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On Histories And Stories

2018-10-22

in her powerful opening essays fathers forefathers and ancestors a s byatt considers the renaissance of the historical novel and discusses particularly the novel of wartime experience the surprising variety of distant pasts that british writers have invented and the new darwinian novel these afford new readings of writers from elizabeth bowen and henry green to anthony burgess william golding and muriel spark and other contemporary authors including penelope fitzgerald julian barnes martin amis and pat barker she also offers fascinating insight into her own translation of historical fact into fiction in the two novellas which make up angels and insects

The Matisse Stories

2009-09-23

three delightful stories inspired by a painting of henri matisse from the booker prize winning author of possession and a writer of dazzling inventiveness time an exquisite triptych richly drawn and touches upon things that matter to people people these stories celebrate the eye even as they reveal its unexpected proximity to the heart for if each of a s byatt

s narratives is in some way inspired by a painting of henri matisse each is also about the intimate connection between seeing and feeling about the ways in which a glance we meant to be casual may suddenly call forth the deepest reserves of our being beautifully written intensely observed the matisse stories is fiction of spellbinding authority full of delight and humor the matisse stories is studded with brilliantly apt images and a fine sense for subtleties of conversation and emotion san francisco chronicle

Sugar and Other Stories

2012-04-25

collected in a single volume for the first time an unforgettable book of short stories from the booker prize winning author of possession that explores the fragile ties between generations the dizzying abyss of loss and the elaborate memories we construct against it in this book of short fictions a s byatt compels us to inhabit other lives and returns us to our own with new knowledge compassion and a sense of wonder byatt s stories display all her talents as a novelist but spiced with an additional friskiness evening standard

Raw Material (Storycuts)

2011-11-17

a downtrodden creative writing teacher despairs at the efforts of his students at turns nakedly autobiographical or fanciful beyond reason when an elderly lady begins submitting work in accordance with his write what you know directive his enthusiasm for the craft re emerges however some sources are best left unexplored part of the storycuts series this short story was originally published in the collection little black book of stories

The Oxford Book of English Short Stories

2009-03

the oxford book of english short stories celebrates the excellences of the english short story the thirty seven stories featured here are selected from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries by authors ranging from dickens trollope and hardy to j g ballard angela carter and ian mcewan they pack together comedy and tragedy farce and delicacy elegance and the grotesque with language as various as the subject matter

Little Black Book of Stories

2007-12-18

an unforgettable collection of fairy tales for grownups from the booker prize winning author of possession a delight provoking and alarming richly yet tautly rendered she has the sheer narrative skill to raise the hairs on

the back of your neck and make your pulse race the new york times book review like hans christian andersen and the brothers grimm isak dinesen and angela carter a s byatt knows that fairy tales are for adults and in this ravishing collection she breathes new life into the form little black book of stories offers shivers along with magical thrills leaves rustle underfoot in a dark wood two middle aged women childhood friends reunited by chance venture into a dark forest where once many years before they saw or thought they saw something unspeakable another woman recently bereaved finds herself slowly but surely turning into stone a coolly rational ob gyn has his world pushed off axis by a waiflike art student with her own ideas about the uses of the body spellbinding witty lovely terrifying the little black book of stories is byatt at the height of her craft

The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye

2009-10-21

the magnificent title story of this collection of fairy tales for adults describes the strange and uncanny relationship between its extravagantly intelligent heroine a world renowned scholar of the art of story telling and the marvelous being that lives in a mysterious bottle found in a dusty shop in an istanbul bazaar as a s byatt renders this relationship with a powerful combination of erudition and passion she makes the interaction of the natural and the supernatural seem not only convincing but

inevitable the companion stories in this collection each display different facets of byatt s remarkable gift for enchantment they range from fables of sexual obsession to allegories of political tragedy they draw us into narratives that are as mesmerizing as dreams and as bracing as philosophical meditations and they all us to inhabit an imaginative universe astonishing in the precision of its detail its intellectual consistency and its splendor a dreamy treat it is not merely strange it is wondrous boston globe alternatingly erudite and earthy direct and playful if scheherazade ever needs a break byatt can step in indefinitely chicago tribune byatt s writing is crystalline and splendidly imaginative these are perfectly formed tales washington post book world

Elementals

2007-12-18

from the booker prize winning author of possession comes a short story collection that transports the reader to a world where opposites passion and loneliness betrayal and loyalty fire and ice clash and converge a wonderful book complex amusing clever and thought provoking a reader s dream the plain dealer a beautiful ice maiden risks her life when she falls in love with a desert prince whose passionate touches scorch her delicate skin a woman flees the scene of her husband s heart attack leaving her entire past behind her striving to master color and line a painter discovers

the resolution to his artistic problems when a beautiful and magical water snake appears in his pool and a wealthy Englishwoman gradually loses her identity while wandering through a shopping mall elegantly crafted and suffused with boundless wisdom these bewitching tales are a testament to a writer at the height of her powers

Medusa's Ankles

2021-05-13

a luminous selection of short stories from the Booker Prize winning a S. J. Perelman celebrating over thirty years of writing with an introduction by David Mitchell S. J. Perelman takes her readers to a place that is rich in ideas vivid in colour and wholly unforgettable mirrors shatter at the hairdressers when a middle aged client explodes in rage snow dusts the warm body of a princess honing it into something sharp and frosted summer sunshine flickers on the face of a smiling child who may or may not be real peopled by artists poets and fabulous creatures these stories travel from the ancient mythic world to an English sweet factory a Chinese restaurant to a Mediterranean swimming pool a Turkish bazaar to a fairy tale palace blazing with creativity they show what lies beneath the veneer of the ordinary and reveal the fantastical possibilities beyond a cabinet of curiosities glitteringly beautiful Sunday Times a cerebral extravaganza bristling with ideas Spectator moving witty and shocking Sunday Telegraph

The Thing in the Forest (Storycuts)

2011-11-17

leaves rustle underfoot in a dark wood two little girls extracted from their homes in wartime london encounter something terrifying in a forest later when they meet as grown women they realise the experience has coloured their lives a dark tale about the nature of stories themselves part of the storycuts series this short story was originally published in the collection little black book of stories

Little Black Book of Stories

2004

the booker prize winning author of possession mined the darkest territory of her imagination to pen this collection of five richly envisioned tales two english girls see something in the woods they will never forget a woman s body undergoes a frightening transformation a creative writing teacher discovers the shocking inspiration for a student s work in these and other tales byatt opens doorways to the strange and fantastic and in the process leaves readers forever changed

Sugar and Other Stories

1987

national bestseller man Booker prize nominee from the Booker prize winning bestselling author of *Possession* a story that spans the Victorian era through World War I about a children's author and the passions, betrayals and secrets that tear apart the lives of her family and loved ones. Majestic, dazzling, wonderful. *The San Francisco Chronicle* When children's book author Olive Wellwood's oldest son discovers a runaway named Philip sketching in the basement of a museum she takes him into the storybook world of her family and friends but the joyful bacchanals Olive hosts at her rambling country house and the separate private books she writes for each of her seven children conceal more treachery and darkness than Philip has ever imagined. The Wellwoods' personal struggles and hidden desires unravel against a breathtaking backdrop of the cliff-lined shores of England to Paris, Munich and the trenches of the Somme as the Edwardian period dissolves into World War I and Europe's Golden Era comes to an end.

The Children's Book

2009-10-06

A.S. Byatt has always alternated novels with shorter fiction. Different literary and linguistic models are applied here to analyse how she guides her readers' understanding of vital complex issues within her perennial themes of life, creativity and death. This study focuses on certain stories from the six volumes of short fiction she has produced to date. The two novellas of *Angels and Insects* are scrutinised for their intertextuality, while stories from *Sugar* and other stories, the Matisse stories, *The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye*, *Elementals*, *Stories of Fire and Ice* and *Little Black Book of Stories* are novel discussions of creativity and related gender issues.

A.S. Byatt

2007

A.S. Byatt's fairy tales and fables are among the best-loved features of her fiction. Innumerable readers have asked for the two marvellous fairy tales in *Possession*, *The Glass Coffin* and *Gode's Tale of the Breton Naïe des Trepasses* to be published separately. Here they take their place with three other stories with medieval and oriental settings: the title story, *The Djinn* and *The Nightingale's Eye*, a long story about an Englishwoman in Turkey who unwittingly releases a genie from his bottle. This is a reflection on women's lives on magic and on the power of storytelling itself.

this volume provides sustained critical attention on byatt s wonder tales both the stand alone tales and those which are embedded in the wider frame of a novel or novella in this light it examines byatt s claim that her wonder tales are modern literary stories and they do play quite consciously with a postmodern creation and recreation of old forms through a revisitation of the wonder tale in a productive dialogue with tradition as an expanded recognition of this fertile creative critical dialogue with regards to the significance of the wonder tale in byatt s fictional work the book evinces a fresh variety of conceptions and approaches to byatt s wonder tales some spanning several tales and others focussing on a specific wonder tale all thoroughly observant of the nature and workings of the relationship between story or novel and genre or tale and theoretically informed by innovative critical approaches



2003-01-01

it has been five years since madeleine has recognised her husband james as she drops deeper into her dementia their lives fill up with the ghosts of her past and of blitz era london when late one night his loneliness causes him to welcome a distressed young lady into their home he must re evaluate his perspective part of the storycuts series this short story was originally published in the collection little black book of

stories

Wonder Tales in the Fiction of A. S. Byatt

2023-01-19

a ravishing luminous selection of short stories from the prize winning imagination of a s byatt a storyteller who could keep a sultan on the edge of his throne for a thousand and one nights the new york times book review with an introduction by david mitchell best selling author of cloud atlas mirrors shatter at the hairdresser s when a middle aged client explodes in rage snow dusts the warm body of a princess honing it into something sharp and frosted summer sunshine flickers on the face of a smiling child who may or may not be real medusa s ankles celebrates the very best of a s byatt s short fiction carefully selected from a lifetime of writing peopled by artists poets and fabulous creatures the stories blaze with creativity and color from ancient myth to a british candy factory from a chinese restaurant to a mediterranean swimming pool from a turkish bazaar to a fairy tale palace byatt transports her readers beyond the veneer of the ordinary even beyond the gloss of the fantastical to places rich and strange and wholly unforgettable

The Pink Ribbon (Storycuts)

2011-11-17

As Byatt's beloved novel winner of the Booker Prize and an international best seller is a spellbinding intellectual mystery and an utterly transfixing love story Roland Michell and Maud Bailey are young academics in the 1980s researching the lives of two Victorian literary figures the major poet Randolph Henry Ash and the lesser known fairy poetess Christabel Lamotte after coming across hints of a long buried and potentially explosive secret in the poets letters and journals Maud and Roland join forces to track their subjects movements from London to Yorkshire to Brittany tracing clues embedded in poems and hunting down evidence in dusty archives and in a freshly opened grave their eagerness to uncover the truth draws the two lonely scholars together but what they discover will have implications they could not have imagined an extraordinary counterpoint of passions and ideas possession is woven throughout with invented historical documents and poetry of dazzling richness and depth bringing Byatt's Victorian characters vividly to life the result is both a gripping story and a brilliant exploration of the nature of love and obsession and of what we can know about the past introduction by Philip Hensher

Medusa's Ankles

2021-11-23

a tale spanning the end of the victorian era through world war i finds famous children s book author olive wellwood taking in a runaway and exposing the boy to dark truths about her family s summer bacchanals at their rambling country house

Possession

2013-10-29

the ideal introduction to the novels stories and essays of fabulist realist critic and booker prize winning author of possession byatt is a gifted observer able to discern the exact details that bring whole worlds into being the new york times a s byatt has boundless intellectual and literary gifts and a fathomless imagination on which to nourish them her novels stories and essays allow us to see both our own and other worlds and times and perhaps most brilliantly the connections between them vintage byatt includes a self contained section from the bestselling possession selections from the matisse stories elementals sugar and other stories and the recent little black book of stories and essays from the collection passions of the mind vintage readers are a perfect introduction to some of

the great modern writers presented in attractive affordable paperback editions

The Children's Book

2009

while researching the lives of two long dead victoria poets a pair of young academics uncover a clandestine love affair and find themselves drawn into the historical world of mystery and passion

Vintage Byatt

2004-10-12

this guide examines the key critical responses to byatt s fiction both her novels and short stories tracing the wider debates about realism postmodernism and feminism with which they engage the guide also explores the themes which are central to byatt s work such as her depiction of writer figures and her conception of artistic vision

Possession

2002-03

she is formidable and from a bare corner of human relations gathers a

rich harvest adam mars jonesfirst published in 1981 life stories includes some of a l barker s earliest fiction taken from her somerset maugham prize winning book innocents alongside newer pieces conceived as an antidote to conventional autobiography with what she described as all those pages peppered with i s life stories consists of fictions based on and recalling the formative events of her writerly life all are shaped and incorporated to form a wholly individual narrative in which some of the facts are here and a lot of fiction with truth in all of it her glancing allusive writing carries one along easily darting from invention to invention underneath there is a firm ordering imagination and the poise of perfect pitch new statesman it would be hard to find anyone who chooses words more exactly or constructs with more precision penelope fitzgerald a l barker writes extraordinarily well evoking a character or a situation with great economy in a few lines one can only admire the quality of her writing which makes one want to go on reading auberon waugh

The Fiction of A.S. Byatt

2017-09-16

from the author of the new york times bestseller possession comes a highly acclaimed novel which captures in brilliant detail the life of one extended english family and illuminates the choices they must make between domesticity and ambition life and art toni morrison author of

from the booker prize winning author of possession comes a wonderfully erudite novel in which enlightenment and sexuality elizabethan drama and contemporary comedy intersect richly and unpredictably large complex ambitious humming with energy and ideas a remarkable achievement iris murdoch in yorkshire the potter family are preparing to celebrate elizabeth ii s arrival on the throne its three youngest members however are preoccupied with other matters stephanie has grown tired of their overbearing father and resolves to marry the local curate anxious teenager marcus gains a new teacher and suffers increasingly disturbing visions then there is frederica on the brink of adulthood a love affair with a young playwright may offer the freedom she desperately desires

Untitled A. S. Byatt

2009-11-05

this comprehensive new study offers a detailed analysis of all of byatt s fiction and also discusses her critical output mariadele boccardi examines byatt s work in the light of postmodern concerns with language narrative and self referentiality

On Histories and Stories

2002

featuring the story in another country that inspired the motion picture 45 years also featuring selected stories from david constantine s comma press back catalogue under the dam 2005 the shieling 2009 tea at the midland 2012 released one day before 45 years which will be released as a major film film4 bfi starring charlotte rampling and tom courtenay directed by andrew haigh weekend hbo s looking

The Virgin in the Garden

2012-04-18

damien a gynaecological consultant and lapsed catholic replaces christian icons with modern art he worships the absence of god in the abstract staining of paint and ink but when a vagrant young art student shows up in the ward he once more has cause to question his personal and aesthetic convictions part of the storycuts series this short story was originally published in the collection little black book of stories

A.S. Byatt

2013-02-15

from the booker prize winning author of possession comes an ingenious novel about love and literary sleuthing tantalizing witty and delightfully rueful this paperback edition is the story of a disenchanting postgraduate

student who decides to study the messiness of real life by writing a biography of a great biographer 7 illustrations copyright libri gmbh all rights reserved

In Another Country

2015

the booker prize winning author of possession presents an extraordinary story set against the backdrop of the 1960s a turbulent decade of clashing politics passionate ideals and shifting sexual roles at the heart of babel tower are two law cases twin strands of the establishment s web that shape the story a painful divorce and custody suit and the prosecution of an obscene book frederica the independent young heroine is involved in both she startled her intellectual circle of friends by marrying a young country squire whose violent streak has now been turned against her fleeing to london with their young son she gets a teaching job in an art school where she is thrown into the thick of the new decade poets and painters are denying the value of the past fostering dreams of rebellion which focus around a strange charismatic figure the near naked unkempt and smelly jude mason with his flowing gray hair a hippie before his time we feel the growing unease the undertones of sex and cruelty the tension erupts over his novel babbletower set in a past revolutionary era where a band of people retire to a castle to found an ideal community in this book

as in the courtrooms as in the art school s haphazard classes and on the committee set up to study the teaching of language people function increasingly in groups many are obsessed with protecting the young but the fashionable notion of children as innocent and free slowly comes to seem wishful and perilous in byatt s vision the presiding genius of the day seems to be a blend of the marquis de sade and the hobbit peopled with weird and colorful characters charted with brilliant imaginative sympathy babel tower is as comic as it is threatening and bizarre

New Writing 6

1997

as the bombs rain down in the second world war one young girl is evacuated to the english countryside struggling to make sense of her new wartime life she is given a copy of a book of ancient norse myths and her inner and outer worlds are transformed linguistically stunning and imaginatively abundant byatt s mesmerising tale inspired by the myth of ragnarok is a landmark piece of storytelling from one of the world s truly great writers

Body Art (Storycuts)

2011-11-17

like a s byatt s booker prize winning novel possession these two mesmerising novellas are set in the nineteenth century in morpho eugenia an explorer realises that the behaviour of the people around him is alarmingly similar to that of the insects he studies in the conjugal angel curious individuals some fictional others drawn from history gather to connect with the spirit world throughout both byatt examines the eccentricities of the victorian era weaving fact and fiction reality and romance science and faith into a sumptuous magical tapestry

The Biographer's Tale

2001

Babel Tower

2012-04-18

Ragnarok

2011-08-06

Angels And Insects

2021-03-25

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