit of Being Letters of Flannery O'Connor *Macmillan* Contains letters written by Flannery O'Connor. **Revelation and Convergence** Flannery O'Connor and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition *CUA Press* **Longing for an Absent God** Faith and Doubt in Great American Fiction *Fortress Press* **Longing for an Absent God** unveils the powerful role of faith and doubt in the American literary tradition. **Nick Ripatrazone** explores how two major strands of Catholic writers--practicing and cultural--intertwine and sustain each other. Ripatrazone explores the writings of devout American Catholic writers in the years before the Second Vatican Council through the work of Flannery O'Connor, J. F. Powers, and Walker Percy; those who were raised Catholic but drifted from the church, such as the Catholic-educated Don DeLillo and Cormac McCarthy, the convert Toni Morrison, the Mass-going Thomas Pynchon, and the ritual-driven Louise Erdrich; and a new crop of faithful American Catholic writers, including Ron Hansen, Phil Klay, and Alice McDermott, who write Catholic stories for our contemporary world. These critically acclaimed and award-winning voices illustrate that Catholic storytelling is innately powerful and appealing to both secular and religious audiences. **Longing for an Absent God** demonstrates the profound differences in the storytelling styles and results of these two groups of major writers--but ultimately shows how, taken together, they offer a rich and unique American literary tradition that spans the full spectrum of doubt and faith.

Everything Is Totally Fine Fiction. **Short Stories. EVERYTHING IS TOTALLY FINE** is a collection of surreal and inventive stories ranging from six sentences to eight pages. Even though its main themes seem to be despair; depression; boredom; confusion; and fear; readers may find themselves smiling; laughing; excited; startled; moved; and inspired while reading it. **Animals** in this book include ants; mice; birds; dogs; octopuses; sharks; whales. **Settings** include kitchens; bathrooms; camping grounds; gas stations; graveyards; rocket ships; golf courses. **Activities** include driving; converting files; setting things on fire; eating pizza; showering; planking; and visiting the White House.

The Life You Save May Be Your Own *Short Story HarperCollins* When Tom Shiftlet arrives on a farm owned by an old woman and her deaf daughter, he is at first only interested in finding a place to stay in exchange for work. However, when the old woman offers her daughter Lucynell to him in marriage, along with a sum of money, he accepts, though his intentions towards the girl remain unclear. Similar in theme and style to many of other Flannery O'Connor's short stories, "The Life You Save My Be Your Own" was originally published in O'Connor's short story collection, **A Good Man Is Hard to Find**. **HarperPerennial Classics** brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the **HarperPerennial Classics** collection to build your digital library.