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King Rat 2008-09-04 king rat blends eerie fairy tale and contemporary urban fantasy in china miéville s fantastical debut something is stirring in london s dark stamping out its territory in brickdust and blood something has murdered saul s father and left saul to pay for the crime but a shadow from the urban waste breaks into his prison cell and leads him to freedom a shadow called king rat in the night land behind london s façade in sewers and slums and rotting dead spaces saul must learn his true nature grotesque murders rock the city like a curse mysterious forces prepare for a showdown with drum and bass pounding the backstreets saul confronts his bizarre inheritance in the badlands of south london in the heart of darkness at the gathering of the junglist massive like the dj says time for the badman

Art and Idea in the Novels of China Miéville 2015-09-07 this book offers in the first six chapters critical readings of six novels by china miéville which are followed in the seventh chapter by a theoretical meditation on some of the conceptual issues raised by and engaged in the miéville oeuvre there comes a moment in the city the city though it is not necessarily the same moment for every reader when you realise that beszel and ul goma are not separate realms but the same space divided likewise art and idea are often subject to absurd partition but then along comes an author such as china miéville who shows them to be in truth indissoluble so argues freedman s inordinately readable and just as rigorous account of miéville s major novels highly recommended mark bould university of the west of england freedman offers a compelling interpretation of miéville s novels informed equally by an impressive range of literary influences and a carefully documented exploration of historical antecedents seeing miéville s genre hybridity as an illustration of the power of dialectical thinking freedman illuminates the complex utopian project of miéville s fiction freedman is one of our finest critical voices on miéville one of the most important speculative writers of the 21st century sherryl vint university of california riverside China Miéville 2015-12-01 the chapters in this collection respond to the range of interests that have shaped miéville s fiction from his influential role in contemporary genre debates to his ability to pose serious philosophical questions about state control revolutionary struggle regimes of apartheid and the function of international law in a globalized world this collection demonstrates how miéville s fictions offer a striking example of contemporary literature's ability to imagine alternatives to neoliberal capitalism at a time of crisis for leftist ideas within the

Three Moments of an Explosion: Stories 2015-07-30 the multi award winning china miéville has been called the equal of david mitchell or zadie smith scotland on sunday a writer whose inventiveness and precision is awesome independent and who writes with an imagination of immense power guardian in these twenty eight short stories glistening icebergs float above urban horizons a burning stag runs wild through the city the ruins of industry emerge unsteadily from the sea and the abandoned generations in a decayed space elevator look not up at the stars but down at the earth ranging from portraits of childhood to chilling ghost stories from dystopian visions to poignant evocations of uncanny love with beautiful prose and melancholy wit three moments of an explosion is a breath taking collection that poses searching questions of what it is to be human in an unquiet world it is a humane and unsentimental investigation of our society our world and ourselves

political realm

Kraken 2010-06-29 with this outrageous new novel china miéville has written one of the strangest funniest and flat out scariest books you will read this or any other year the london that comes to life in kraken is a weird metropolis awash in secret currents of myth and magic where criminals police cultists and wizards are locked in a war to bring about or prevent the end of all things in the darwin centre at london's natural history museum billy harrow a cephalopod specialist is conducting a tour whose climax is meant to be the centre's prize specimen of a rare architeuthis dux better known as the giant squid but billy s tour takes an unexpected turn when the squid suddenly and impossibly vanishes into thin air as billy soon discovers this is the precipitating act in a struggle to the death between mysterious but powerful forces in a london whose existence he has been blissfully ignorant of until now a city whose denizens human and otherwise are adept in magic and murder there is the congregation of god kraken a sect of squid worshippers whose roots go back to the dawn of humanity and beyond there is the criminal mastermind known as the tattoo a merciless maniac inked onto the flesh of a hapless victim there is the fsrc the fundamentalist and sect related crime unit a branch of london s finest that fights sorcery with sorcery there is wati a spirit from ancient egypt who leads a ragtag union of magical familiars there are the londonmancers who read the future in the city's entrails there is grisamentum london's greatest wizard whose shadow lingers long after his death and then there is goss and subby an ageless old man and a cretinous boy who together constitute a terrifying yet darkly charismatic demonic duo all of them and others are in pursuit of billy who inadvertently holds the key to the missing squid an embryonic god whose powers properly harnessed can

destroy all that is was and ever shall be bonus this edition contains an excerpt from china miéville s embassytown *The Scar* 2008-08-28 winner of the british fantasy award the scar by china miéville is a colossal fantasy of incredible diversity and spellbinding imagination set in the richly visualized world of bas lag a human cargo bound for servitude in exile a pirate city hauled across the oceans a hidden miracle about be revealed these are the ingredients of an astonishing story it is the story of a prisoner s journey of the search for the island of a forgotten people for the most astonishing beast in the seas and ultimately for a fabled place a massive wound in reality a source of unthinkable power and danger

Representations of Political Resistance and Emancipation in Science Fiction 2020-11-05 in a world in which political opportunity and liberation seem far away the genre of science fiction grows in cultural importance and popularity the contributors to this collection are political and social theorists from a range of disciplines who use science fiction as inspiration for new theories and examples of speculative politics in dystopian governments they find locations and forms of resistance representations of political resistance and emancipation in science fiction explores a range of political and social theoretical concerns for the twenty first century contributors analyze themes of post humanism resistance agency political community making and ethics and politics during the anthropocene

Twenty-First-Century Popular Fiction 2017-12-04 this groundbreaking collection provides students with a timely and accessible overview of current trends within contemporary popular fiction Fairy Tales of London 2021-01-28 finalist for the 2022 mythopoeic scholarship award for myth and fantasy studies from the time of charles dickens the imaginative power of the city of london has frequently inspired writers to their most creative flights of fantasy charting a new history of london fantasy writing from the victorian era to the 21st century fairy tales of london explores a powerful tradition of urban fantasy distinct from the rural tales of writers such as j r r tolkien hadas elber aviram traces this urban tradition from dickens through the scientific romances of h g wells the anti fantasies of george orwell and mervyn peake to contemporary science fiction and fantasy writers such as michael moorcock neil gaiman and china miéville

'Tis the Season (Short Reads) 2011-02-05 call me childish but i love all the nonsense the snow the trees the tinsel the turkey i love presents i love carols and cheesy songs i just love christmastm it would be a dream come true to be able to celebrate christmas properly to wake up to a stockingtm visit santatm and open presentstm around the christmas treetm but this is a luxury reserved for those with shares in yuleco controllers of this joyful season who don t agree that it s a holiday for one and all in this short story tis the season which also features in the collection looking for jake and other stories china miéville s astonishing imagination allows us a glimpse of how a dystopian christmas might be

Perdido Street Station 2003-07-29 winner of the august derleth and arthur c clarke awards a masterpiece brimming with scientific splendor magical intrigue and fierce characters from the author who has reshaped modern fantasy the washington post china miéville s fantasy novels including a trilogy set in and around the magical city state of new crobuzon have the refreshing effect of making middle earth seem plodding and flat the new york times the metropolis of new crobuzon sprawls at the center of the world humans and mutants and arcane races brood in the gloom beneath its chimneys where the river is sluggish with unnatural effluent and foundries pound into the night for a thousand years the parliament and its brutal militias have ruled over a vast economy of workers and artists spies and soldiers magicians crooks and junkies now a stranger has arrived with a pocketful of gold and an impossible demand and something unthinkable is released the city is gripped by an alien terror the fate of millions lies with a clutch of renegades a reckoning is due at the city s heart in the vast edifice of brick and wood and steel under the vaults of perdido street station it is too late to escape

Un Lun Dun 2007-03-01 from the three time winner of the prestigious arthur c clarke award the iron wheel began to spin slowly at first then faster and faster the room grew darker as the light lessened so did the sound deeba and zanna stared at each other in wonder the noise of the cars and vans and motorbikes outside grew tinny the wheel turned off all the cars and turned off all the lamps it was turning off london zanna and deeba are two girls leading ordinary lives until they stumble into the world of unlondon an urban wonderland where all the lost and broken things of london end up and some of its lost and broken people too here discarded umbrellas stalk with spidery menace carnivorous giraffes roam the streets and a jungle sprawls beyond the door of an ordinary house

unlondon is under siege by the sinister smog and its stink junkie slaves it is a city awaiting its hero guided by a magic book that can t quite get its facts straight and pursued by hemi the half ghost boy the girls set out to stop the poisonous cloud before it burns everything in its path they are joined in their quest by a motley band of unlondon locals including brokkenbroll boss of the broken umbrellas obaday fing a couturier whose head is an enormous pincushion and an empty milk carton called curdle the world of unlondon is populated by astonishing frights and delights that will thrill the imagination praise for china mieville mieville s wit dazzles his humour is lively and the pure vitality of his imagination is astonishing ursula k le guin the guardian on three moments of an explosion dark and thought provoking the san diego union tribune on the city the city richly conceived the new york times book review on embassytown mieville more than delivers san francisco chronicle on kraken compulsively readable the washington post book world on perdido street station

Those Outside 2005-11-08 uses film and literature to engage the biblical texts and demonstrates the ways that the boundaries of canons are artificial and unhelpful

The City & the City 2011-05-01 when the body of a murdered woman is found in the extraordinary decaying city of beszel somewhere at the edge of europe it looks like a routine case for inspector tyador borlú of the extreme crime squad but as he probes the evidence begins to point to conspiracies far stranger and more deadly than anything he could have imagined soon his work puts him and those he cares for in danger borlú must travel to the only metropolis on earth as strange as his own across a border like no other with shades of kafka and philip k dick raymond chandler and 1984 the city the city is a murder mystery taken to dazzling metaphysical and artistic heights

The Intelligible Metropolis 2014-08-31 writings on the metropolis generally foreground illimitability stressing thereby that the urban ultimately remains both illegible and unintelligible instead the purpose of this interdisciplinary study is to demonstrate that mentality as a tool offers orientation in the urban realm nora pleßke develops a model of urban mentality to be employed for cities worldwide against the background of the spatial turn she identifies dominant urban specific structures of london mentality in contemporary london novels such as monica ali s brick lane j g ballard s millennium people nick hornby s a long way down and ian mcewan s saturday **International Law Theories** 2016-11-04 two fish are swimming in a pond do you know what the fish asks his friend no tell me i was talking to a frog the other day and he told me that we are surrounded by water his friend looks at him with great scepticism water whats that show me some water international lawyers often find themselves focused on the practice of the law rather than the underlying theories this book is an attempt to stir up the water that international lawyers swim in it analyses a range of theoretical approaches to international law and invites readers to engage with different ways of legal thinking in order to familiarize themselves with the water all around us of which we hardly have any perception the main aim of this book is to provide interested scholars practitioners and students of international law and other disciplines with an introduction to various international legal theories their genealogies and possible critiques by providing an analytical approach to international legal theory the book encourages readers to enhance their sensitivity to these different approaches and to consider how the presuppositions behind each theory affect analysis research and practice in international law international law theories is intended to assist students scholars and practitioners in reflecting more generally about how knowledge is formed in the field

Embassytown 2011-05-06 winner of the locus award for best science fiction novel china miéville's astonishing embassytown is an intelligent and immersive exploration of language in an alien world embassytown a city of contradictions on the outskirts of the universe avice is an immerser a traveller on the immer the sea of space and time below the everyday now returned to her birth planet here on arieka humans are not the only intelligent life and avice has a rare bond with the natives the enigmatic hosts who cannot lie only a tiny cadre of unique human ambassadors can speak language and connect the two communities but an unimaginable new arrival has come to embassytown and when this ambassador speaks everything changes catastrophe looms avice knows the only hope is for her to speak directly to the alien hosts and that is impossible

October 2018-05-22 multi award winning author china miéville captures the drama of the russian revolution in

this engaging retelling of the events that rocked the foundations of the twentieth century village voice in february of 1917 russia was a backwards autocratic monarchy mired in an unpopular war by october after not one but two revolutions it had become the world's first workers state straining to be at the vanguard of global revolution how did this unimaginable transformation take place in a panoramic sweep stretching from st petersburg and moscow to the remotest villages of a sprawling empire miéville uncovers the catastrophes intrigues and inspirations of 1917 in all their passion drama and strangeness intervening in long standing historical debates but told with the reader new to the topic especially in mind here is a breathtaking story of humanity at its greatest and most desperate of a turning point for civilization that still resonates loudly today

This Census-Taker 2017-02-23 in a remote house on a hilltop a lonely boy witnesses a traumatic event he tries and fails to flee left alone with his increasingly deranged parent he dreams of safety of joining the other children in the town below of escape when at last a stranger knocks at his door the boy senses that his days of isolation might be over

The Last Days of New Paris 2018-02-08 1941 in the chaos of wartime marseille american engineer and occult disciple jack parsons stumbles onto a clandestine anti nazi group including surrealist theorist andré breton in the strange games of dissident diplomats exiled revolutionaries and avant garde artists parsons finds and channels hope but what he unwittingly unleashes is the power of dreams and nightmares changing the war and the world for ever 1950 a lone surrealist fighter thibaut walks a new hallucinogenic paris where nazis and the resistance are trapped in unending conflict and the streets are stalked by living images and texts and by the forces of hell to escape the city thibaut must join forces with sam an american photographer intent on recording the ruins and make common cause with a powerful enigmatic figure of chance and rebellion the exquisite corpse but sam is being hunted and new secrets will emerge that will test all their loyalties to each other to paris old and new and to reality itself

A History of British, Irish and American Literature 2021-10-04 the third revised and enlarged edition contains discussions of british irish and american literary works up to 2020 focussing on outstanding writings in prose poetry drama and non fiction the book covers the time from the anglo saxon period to the 21st century the feature that makes this literary history unique among its rivals is the coverage of television web series as a particular form of postmodern drama the chapters on recent drama now contain detailed analyses of the development of tv and web series from britain ireland and america with extensive discussions of those series now considered classics in addition there are several major innovative features to begin with each century is introduced by a survey of the socio political and cultural backgrounds in which the literary works are embedded furthermore extensive visual material more than 160 engravings cartoons and paintings has been integrated this visual aspect as well as the introductory sections on art for each century give the reader an excellent idea of the symbiosis between visual and literary representations further innovative aspects include discussions of non fictional works from literary criticism and theory travel writing historiography and the social sciences analyses of such popular genres as crime fiction science fiction fantasy the western horror fiction and children's literature footnotes explaining technical and historical terms and events a detailed glossary of literary terms chronological tables for british anglo irish and american literatures an updated cut off date 2020 extensive bibliography containing suggestions for further reading

Railsea 2012 critically acclaimed author mieville kraken un lun dun delivers a gripping reimagining of herman melville's classic novel moby dick but this time the giant whale is an ivory colored mole Simulating Jesus 2015-01-30 can the different pictures of jesus in the new testament be reconciled or are they simply simulations the products of a virtual gospel simulating jesus argues that the gospels do not represent four versions of one jesus story but rather four distinct narrative simulacra each of which is named jesus the book explores the theory and evidence justifying this claim and discusses its practical and theological consequences the simulations of jesus in each of the gospels are analysed and placed alongside jesus simulacra elsewhere in the bible and contemporary popular culture simulating jesus offers a radical understanding of scripture that will be of interest to students and scholars of biblical studies

The Scar: A Bas-Lag Novel 2 2002-05-01 from the author of perdido street station an epic and breathtaking fantasy of extraordinary imagination a colossal fantasy of incredible diversity and spellbinding imagination a

human cargo bound for servitude in exile a pirate city hauled across the oceans a hidden miracle about be revealed these are the ingredients of an astonishing story it is the story of a prisoner s journey of the search for the island of a forgotten people for the most astonishing beast in the seas and ultimately for a fabled place a massive wound in reality a source of unthinkable power and danger praise for china mieville mieville s wit dazzles his humour is lively and the pure vitality of his imagination is astonishing ursula k le guin the guardian on three moments of an explosion dark and thought provoking the san diego union tribune on the city the city richly conceived the new york times book review on embassytown mieville more than delivers san francisco chronicle on kraken compulsively readable the washington post book world on perdido street station

Iron Council: A Bas-Lag Novel 3 2004-10-01 winner of the 2005 arthur c clarke award mieville moves effortlessly into the first division of those who use the tools and weapons of the fantastic to define and create the fiction of the coming century neil gaiman the third novel in china mieville s amazing imaginative sequence focused on the fabulous city of new crobuzon with economic slump and growing social unrest new crobuzon has become a fraught and dangerous place the militia patrol in uniform there is tension between its myriad races there are even rumours of war in an attempt to spur trade a major company is building a railway across the continent but the project involves brutal suppression of both the workers and the native inhabitants they pass as mutiny grows among the slave labourers one train is hijacked on the half finished line they tear up the track for a few miles behind them then begin to rebuild it in front of the train diverging from the original route and disappearing into the desert this renegade train the iron council soon becomes an icon of freedom to the repressed urban population till the city government has no choice but to hunt it down and destroy it whatever happens they cannot allow it to escape and so begins a desperate pursuit across alien wild lands filled with bizarre populations monsters and hazards praise for china mieville mieville s wit dazzles his humour is lively and the pure vitality of his imagination is astonishing ursula k le guin the guardian on three moments of an explosion dark and thought provoking the san diego union tribune on the city the city richly conceived the new york times book review on embassytown mieville more than delivers san francisco chronicle on kraken compulsively readable the washington post book world on perdido street station

The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Literature 2020-09-03 the wiley blackwell companion to contemporary british and irish literature an insightful guide to the exploration of modern british and irish literature the wiley blackwell companion to contemporary british and irish literature is a must have quide for anyone hoping to navigate the world of new british and irish writing including modern authors and poets from the 1960s through to the 21st century the companion provides a thorough overview of contemporary poetry fiction and drama by some of the most prominent and noteworthy writers seventy three comprehensive chapters focus on individual authors as well as such topics as englishness and identity contemporary science fiction black writing in britain crime fiction and the influence of globalization on british and irish literature written in four parts the wiley blackwell companion to contemporary british and irish literature includes comprehensive examinations of individual authors as well as a variety of themes that have come to define the contemporary period ethnicity gender nationality and more a thorough guide to the main figures and concepts in contemporary literature from britain and ireland this two volume set includes studies of notable figures such as seamus heaney and angela carter as well as more recently influential writers such as zadie smith and sarah waters covers topics such as lgbt fiction androgyny in contemporary british literature and post troubles northern irish fiction features a broad range of writers and topics covered by distinguished academics includes an analysis of the interplay between individual authors and the major themes of the day and whether an examination of the latter enables us to appreciate the former the wiley blackwell companion to contemporary british and irish literature provides essential reading for students as well as academics seeking to learn more about the history and future direction of contemporary british and irish literature

The Tain 2002 nalo hopkinson winner of the john w campbell award the sunburst award and the world fantasy award among others and lauded as one of our most inventive and brilliant writers new york post returns with a new work exploring the relationship between two sisters in this richly textured and deeply moving novel we d had to be cut free of our mother s womb she d never have been able to push the two headed sport that was me and abby out the usual way abby and i were fused you see conjoined twins abby s head torso and left arm protruded from my chest but here s the real kicker abby had the magic i didn t far as the family was concerned abby was one of them though cursed as i was with the tragic flaw of mortality now adults makeda and abby still share their childhood home the surgery to separate the two girls gave abby a permanent limp but left makeda with what feels

like an even worse deformity no mojo the daughters of a celestial demigod and a human woman makeda and abby were raised by their magical father the god of growing things a highly unusual childhood that made them extremely close ever since abby s magical talent began to develop though in the form of an unearthly singing voice the sisters have become increasingly distant today makeda has decided it s high time to move out and make her own life among the other nonmagical claypicken humans after all she s one of them in cheerful rest a run down warehouse space makeda finds exactly what she s been looking for an opportunity to live apart from abby and begin building her own independent life there s even a resident band led by the charismatic and attractive building superintendent but when her father goes missing makeda will have to discover her own talent and reconcile with abby if she s to have a hope of saving him

Sister Mine 2013-03-12 call me childish but i love all the nonsense the snow the trees the tinsel the turkey i love presents i love carols and cheesy songs i just love christmastm it would be a dream come true to be able to celebrate christmas properly to wake up to a stockingtm visit santatm and open presentstm around the christmas treetm but this is a luxury reserved for those with shares in yuleco controllers of this joyful season who don t agree that it s a holiday for one and all in this short story china miéville s astonishing imagination allows us a glimpse of how a dystopian christmas might be

Tis the Season: Short Reads 2010-12-01 miéville moves effortlessly into the first division of those who use the tools and weapons of the fantastic to define and create the fiction of the coming century neil gaiman what william gibson did for science fiction china miéville has done for fantasy shattering old paradigms with fiercely imaginative works of startling often shocking intensity now from this brilliant young writer comes a groundbreaking collection of stories many of them previously unavailable in the united states including four never before published tales one set in miéville s signature fantasy world of new crobuzon among the fourteen superb fictions are jack following the events of his acclaimed novel perdido street station this tale of twisted attachment and horrific revenge traces the rise and fall of the remade robin hood known as jack half a prayer familiar spurned by its creator a sorceress s familiar embarks on a strange and unsettling odyssey of self discovery in a coming of age story like no other reports of certain events in london in which a writer named china miéville receives a package containing clues to a vast and ongoing yet utterly secret war a war about to turn a most unexpected corner the tain in this major story winner of the locus award for best novella a postapocalyptic london is overrun by vampires and monsters alien yet weirdly familiar and one man holds the future of humanity in his hands plus ten other tales including on the way to the front a graphic short story illustrated by eisner award nominated liam sharp

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