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Trouble with lichen; illustrations by Peter Edwards Trouble with Lichen

A thrilling new voice in fiction injects the absurd into the everyday to present a startling vision of modern life, “[as] if Kafka and Camus and Bradbury were penning episodes of Black Mirror” (Chang-Rae Lee, author of *My Year Abroad*). “Stories so sharp and ingenious you may cut yourself on them while reading.”—Kelly Link, author of *Get In Trouble* ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF 2022—The Millions With a focus on the weird and eerie forces that lurk beneath the surface of ordinary experience, Kate Folk’s debut collection is perfectly pitched to the madness of our current moment. A medical ward for a mysterious bone-melting disorder is the setting of a perilous love triangle. A curtain of void obliterates the globe at a steady pace, forcing Earth’s remaining inhabitants to decide with whom they want to spend eternity. A man fleeing personal scandal enters a codependent relationship with a house that requires a particularly demanding level of care. And in the title story, originally published in *The New Yorker*, a woman in San Francisco uses dating apps to find a partner despite the threat posed by “blots,” preternaturally handsome artificial men dispatched by Russian hackers to steal data. Meanwhile, in a poignant companion piece, a woman and a blot forge a genuine, albeit doomed, connection. Prescient and wildly imaginative, *Out There* depicts an uncanny landscape that holds a mirror to our subconscious fears and desires. Each story beats with its own fierce heart, and together they herald an exciting new arrival in the tradition of speculative literary fiction.

*Trouble with Lichen. [A Novel.]*. Gardners Books

An “ingenious, horrifying” (The Guardian) first contact story by one of the twentieth century’s most brilliant—and neglected—science fiction and horror writers, whom Stephen King called “the best writer of science fiction that England has ever produced.” “Few books capture the obscure, elliptical way that threats move from the background to the foreground of reality like *The Kraken Wakes*. . . . Feels all too familiar in today’s age of anti-vaxxer disinformation and QAnon conspiracists.” —Alexandra Kleeman, from the Introduction What if aliens invaded and colonized Earth’s oceans rather than its land? Britain, 1953: It begins with red dots appearing across the sky and crashing to the oceans’ deeps. At first, many people believe that these aliens are interested in only what’s down below. But when the polar ice-caps begin to melt, it becomes clear that these beings are not interested in sharing the Earth and that humankind might just be on the brink of extinction. . . .

### And Other Rules to Live By

Modern Library Contemporary / British English The island of Tanakuatua seems like heaven to the forty people who go there to create a new society. But soon they start to die in a horrible way. Something strange is in the forest. Two of the group decide to fight! *Stowaway to Mars* Dell

*The Ultimate Freedom* by John H. Wyndham is a compelling, true spiritual adventure story that takes place in a Japanese prison camp on Java during the Second World War. The author, a prisoner of war for three years, was first considered a spy and was about to be executed. He prayed for divine direction and was given an unexpected answer which saved his own life, changed the lives of others and even brought about amazing experiences with his captors. Many true stories have been told, such as “Unbroken,” and this one is not only true, but enters a new dimension of war experience. The spiritual dimension the author

had recourse to is what sets this account apart from all others. The spiritual adventure continues after the war with issues of employment and income being solved through the author’s spiritual resources. The account of ANZAC Day alone will astound and move you to tears! A must-read war story!

Life, Love, Letters Gargoyle Girl Productions

David Gore becomes concerned that his twelve-year-old son, Matthew, is too old to have an imaginary friend. His concerns deepen as Matthew becomes increasingly distressed and blames it on arguments with this unseen companion, whom he calls “Chocky”. As the story unfolds, it becomes clear that the friend is far from imaginary, but is an alien consciousness communicating with Matthew’s mind—a fact that is of interest to shadowy government forces.

*And Others* Del Rey Books

The six stories in *Consider Her Ways: And Others*, the second collecton of John Wyndham’s short tales, continue his exploration of the science fiction staple - what if? In the title story we are introduced to a world where all the men have been killed by a virus and women continue to survive in a strict caste system - bottom of the heap are the mothers. In others we meet the man who accidentally summons a devil and then has to find a way of getting rid of him without losing his immortal soul, as well as the woman who, thanks to an experiment in time, discovers why her lover abandoned her. 'Wyndham writes strongly and has a gift for bizarre plots' Guardian 'One of the few authors whose compulsive readability is a compliment to the intelligence' Spectator John Wyndham Parkes Lucas Benyon Harris was born in 1903, the son of a barrister. He tried a number of careers including farming, law, commercial art and advertising, and started writing short stories, intended for sale, in 1925. From 1930 to 1939 he wrote short stories of various kinds under different names, almost exclusively

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*Descendants of the First* Wildside Press LLC

*Descendants of the First* is the thundering sequel to Reni Amayo's epic YA fantasy, *Daughters of Nri*. Amayo takes us back to the ancient kingdom of Nri. With the king dead, the reunited twin goddesses must now face mythical beasts, a volatile resurgence of lost gods & unseen enemies as they fight to stop the Nri from succumbing to a looming curse. Deep cracks are forming throughout the kingdom of Nri with whispers of deadly successors lurking beneath the shadows. Despite having the same face, it seems the deepest crack is forming between Naala and Sinai, the reunited twin goddesses, who must put their differences aside as they travel through a broken Nri. Unbeknownst to the girls, their use of the mystical Ndu crystal has awakened mythical beasts and the lost gods, each returning to Nri one by one. One thing is clear, the twins will have to face enemies at every corner of the kingdom... one of whom lies hidden amongst those they hold dearest. As ongoing turmoil spreads throughout the kingdom, the daughters of Nri must unmask the true face of their enemy, as they discover that their unique blood has marked them with magic strong enough to restore true peace to the world - a task only they can complete. But with beasts lurking far and wide, will they be able to do so before the kingdom succumbs to its looming curse? *Descendants of the First* is the thundering sequel to Reni K Amayo's epic feminist young adult fantasy, *Daughters of Nri*, lauded as "literary magic" by BuzzFeed and a piece of "Excellent writing, brilliant book." by best-selling author, Dorothy Koomson.

*The Midwich Cuckoos* Moutian Top Productions

The classic postapocalyptic thriller with "all the reality of a vividly realized nightmare" (*The Times*, London). Triffids are odd, interesting little plants that grow in everyone's garden. Triffids are no more than mere curiosities—until an event occurs that alters human life forever. What seems to be a spectacular meteor

shower turns into a bizarre, green inferno that blinds everyone and renders humankind helpless. What follows is even stranger: spores from the inferno cause the triffids to suddenly take on a life of their own. They become large, crawling vegetation, with the ability to uproot and roam about the country, attacking humans and inflicting pain and agony. William Masen somehow managed to escape being blinded in the inferno, and now after leaving the hospital, he is one of the few survivors who can see. And he may be the only one who can save his species from chaos and eventual extinction . . . With more than a million copies sold, *The Day of the Triffids* is a landmark of speculative fiction, and "an outstanding and entertaining novel" (*Library Journal*). "A thoroughly English apocalypse, it rivals H. G. Wells in conveying how the everyday invaded by the alien would feel. No wonder Stephen King admires Wyndham so much." —Ramsey Campbell "One of my all-time favorite novels. It's absolutely convincing, full of little telling details, and that sweet, warm sensation of horror and mystery." —Joe R. Lansdale

*A True Tale of Intrigue and Innovation at the Dawn of Modern Medicine* Michael Joseph

*Trouble with Lichen* Del Rey Books

**And Others** Onwe

"My name is Courtney. I'm an accidental feminist." Although many Christians wouldn't identify themselves as feminists, the reality is that the feminist movement has influenced us all in profound ways. We unconsciously reflect our culture's ideas related to womanhood rather than what's found in the Bible. In this book, Courtney Reissig—a wife, mom, and successful writer—recounts her journey out of "accidental feminism," offering wise counsel for Christian women related to relationships, body image, and more—drawing from the Bible rather than culture. Whether you're a committed feminist, a staunch traditionalist, or somewhere in between, this book will help you answer the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian woman?" You'll discover the joy, purpose and importance that are found in God's good design.

**The Ultimate Freedom** Crossway

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**The Chrysalids** Penguin UK

A Hugo Award Finalist: Humanity struggles to understand a killing labyrinth discovered on the Moon in this science fiction adventure about death and rebirth Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author Robert Silverberg credits *Rogue Moon* with containing "the most terrifying pages in any SF novel I have ever read." A monstrous apparatus has been found on the surface of the moon. It devours and destroys in ways so incomprehensible to humans that a new language has to be invented to describe it and a new kind of thinking to understand it. So far, the human guinea pigs sent there in hopes of unraveling the murderous maze have all died terrible deaths. The most recent volunteer survived but is now on suicide watch. The ideal candidate won't go insane even as he feels the end approaching. Al Barker has already stared into the face of death; he can handle it again. But he won't merely endure the trauma of dying. Barker will die over and over—even as his human qualities are preserved on Earth. With its cast of fascinating characters—like brilliant scientist Edward Hawks, who is obsessed with rebirth—*Rogue Moon* is a rare thriller that

doesn't just make you sweat. It makes you think.

**A Novel** Rosetta Books

In Chocky, pioneering science-fiction master John Wyndham confronts an enigma as strange as anything found in his classic works *The Day of the Triffids* or *The Chrysalids*—the mind of a child. It's not terribly unusual for a boy to have an imaginary friend, but Matthew's parents have to agree that his—nicknamed Chocky—is anything but ordinary. Why, Chocky demands to know, are there twenty-four hours in a day? Why are there two sexes? Why can't Matthew solve his math homework using a logical system like binary code? When the questions Chocky asks become too advanced and, frankly, too odd for teachers to answer, Matthew's parents start to wonder if Chocky might be something far stranger than a figment of their son's imagination. Chocky, the last novel Wyndham published during his life, is a playful investigation of what being human is all about, delving into such matters as child-rearing, marriage, learning, artistic inspiration—and ending with a surprising and impassioned plea for better human stewardship of the earth.

*Trouble with Lichen* Severn House Pub Limited

Don't miss the first book in the award-winning supernatural cozy mystery series by USA Today bestselling author Gigi Pandian. A chance for a new beginning in Portland, Oregon. A stowaway from Paris who needs help deciphering an ancient book. And an alchemical mystery neither can refuse. Unpacking her belongings in her new fixer-upper house, alchemist Zoe Faust can't help but notice she's picked up a stowaway. Dorian Robert-Houdin is a living, breathing gargoyle—not to mention a master of French cuisine—and he needs Zoe's expertise to unlock the secrets of a centuries-old text. Zoe, who's trying to put her old life behind her, isn't so sure she wants to reopen her alchemical past...until a crime committed on her front porch leaves her no choice. Includes recipes! Praise Winner of the Left Coast Crime Lefty Award for best regional mystery. "Zoe and Dorian are my new favorite amateur-sleuth duo!" —New York Times bestselling author Victoria Laurie "A whimsical and charming supernatural mystery."—Mystery Scene "Mysterious, captivating, and infused with the rich history of the Northwest...fantastic." —Portland Book Review "This reviewer is eagerly anticipating more from this series, and a return of a cast more fun than an episode of *Portlandia*."—RT Book Reviews "Pandian...launches a supernatural

cozy series that hits high marks for a modern twist on an ancient practice. Amusing supporting characters and historical details solidify this engaging mystery." —Library Journal "[A] lighthearted supernatural mystery...Pandian sets this series apart from other fluffy paranormal mysteries with Zoe's cute nonhuman sidekick and some mouthwatering vegan recipes." —Publishers Weekly "Readers won't want to put this book down." —Vegetarian Journal "[A]n eccentric and charming cast of characters readers are going to want to spend more time with." —RT Book Reviews Online "A magical, whimsical cozy that will delight readers who enjoy Juliet Blackwell and Heather Weber mysteries!"—Agatha Award-winning author Avery Aames (aka Daryl Wood Gerber) "Gigi Pandian's pen never disappoints." —New York Times bestselling author Juliet Blackwell

*The trouble with lichen* Good Press

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**The John Wyndham Omnibus** Faber & Faber

A classic novel from the author of *The Day of the Triffids* and *The Midwich Cuckoos*.

*The Kraken Wakes* Longman

Bob Slocum was living the American dream. He had a beautiful wife, three lovely children, a nice house...and all the mistresses he desired. He had it all -- all, that is, but happiness. Slocum was discontent. Inevitably, inexorably, his discontent deteriorated into desolation until...something happened. *Something Happened* is Joseph Heller's wonderfully inventive and controversial second novel satirizing business life and American culture. The story is told as if the reader was overhearing the patter of Bob Slocum's brain -- recording what is going on at the office, as well as his fantasies and memories that complete the story of his life. The result is a novel as original and memorable as his *Catch-22*.

**Dishonesty is the Second-Best Policy** Penguin UK

\*\* THE NEW BOOK FROM THE AWARD-WINNING COMEDIAN AND

WRITER\*\* 'Mitchell is an exceptionally clever, eloquent and spot-on commentator. We should be grateful for him.' Daily Mail David Mitchell's 2014 bestseller *Thinking About It Only Makes It Worse* must really have made people think - because everything's got worse. We've gone from UKIP surge to Brexit shambles, from horsemeat in lasagne to Donald Trump in the White House, from Woolworths going under to all the other shops going under. It's probably socially irresponsible even to try to cheer up. But if you're determined to give it a go, you might enjoy this eclectic collection (or election) of David Mitchell's attempts to make light of all that darkness. Scampi, politics, the Olympics, terrorism, exercise, rude street names, inheritance tax, salad cream, proportional representation and farts are all touched upon by Mitchell's unremitting laser of chit-chat, as he negotiates a path between the commercialisation of Christmas and the true spirit of Halloween. Read this book and slightly change your life! 'Mitchell combines breathtaking general knowledge with withering wit.' Guardian

*An Accidental Alchemist Mystery #1* Modern Library

"Francis Saxover and Diana Brackley, two scientists investigating a rare lichen, discover it has a remarkable property: it retards the aging process. Francis, realising the implications for the world of an ever-youthful, wealthy elite, wants to keep it secret, but Diana sees an opportunity to overturn the male status quo by using the lichen to inspire a feminist revolution. As each scientist wrestles with the implications and practicalities of exploiting the discovery, the world comes ever closer to learning the truth. *Trouble With Lichen* is a scintillating story of the power wielded by science in our lives and asks how much trust should we place in those we appoint to be its guardians?"--Goodreads

*Out There* Open Road Media

A Ruth Rendell mystery, first published in 1979 and shortlisted for the Edgar Allan Poe Award for best crime novel in 1980. Alan Groombridge is trapped. Husband to a woman he doesn't like, father to two children he never wanted, and manager of a tiny branch of the Anglian-Victoria bank, he is doomed to a life of domestic boredom and tedious routine. All that keeps him afloat is his one fantasy: stealing enough of the bank's money to allow him just one year of freedom - one year in which to live a different sort of life. But one day the bank is robbed, the manager and cashier disappear and what was once a place of dull and dreary

repetition becomes the scene of a brutal, chilling nightmare that might never end...