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Witch Grass Raymond Queneau 2003-01-31 Seated in a Paris café, a man glimpses another man, a shadowy figure hurrying for the train: Who is he? he wonders, How does he live? And instantly the shadow comes to life, precipitating a series of comic run-ins among a range of disreputable and heartwarming characters living on the sleazy outskirts of the city of lights. Witch Grass (previously titled The Bark Tree) is a philosophical farce, an epic comedy, a mesmerizing book about the daily grind that is an enchantment itself.

Oulipo Laboratory Raymond Queneau 1995 Berge, Claude, Jouet, Jacques & Mathews, Harry Texts from the Bibliotheque Oulipienne Atlas Anti-Classics Founded in 1960 by a group of leading French writers and mathematicians, the Oulipo group still meets regularly. The groups original aim was to enquire into the possibilities of combining literature and mathematics but, as can be seen from this collection, the field of study was soon expanded to include all writing using self-imposed restrictive systems.

We Always Treat Women Too Well Raymond Queneau 1981

The Sunday of Life Raymond Queneau 1977 The Sunday of Life, the late Raymond Queneau's tenth novel, was first published in French by Gallimard in 1951 and is now appearing for the first time in this country. In the ingenuous ex-Private Valentin Bru, the central figure in The Sunday of Life, Queneau has created that oddity in modern fiction, the Hegelian naif. Highly self-conscious yet reasonably satisfied with his lot, imbued with the good humor inherent in the naturally wise, Valentin meets the painful nonsense of life's adventures with a slightly bewildered detachment.

The Lyric Encyclopedia of Raymond Queneau Jane Alison Hale 1989

Suspended Sentences Patrick Modiano 2014-11-11 In this essential trilogy of novellas by the winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Literature, French author Patrick Modiano reaches back in time, opening the corridors of memory and exploring the mysteries to be encountered there. Each novella in the volume--Afterimage, Suspended Sentences, and Flowers of Ruin—represents a sterling example of the author's originality and appeal, while Mark Polizzotti's superb English-language translations capture not only Modiano's distinctive narrative voice but also the matchless grace and spare beauty of his prose. Although originally published separately, Modiano's three novellas form a single, compelling whole, haunted by the same gauzy sense of place and characters. Modiano draws on his own experiences, blended with the real or invented stories of others, to present a dreamlike autobiography that is also the biography of a place. Orphaned children, mysterious parents, forgotten friends, enigmatic strangers—each appears in this three-part love song to a Paris that no longer exists. Shadowed by the dark period of the Nazi

Occupation, these novellas reveal Modiano's fascination with the lost, obscure, or mysterious: a young person's confusion over adult behavior; the repercussions of a chance encounter; the search for a missing father; the aftershock of a fatal affair. To read Modiano's trilogy is to enter his world of uncertainties and the almost accidental way in which people find their fates.

Spellbound Maggie Shayne 2019-01-21

Raymond Queneau Raymond Queneau 1971

Exercices in Style Raymond Queneau 1981 Queneau uses a variety of literary styles and forms in ninety-nine exercises which retell the same story about a minor brawl aboard a bus

Les derniers jours Raymond Queneau 1997 Les derniers jours, dont la mort constitue le thème dominant, peut se lire comme le roman de la désillusion : les étudiants y vivent presque inconsciemment les derniers jours de leur jeunesse, les vieillards les derniers jours d'une existence marquée par l'échec et, comme le remarque en philosophe averti Alfred, le garçon de café adonné à l'astrologie, seul personnage clairvoyant autour duquel gravite tout ce monde dérisoire qu'il observe à distance, le temps n'est pas loin où la planète cessera elle-même d'exister. Œuvre à la fois parodique et philosophique, écrite sur un ton caustique, où abondent les situations cocasses, Les derniers jours est un livre lucide et franchement hilarant.

Battre la Campagne Raymond Queneau 1985 Poems, in English translation as well as the original French, deal with mortality, memory, aging, language, and modern life

Elementary Morality Raymond Queneau 2007 This post-Second World War collection forms a bridge between the irrational world of Breton and the surrealist movement and the philosophical "absurd" of existentialism. Ranging widely in theme, these poems are concerned with the elements, moral fables, and theatre. Featuring unique reflections on writing and aesthetics, this compendium is Queneau's final poetic testament.

A Void Georges Perec 2005 "...a daunting triumph of will pushing its way through imposing roadblocks to a magical country, an absurdist nirvana of humor, pathos, and loss."--Time magazine A Void is a metaphysical whodunit, a story chock-full of plots and subplots, of trails in pursuit of trails, all of which afford Perec occasion to display his virtuosity as a verbal magician. It is also an outrageous verbal stunt: a 300-page novel that never once employs the letter E. The year is 1968, and as France is torn apart by social and political anarchy, the noted eccentric and insomniac Anton Vowl goes missing. Ransacking his Paris flat, his best friends scour his diary for clues to his whereabouts. At first glance these pages reveal nothing but Vowl's penchant for word games, especially for "lipograms," compositions in which the use of a particular letter is suppressed. But as the friends work out Vowl's verbal puzzles, and as they investigate various leads discovered among the entries, they too disappear, one by one by one, and under the most mysterious circumstances . . .

Zazie in the Metro Raymond Queneau 1982

Paris Stories Mavis Gallant 2011-05-18 Internationally celebrated, award-winning author Mavis Gallant is a contemporary legend: an undisputed master of the short story whose peerless prose captures the range of human experience while evoking time and place with unequalled skill. This new selection of Gallant's stories, edited by novelist and poet Michael Ondaatje, gathers the best of her many stories set in Paris, where Gallant has long lived. Here she writes of expatriates and locals, exile and homecoming, and of the illusions of youth and age, offering a kaleidoscopic impression of the world within the world that is Paris.

Children of Clay Raymond Queneau 1998 A portrait of French society in the first half of the century. The protagonists are the family of a man who made a fortune from wireless radio and the novel follows their intrigues, which are of great interest to their employees.

Translation as Stylistic Evolution Federico M. Federici 2009-01 Why did Italo Calvino decide to translate Les Fleurs bleues by Raymond Queneau? Was his translation just a way to pay a tribute to one of his models? This study looks at Calvino's translation from a literary and linguistic perspective: Calvino's I fiori blu is more than a rewriting and a creative translation, as it contributed to a revolution in his own literary language and style. Translating Queneau, Calvino discovered a

new fictional voice and explored the potentialities of his native tongue, Italian. In fact Calvino's writings show a visible evolution of poetics and style that occurred rather abruptly in the mid 1960s; this sudden change has long been debated. The radical transformation of his style was affected by several factors: Calvino's new interests in linguistics, in translation theory, and in the act of translation. *Translation as Stylistic Evolution* analyses several passages in detail and scrutinizes quantitative data obtained by comparing digital versions of the original and Calvino's translation. The results of such assessment of Calvino's text-consistency suggest clear interpretations of the motives behind Calvino's radical and remarkable change of style that are tied to his notion of creative translation.

The Blue Flowers Raymond Queneau 1985 Duke d'Auge, a thirteenth century nobleman, and Cidrolin, a modern Frenchman living on a barge in the Seine, appear to exist only in each other's dreams

Eyeseas Raymond Queneau 2008 "In the United States, Raymond Queneau (1903-1976) is known mainly for his novel *Zazie dans le metro*, which was made into a film by Louis Malle, for *Exercises in Style*, and for being the founder and one of the most important members of the literary movement known as Oulipo. In France and much of Europe Queneau is known for his prolific and wide ranging writings. During his lifetime some 18 novels, 10 volumes of poetry, 7 volumes of essays, and countless published writings, commentaries, and reviews kept him in public view (and continue to do so today as much of his writing is still in print in France). His reputation as a writer continues to grow with new biographies, critical writings, and anthologies appearing every year. An explorer of linguistics as well as a mathematician, he often combined his love of both subjects such that the essence of his writings resides not in its "content" but in the sounds and the form of the text. He often argued that the real subject of his work is language itself. Because of this many of his novels, and especially his poems, are virtually impossible to translate into English as they are based on spoken versus literary French, puns, street slang, and complex variations of word play and spelling. *Les Ziaux (Eyeseas)* presents a survey of his poems as written from his early Surrealist days of the 1920's through to 1943 and is representative of Queneau's range of poetic voices."--BOOK JACKET.

Stories and Remarks Raymond Queneau 2000-01-01 *Stories and Remarks* collects the best of Raymond Queneau's shorter prose. The works span his career and include short stories, an uncompleted novel, melancholic and absurd essays, occasionally baffling "Texticles," a pastiche of *Alice in Wonderland*, and his only play. Talking dogs, boozing horses, and suicides come head to head with ruminations on the effects of aerodynamics on addition, rhetorical dreams, and a pioneering example of permutational fiction influenced by computer language. Also included is Michel Leiris's preface from the French edition, an introduction by the translator, and endnotes addressing each piece individually. Raymond Queneau?polyglot, novelist, philosopher, poet, mathematician, screenwriter, and translator?was one of the most significant figures in twentieth-century French letters. His work touches on many of the major literary movements of his lifetime, from surrealism to the experimental school of the *nouveau roman*. He also founded the Oulipo, a collection of writers and mathematicians dedicated to the search for artificial inspiration via the application of constraint.

The Flight of Icarus Raymond Queneau 1973 *The Flight of Icarus* is Raymond Queneau's only novel written in the form of a play: seventy-four short scenes, complete with stage directions. Consciously parodying Pirandello and Robbe-Grillet, it begins with a novelist's discovery that his principal character, Icarus by name, has vanished. This in turn, sets off a rash of other such disappearances.

Saint Glinglin Raymond Queneau 1993 As Queneau retells the primal Freudian myth of sons killing the father, he satirizes anthropology, folklore, philosophy, and epistemology, and deploys fractured syntax, hidden structures, self-imposed constraints, playful allusions, puns, and neologisms.

Under the Net Iris Murdoch 1977-10-27 *Iris Murdoch's debut*—a comic novel about work and love,

wealth and fame Jake Donaghue, garrulous artist, meets Hugo Bellfounder, silent philosopher. Jake, hack writer and sponger, now penniless flat-hunter, seeks out an old girlfriend, Anna Quentin, and her glamorous actress sister, Sadie. He resumes acquaintance with the formidable Hugo, whose 'philosophy' he once presumptuously dared to interpret. These meetings involve Jake and his eccentric servant-companion, Finn, in a series of adventures that include the kidnapping of a film-star dog and a political riot on a film set of ancient Rome. Jake, fascinated, longs to learn Hugo's secret. Perhaps Hugo's secret is Hugo himself? Admonished, enlightened, Jake hopes at last to become a real writer.

Raymond Queneau's Chêne Et Chien Raymond Queneau 1995 The French writer Raymond Queneau (1903-1976) is coming to be recognized as one of the major voices in 20th-century literature. Although twelve of his novels have been translated, "Chene et Chien," considered by specialists to be the keystone of his oeuvre, has not until now been available in English. Labeled a -novel in verse- by Queneau, this autobiographical poem recounts the poet's childhood, portions of that childhood revisited through psychoanalysis, and finally his joy at finding himself whole. The translator's introduction situates the work in Queneau's life and oeuvre, addresses the problem of poetry as autobiography, examines the structure of the poem itself and discusses the difficulties of translating Queneau's many moods and rich wordplay into English verse. Explanatory notes complete the volume."

The Flowers of Fiction Vivian Kogan 1982 This scarce antiquarian book is a selection from Kessinger Publishing's Legacy Reprint Series. Due to its age, it may contain imperfections such as marks, notations, marginalia and flawed pages. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our commitment to protecting, preserving, and promoting the world's literature. Kessinger Publishing is the place to find hundreds of thousands of rare and hard-to-find books with something of interest for everyone

The Last Days Raymond Queneau 1990 Translated by Barbara Wright A novel with an autobiographical basis: the young Queneau's entry into Parisian literary circles. A carefully constructed plot eventually cancels itself out as it circles around the bizarre prophet at its centre, Alfred, the head waiter, whose mathematical calculations hold the key to whatever befalls.

The Skin of Dreams Raymond Queneau 1987

My Beautiful Bus Jacques Jouet 2013-03-05 Based on a trip across France taken by an Oulipo member in the late 1980s, a creative exploration of the eponymous vehicle's possibilities features an eccentric cast of passenger characters who exchange preoccupations and reactions while traveling to unfixed destinations. Original.

Letters, Numbers, Forms Raymond Queneau 2007 The first English translation of essays from one of the twentieth century's most intriguing avant-garde writers Compiled from two volumes of Raymond Queneau's essays (*Bâtons, chiffres et lettres* and *Le Voyage en Grèce*), these selections find Queneau at his most playful and at his most serious, eloquently pleading for a certain classicism even as he reveals the roots of his own wildly original oeuvre. Ranging from the funny to the furious, they follow Queneau from modernism to postmodernism by way of countless fascinating detours, including his thoughts on language, literary fashions, myth, politics, poetry, and other writers (Faulkner, Flaubert, Hugo, and Proust). Translator Jordan Stump provides an introduction as well as explanatory notes about key figures and Queneau himself.

Pierrot Mon Ami Raymond Queneau 1987

Zazie in the Metro Raymond Queneau 2001-11-01 Impish, foul-mouthed Zazie arrives in Paris from the country to stay with Gabriel, her female-impersonator uncle. All she really wants to do is ride the metro, but finding it shut because of a strike, Zazie looks for other means of amusement and is soon caught up in a comic adventure that becomes wilder and more manic by the minute. In 1960 Queneau's cult classic was made into a hugely successful film by Louis Malle. Packed full of word play and phonetic games, *Zazie in the Metro* remains as stylish and witty as ever. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the

best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Les Fleurs Bleues. Edited by Barbara Wright Raymond Queneau 1971

The Last Days Raymond Queneau 1996 *The Last Days* is Raymond Queneau's autobiographical novel of Parisian student life in the 1920s: Vincent Tuquedenne tries to reconcile his love for reading with the sterility of studying as he hopes to study his way out of the petite bourgeoisie to which he belongs. Vincent and his generation are contrasted with an older generation of retired teachers and petty crooks, and both generations come under the bemused gaze of the waiter Alfred, whose infallible method of predicting the future mocks prevailing scientific models.

Similarly, Queneau's literary universe operates under its own laws, joining rigorous artistry with a warm evocation of the last days of a bygone world.

We Always Treat Women Too Well Raymond Queneau 2003-01-31 *We Always Treat Women Too Well* was first published as a purported work of pulp fiction by one Sally Mara, but this novel by Raymond Queneau is a further manifestation of his sly, provocative, wonderfully wayward genius. Set in Dublin during the 1916 Easter rebellion, it tells of a nubile beauty who finds herself trapped in the central post office when it is seized by a group of rebels. But Gertie Girdle is no common pushover, and she quickly devises a coolly lascivious strategy by which, in very short order, she saves the day for king and country. Queneau's wickedly funny send-up of cheap smut—his response to a popular bodice-ripper of the 1940s—exposes the link between sexual fantasy and actual domination while celebrating the imagination's power to transmute crude sensationalism into pleasure pure and simple.

Toward a New Poetics Serge Gavronsky 1994-12-01 A quiet revolution is taking place in avant-garde French poetry and prose. In this collection of twelve interviews with some of France's most important poets and writers, Serge Gavronsky introduces American readers to these exciting new developments. As Gavronsky explains, a neolyricism is now replacing the formalism of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. In his substantial introduction, Gavronsky notes how the ideological definition of writing (*écriture*) has given way to more open forms of writing. Human experiences of the most ordinary kinds are finding a place in the text. These interviews offer a view of the poets' and writers' creative processes and range over such topics as current literary theory, the impact of American poetry in France, and the place of feminism in contemporary French writing. Each interview is accompanied by samples of the writer's work in French and in Gavronsky's English translations. *Toward a New Poetics* provides a highly informative cultural and critical perspective on contemporary writing in France, introducing us to works which are now transforming the idea of literature itself.

Heartsnatcher Boris Vian 2003 Boris Vian's early death robbed French literature of a novelist who was coherent while still modern. *Heartsnatcher* is an esoteric, surrealistic comedy about guilt, set in a deceptively familiar, almost ordinary locale. *New Statesman*

Exercises in Style Raymond Queneau 2008-07-01

Eleanor Anna Moschovakis 2018-08-14 This "brilliant, inventive, funny" debut novel from an award-winning poet explores the contemporary anxieties of disconnection with "sharp, keen insights" (James Hannaham, PEN/Faulkner Award-winning author). This is a novel about a novelist named Eleanor, whose laptop, containing an enigmatic document, is stolen from a coffee shop. But it is also a novel about the unnamed novelist writing Eleanor's story, and whose relationship with a brilliant, melancholic critic is getting decidedly complicated. As Eleanor attempts to track the laptop thief from New York to Addis Ababa to the Rimbaud Museum in Harar, "the author's and Eleanor's stories intertwine like strands of a double helix" in this "philosophically exhaustive yet profoundly human" adventure (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). In her bracingly intellectual debut novel, the James Laughlin Award-winning poet Anna Moschovakis offers "a brilliant, visceral, sensual examination of the condition of being a woman, and the inherent struggles related to identity and

authority that exist for all of us" (Nylon).

The Flight of Icarus Raymond Queneau 2009 In late 19th-century Paris, the writer Hubert is shocked to discover that Icarus, the protagonist of the new novel he's working on, has vanished. Looking for him among the manuscripts of his rivals does not solve the mystery, so a detective is hired to find the runaway character.

Odile [English Ed Raymond Queneau 1988 "Even though I can't remember my childhood, my memory being as if ravaged by some disaster, there nevertheless remains a series of images from the time before my birth . . . of my first twenty years, only ruins are left in a memory devastated by unhappiness." These opening lines from Queneau's novel, first published in France in 1937, are a brilliant, moving introduction to a story about the devastating psychological effects of war, about falling in love, about politics subverting human relationships, about life in Paris during the early 1930s amid intellectuals and artists whose activities range from writing for radical magazines to conjuring the ghost of Lenin in séances. Most of all, it's about Roland Travy's agonizing search for happiness after having been conditioned to live unhappily but safely for so long, about his growing self-awareness and need for another human being, about his willingness to shed his fears and accept his humanity.