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The World's Best Massage Techniques The Complete Illustrated Guide Apr 05 2020 Massage is one of the oldest healing modalities in the world and even modern science is proving its incredible power to soothe anxiety, boost immunity, and alleviate pain. *The World's Best Massage Techniques* presents the most effective massage and bodywork techniques from around the world—many of which have been used for thousands of years—to soothe stress and tension, alleviate discomfort, and give pleasure. This beautiful hands-on guide teaches you how to skillfully apply a wide variety of massage and bodywork techniques from other cultures for relaxation, stress relief, and wellness. – Swedish Massage: Kneading strokes lengthen tense muscles – Hot Stone Massage: Heated, flowing movements penetrate tight knots – Thai Yoga Massage: Assisted stretches bring the body into alignment – Reflexology: Focused pressure activates energy meridians – Lomi Lomi: Sensuous strokes calm the body and mind – Tantsu: Close, body-to-body contact creates intimacy – Polarity: Gentle rocking movements loosen muscles and joints – Shiatsu: Small compressions reduce pain and aid injury recovery Color photography and step-by-step layout make techniques understandable and immediately applicable. With *The World's Best Massage Techniques* you can use the world's most exciting bodywork techniques in your own home.

Status Anxiety May 31 2022 In *Status Anxiety*, bestselling author Alain de Botton sets out to understand our universal fear of failure – and how we might change We all worry about what others think of us. We

all long to succeed and fear failure. We all suffer - to a greater or lesser degree, usually privately and with embarrassment - from status anxiety. For the first time, Alain de Botton gives a name to this universal condition and sets out to investigate both its origins and possible solutions. He looks at history, philosophy, economics, art and politics - and reveals the many ingenious ways that great minds have overcome their worries. The result is a book that is not only entertaining and thought-provoking - but genuinely wise and helpful as well. 'Clever, wise. De Botton's gift is to prompt us to think about how we live and how we might change things'*The Times* 'De Botton analyses modern society with great charm, learning and humour. His remedies come as a welcome relief when most books offering solutions to the stresses of life recommend the lotus position'*Daily Mail* 'Measured, amused, compassionate . . . de Botton is a surefooted discoverer of the pungent but less well known quote'*Daily Telegraph* 'A purveyor of serious but playful manuals for living'*GQ* 'Turned me into a fan, for its range, insight, wit and sheer usefulness'*Daily Express* Alain de Botton was born in 1969 and is the author of non-fiction essays on themes ranging from love and travel to architecture and philosophy. His bestselling books include *Essays in Love; The Romantic Movement; Kiss and Tell; Status Anxiety; How Proust Can Change Your Life; The Pleasures and Sorrows of Work; The Art of Travel; The Architecture of Happiness and Religion for Atheists*. He lives in London and founded *The School of Life* (www.theschooloflife.com) and *Living Architecture* (www.living-architecture.co.uk). For more information, consult www.alaindebotton.com.

The Sorrows of Work Aug 02 2022 A fresh approach to modern working life, offering thoughtful solutions on how to cope with professional challenges.

Alain on Happiness Jan 03 2020

THE CENTURY Aug 10 2020

Kiss & Tell Nov 12 2020 Accused by a former girlfriend of being unable to empathize, the narrator decides to write about the next person who walks into his life, Isabel Rogers

Art as Therapy Sep 22 2021 Two authorities on popular culture reveal the ways in which art can enhance mood and enrich lives - now available in paperback This passionate, thought-provoking, often funny, and always-accessible book proposes a new way of looking at art, suggesting that it can be useful, relevant, and therapeutic. Through practical examples, the world-renowned authors argue that certain great works of art have clues as to how to manage the tensions and confusions of modern life. Chapters on love, nature, money, and politics show how art can help with many common difficulties, from forging good relationships to coming to terms with mortality.

The News Sep 03 2022 Alain de Botton explores our relationship with 'the news' in this book full of his trademark wit and wisdom.

Following on from his bestselling *Religion for Atheists*, Alain de Botton turns now to look at the manic and peculiar positions that 'the news' occupies in our lives. We invest it with an authority and importance which used to be the preserve of religion - but what does it do for us? Mixing current affairs with philosophical reflections, de Botton offers a brilliant illustrated guide to the precautions we should take before venturing anywhere near the news and the 'noise' it generates. Witty and global in reach, *The News* will ensure you'll never look at reports of a celebrity story or political scandal in quite the same way again. Praise for *Religion for Atheists*: 'Smart and stimulating . . . a sensitive analysis of the deeply human needs that faith meets' *Financial Times* 'A serious and optimistic set of practical ideas that could improve and alter the way we live . . . energetic and on the side of the angels' Jeanette Winterson, *The Times* 'Packed with tantalising goads to thought and playful prompts to action' *Independent* Alain de Botton's bestselling books include *Religion for Atheists*, *How Proust Can Change Your Life*, *The Art of Travel*, and *The Architecture of Happiness*. He lives in London and founded *The School of Life* (www.theschooloflife.com) and *Living Architecture* (www.living-architecture.co.uk). For more information, consult www.alaindebotton.com.

Order without Design Oct 12 2020 An argument that operational urban planning can be improved by the application of the tools of urban economics to the design of regulations and infrastructure. Urban planning is a craft learned through practice. Planners make rapid decisions that have an immediate impact on the ground—the width of streets, the minimum size of land parcels, the heights of buildings. The language they use to describe their objectives is qualitative—"sustainable," "livable," "resilient"—often with no link to measurable outcomes. Urban economics, on the other hand, is a quantitative science, based on theories, models, and empirical evidence largely developed in academic settings. In this book, the eminent urban planner Alain Bertaud argues that applying the theories of urban economics to the practice of urban planning would greatly improve both the productivity of cities and the welfare of urban citizens. Bertaud explains that markets provide the indispensable mechanism for cities' development. He cites the experience of cities without markets for land or labor in pre-reform China and Russia; this "urban planners' dream" created inefficiencies and waste. Drawing on five decades of urban planning experience in forty cities around the world, Bertaud links cities' productivity to the size of their labor markets; argues that the design of infrastructure and markets can complement each other; examines the spatial distribution of land prices and densities; stresses the importance of mobility and affordability; and critiques the land use regulations in a number of cities that aim at redesigning existing cities instead of just trying

to alleviate clear negative externalities. Bertaud concludes by describing the new role that joint teams of urban planners and economists could play to improve the way cities are managed.

The Course of Love Oct 04 2022 Traces the way original ideals about romance change in the face of real-world challenges, exploring the relationship of Rabih and Kirsten, who endure life-affirming philosophical and psychological compromises after marrying and having children.

On *Love* Oct 31 2019 The New York Times–bestselling author’s modern classic that “takes a conventional love story and textures it with philosophical ruminations” (Kirkus Reviews). A man and a woman meet over casual conversation on a flight from Paris to London, and so begins a love story—from first kiss to first argument, elation to heartbreak, and everything in between. Each stage of the relationship is illuminated with startling clarity, as novelist and philosopher Alain de Botton explores young love and its emotions, often felt but rarely understood. With a brilliant new introduction by Sheila Heti, the New York Times–bestselling author of *How Should a Person Be?*, *On Love* is a contemporary classic from an author “who seems to have been born to write” (The Boston Globe). “Smart and ironic...The book’s success has much to do with its beautifully modeled sentences, its wry humor, and its unwavering deadpan respect for the reader’s intelligence.” —Francine Prose, *New Republic* “Witty, funny, sophisticated...full of wise and illuminating insights.” —P.J. Kavanagh, *Spectator*

The Course of Love Sep 10 2020 From the author of the international bestsellers *Essays in Love*, *The Architecture of Happiness*, and *How Proust Can Change Your Life*, comes a novel that explores with trademark warmth and wit the complex landscape of a modern relationship. Rabih and Kirsten meet, fall in love, get married. Society tells us this is the end of the story. In fact, it is only the beginning. Over the years this ordinary couple will miscommunicate and misunderstand each other, will worry about money, will have first a girl and then a boy. One of them will have an affair, one will think about it. Both will have doubts. This will be the real love story. Twenty-first century depictions of love and marriage are shaped by a set of Romantic myths and misconceptions. With philosophical insight and psychological acumen, Alain de Botton presents a realistic case study for marriage and examines what it might mean to love, to be loved -- and to stay in love.

The Architecture of Happiness Oct 24 2021 *The Architecture of Happiness* is Alain de Botton's exploration of the hidden links between buildings and our well being Bestselling author Alain de Botton has written about love, travel, status and how philosophy can console us. Now he turns his attention to one of our most intense but often hidden love affairs: with our houses and their furnishings. He asks: What

makes a house truly beautiful? Why are many new houses so ugly? Why do we argue so bitterly about sofas and pictures - and can differences of taste ever be satisfactorily resolved? Will minimalism make us happier than ornaments? To answer these questions and many more, de Botton looks at buildings across the world, from medieval wooden huts to modern skyscrapers; he examines sofas and cathedrals, tea sets and office complexes, and teases out a host of often surprising philosophical insights. *The Architecture of Happiness* will take you on a beguiling tour through the history and psychology of architecture and interior design, and will forever alter your relationship with buildings. It will change the way you look at your current home - and help you make the right decisions about your next one. 'Engaging and intelligent . . . full of splendid ideas, happily and beautifully expressed'

Independent Alain de Botton was born in 1969 and is the author of non-fiction essays on themes ranging from love and travel to architecture and philosophy. His bestselling books include *Essays in Love*; *The Romantic Movement*; *Kiss and Tell*; *Status Anxiety*; *How Proust Can Change Your Life*; *The Pleasures and Sorrows of Work*; *The Art of Travel*; *The Architecture of Happiness* and *Religion for Atheists*. He lives in London and founded *The School of Life* (www.theschooloflife.com) and *Living Architecture* (www.living-architecture.co.uk). For more information, consult www.alaindebotton.com.

A Week at the Airport Nov 24 2021 In the summer of 2009, Alain de Botton will be invited by the owners of Heathrow airport to become their first ever Writer in Residence. He will be installed in the middle of Terminal 5 on a raised platform with a laptop connected to screens, enabling passengers to see what he is writing and to come and share their stories. He will meet travellers from around the world, and will be given unprecedented access to wander the airport and speak with everyone from window cleaners and baggage handlers to air traffic controllers and cabin crew. Working with the renowned documentary photographer Richard Baker, de Botton will produce an extraordinary meditation upon the nature of place, time, and our daily lives. He will explore the magical and the mundane, personal and collective experiences and the interactions of travellers and workers all over this familiar but mysterious site. Like all airports, Heathrow (the 15th century village of Heath Row lies beneath the short stay car park) is a 'non-place' that we by definition want to leave, but it also provides a window into many worlds - through the thousands of people it dispatches every day. *A Week at the Airport* is sure to delight de Botton's large following, and anyone interested in the stories behind the way we live.

The Consolations of Philosophy Jan 27 2022 "Witty, thoughtful, entertaining . . . a stylish book, which manages to make philosophy both enjoyable and relevant, at the same time providing a very sensible

digest of consolations for many of our current psychological ills"
Anthony Clare, *LiteraryReview*

The Consolations of Philosophy Jul 29 2019 From the internationally heralded author of *How Proust Can Change Your Life* comes a remarkable book that presents the wisdom of some of the greatest thinkers of the ages as advice for our day to day struggles. "A fine introduction the world of philosophy." –*Newsweek* Solace for the broken heart can be found in the words of Schopenhauer. The ancient Greek Epicurus has the wisest, and most affordable, solution to cash flow problems. A remedy for impotence lies in Montaigne. Seneca offers advice upon losing a job. And Nietzsche has shrewd counsel for everything from loneliness to illness. *The Consolations of Philosophy* is a book as accessibly erudite as it is useful and entertaining.

Labor of Love Jun 27 2019 "Does anyone date anymore?" Today, the authorities tell us that courtship is in crisis. But when Moira Weigel dives into the history of sex and romance in modern America, she discovers that authorities have always said this. Ever since young men and women started to go out together, older generations have scolded them: That's not the way to find true love. The first women who made dates with strangers were often arrested for prostitution; long before "hookup culture," there were "petting parties"; before parents worried about cell phone apps, they fretted about joyrides and "parking." Dating is always dying. But this does not mean that love is dead. It simply changes with the economy. Dating is, and always has been, tied to work. Lines like "I'll pick you up at six" made sense at a time when people had jobs that started and ended at fixed hours. But in an age of contract work and flextime, many of us have become sexual freelancers, more likely to text a partner "u still up?" Weaving together over one hundred years of history with scenes from the contemporary landscape, *Labor of Love* offers a fresh feminist perspective on how we came to date the ways we do. This isn't a guide to "getting the guy." There are no ridiculous "rules" to follow. Instead, Weigel helps us understand how looking for love shapes who we are—and hopefully leads us closer to the happy ending that dating promises.

How Proust Can Change Your Life Feb 02 2020 'What a marvellous book this is . . . de Botton dissects what [Proust] had to say about friendship, reading, looking carefully, paying attention taking your time, being alive and adds his own delicious commentary. The result is an intoxicating as it is wise, amusing as well as stimulating, and presented in so fresh a fashion as to be unique . . . I could not stop, and now much start all over again.' Brian Masters, "Mail on Sunday" 'De Botton not only has a complete understanding of Proust's life . . . but what is particularly charming about this small, readable book is its tongue-in-cheek benignity, its lightly held erudition and its generous way of lending itself to what is not only

the greatest book of the century but also the darkest and the most eccentric' Edmund White, "Observer" 'It contains more human interest and play of fancy than most fiction . . . de Botton, in emphasizing Proust's healing, advisory aspects, does us the service of rereading him on our behalf, providing of that vast sacred lake a sweet and lucid distillation.' John Updike, "New Yorker " 'De Botton's little book is so charming, amusing and sensible that it may even itself change your life.' Allan Massie, "Daily Telegraph" 'This engaging book is one of the most entertaining pieces of literary criticism I have read in a long while.' "Sunday Telegraph" 'A very enjoyable book' Sebastian Faulks

How to Get Along with Your Colleagues Dec 02 2019 An essential guide to navigating the complexities of professional relationships in the office.

The Praxis of Alain Badiou Apr 17 2021 "To mark the English translation of *Etre et l'événement* as *Being and event*, ... a special issue on the work of the philosopher Alain Badiou ... [encouraging] contributors to take up the challenge Badiou raises in *Being and event* ... and deploy his categories in thinking a particular situation - be it political, artistic, scientific or amorous."--Ch. 1.

Wish Her Safe At Home May 19 2021 Rachel Waring is deliriously happy. Out of nowhere, a great-aunt leaves her a Georgian mansion in another city—and she sheds her old life without delay. Gone is her dull administrative job, her mousy wardrobe, her downer of a roommate. She will live as a woman of leisure, devoted to beauty, creativity, expression, and love. Once installed in her new quarters, Rachel plants a garden, takes up writing, and impresses everyone she meets with her extraordinary optimism. But as Rachel sings and jokes the days away, her new neighbors begin to wonder if she might be taking her transformation just a bit too far. In *Wish Her Safe at Home*, Stephen Benatar finds humor and horror in the shifting region between elation and mania. His heroine could be the next-door neighbor of the Beales of *Grey Gardens* or a sister to Jane Gardam's oddball protagonists, but she has an ebullient charm all her own.

Eat Sleep Work Repeat Dec 26 2021 "An important reminder of simple everyday practices to improve how we all work together, which will lead to greater team and individual happiness and performance. Great results will follow."--Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter and Square "With just 30 changes, you can transform your work experience from bland and boring (or worse) to fulfilling, fun, and even joyful."--Daniel Pink, author of *When and Drive* The vice president of Twitter Europe and host of the top business podcast *Eat Sleep Work Repeat* offers thirty smart, research-based hacks for bringing joy and fun back into our burned out, uninspired work lives. How does a lunch break spark a burst of productivity? Can a team's performance be improved simply by moving the location of the coffee maker? Why are meetings so often a waste of

time, and how can a walking meeting actually get decisions made? As an executive with decades of management experience at top Silicon Valley companies including YouTube, Google, and Twitter, Bruce Daisley has given a lot of thought to what makes a workforce productive and what factors can improve the workplace to benefit a company's employees, customers, and bottom line. In his debut book, he shares what he's discovered, offering practical, often counterintuitive, insights and solutions for reinvigorating work to give us more meaning, productivity, and joy at the office. A Gallup survey of global workers revealed shocking news: only 13% of employees are engaged in their jobs. This means that burn out and unhappiness at work are a reality for the vast majority of workers. Managers--and employees themselves--can make work better. *Eat Sleep Work Repeat* shows them how, offering more than two dozen research-backed, user-friendly strategies, including: Go to Lunch (it makes you less tired over the weekend) Suggest a Tea Break (it increases team cohesiveness and productivity) Conduct a Pre-Mortem (foreseeing possible issues can prevent problems and creates a spirit of curiosity and inquisitiveness) "Let's start enjoying our jobs again," Daisley insists. "It's time to rediscover the joy of work."

The Pleasures and Sorrows of Work Nov 05 2022 We spend most of our waking lives at work in occupations often chosen by our unthinking sixteen-year-old selves. And yet we rarely ask ourselves how we got there or what it might mean for us. Equally intrigued by work's pleasures and its pains, Alain de Botton here heads out into the under-charted worlds of the office, the factory, the fishing fleet and the logistics centre, ears and eyes open to the beauty, interest and sheer strangeness of the modern workplace. Along the way he tries to answer some of the most urgent questions we can ask about work: Why do we do it? What makes it pleasurable? What is its meaning? And why do we daily exhaust not only ourselves but also the planet? Characteristically lucid, witty and inventive, Alain de Botton's 'song for occupations' is a celebration and exploration of an aspect of life which is all too often ignored and yet as central to us as our love lives.

Being and Event Aug 22 2021 A translation of one of the single most important works of recent French philosophy, Badiou's magnum opus, and a must-have for his growing following and anyone interested in contemporary Continental thought.

American Sympathy Aug 29 2019 "A friend in history," Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "looks like some premature soul." And in the history of friendship in early America, Caleb Crain sees the soul of the nation's literature. In a sensitive analysis that weaves together literary criticism and historical narrative, Crain describes the strong friendships between men that supported and inspired some of America's greatest writing--the Gothic novels of Charles Brockden

Brown, the essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson, and the novels of Herman Melville. He traces the genealogy of these friendships through a series of stories. A dapper English spy inspires a Quaker boy to run away from home. Three Philadelphia gentlemen conduct a romance through diaries and letters in the 1780s. Flighty teenager Charles Brockden Brown metamorphoses into a horror novelist by treating his friends as his literary guinea pigs. Emerson exchanges glances with a Harvard classmate but sacrifices his crush on the altar of literature--a decision Margaret Fuller invites him to reconsider two decades later. Throughout this engaging book, Crain demonstrates the many ways in which the struggle to commit feelings to paper informed the shape and texture of American literature.

Religion for Atheists Jul 21 2021 Alain de Botton's Religion for Atheists looks at the God debate with fresh eyes All of us, whether religious, agnostic or atheist, are searching for meaning. And in this wise and life-affirming book, non-believer Alain de Botton both rejects the supernatural claims of the major religions and points out just how many good ideas they sometimes have about how we should live. And he suggests that non-believers can learn and steal from them. Picking and choosing from the thousands of years of advice assembled by the world's great religions, Alain de Botton presents a range of fascinating ideas and practical insights on art, community, love, friendship, work, life and death. He shows how they can be of use to us all, irrespective of whether we do or don't believe. In the Sunday Times top-ten bestseller Religion for Atheists, Alain de Botton takes us one step further than Dawkins and Hitchens have ventured and into a world of ideas beyond the God debate... 'A serious and optimistic set of practical ideas that could improve and alter the way we live' Jeanette Winterson, The Times 'A beautiful, inspiring book . . . offering a glimpse of a more enlightened path' Sunday Telegraph 'Packed with tantalizing goads to thought and playful prompts to action' Independent 'Smart, stimulating, sensitive. A timely and perceptive appreciation of how much wisdom is embodied in religious traditions and how we godless moderns might learn from it' Financial Times 'There isn't a page in this book that doesn't contain a striking idea or a stimulating parallel' Mail on Sunday 'Packed with tantalizing goads to thought and playful prompts to action' Independent

Alain Prost Mar 05 2020 Four-time Formula One Drivers' Champion Alain Prost is one of the best racing drivers of all time. Having discovered karting at the age of 14 during a family holiday, Prost progressed through motorsport's junior ranks, winning the French and European Formula Three championships, before joining the McLaren Formula One team in 1980 at the age of 24. In his six seasons with McLaren, Alain Prost won 30 races and three driving titles and in 1985 he became the first French World Champion. In 1986 he became the first back-to-back

champion since Jack Brabham 26 years earlier. In 1987, his 28th Grand Prix victory beat Jackie Stewart's 14-year-old record. However, in 1988 his brilliant new team mate Ayrton Senna won eight races and the driving title. Thus began the sensational rivalry that conspired to push two of the sport's greatest drivers to unprecedented heights of success and controversy, and the most bitter feud in Formula One history.

The School of Life Mar 29 2022 THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER Take some time to reflect and refocus this winter, with the essential guide on how to live wisely and well, no matter what challenges the world throws at you - from Alain de Botton, the bestselling author of *The Consolations of Philosophy*, *The Art of Travel* and *The Course of Love*. This is a book about everything you were never taught at school. It's about how to understand your emotions, find and sustain love, succeed in your career, fail well and overcome shame and guilt. It's also about letting go of the myth of a perfect life in order to achieve genuine emotional maturity. Written in a hugely accessible, warm and humane style, *The School of Life* is the ultimate guide to the emotionally fulfilled lives we all long for - and deserve. This book brings together ten years of essential and transformative research on emotional intelligence, with practical topics including: - how to understand yourself - how to master the dilemmas of relationships - how to become more effective at work - how to endure failure - how to grow more serene and resilient Praise for Alain de Botton: 'What he has managed to do is remarkable: to help us think better so that we may live better lives' *Irish Times* 'A serious and optimistic set of practical ideas that could improve and alter the way we live' Jeanette Winterson, *The Times* 'Alain de Botton likes to take big, complex subjects and write about them with thoughtful and deceptive innocence' *Observer*

Philosophy and the Event Jun 07 2020 This concise and accessible book is the perfect introduction to Badiou's thought. Responding to Tarby's questions, Badiou takes us on a journey that interrogates and explores the four conditions of philosophy: politics, love, art and science. In all these domains, events occur that bring to light possibilities that were invisible or even unthinkable; they propose something to us. Everything then depends on how the possibility opened up by the event is grasped, elaborated and embedded in the world - this is what Badiou calls a 'truth procedure'. The event creates a possibility but there then has to be an effort - a group effort in the case of politics, an individual effort in the case of love or art - for this possibility to become real and inscribed in the world. As he explains his thinking on politics, love, art and science, Badiou takes stock of his major works, reflects on their central themes and arguments and looks forward to the questions he plans to address in his future writings. The book concludes with a short introduction to

Badiou's philosophy by Fabien Tarby. For anyone wishing to understand the work of one of the most widely read and influential philosophers writing today, this small book will be an indispensable guide.

On Marrying the Wrong Person and Other Lessons Sep 30 2019 A pessimist's guide to marriage, offering insight, practical advice, and consolation.

How Photographs Are Sold Jul 09 2020 Hoping to find his lost brother, Rownie escapes the home of the witch Graba and joins a troupe of goblins who perform in Zombay, a city where humans are forbidden to wear masks and act in plays.

How To Think More About Sex Jun 19 2021 In this rigorous and supremely honest book Alain de Botton helps us navigate the intimate and exciting - yet often confusing and difficult - experience that is sex. Few of us tend to feel we're entirely normal when it comes to sex, and what we're supposed to be feeling rarely matches up with the reality. This book argues that 21st-century sex is ultimately fated to be a balancing act between love and desire, and adventure and commitment. Covering topics that include lust, fetishism, adultery and pornography, Alain de Botton frankly articulates the dilemmas of modern sexuality, offering insights and consolation to help us think more deeply and wisely about the sex we are, or aren't, having. One in the new series of books from *The School of Life*, launched May 2012: How to Stay Sane by Philippa Perry How to Find Fulfilling Work by Roman Krznaric How to Worry Less About Money by John Armstrong How to Change the World by John-Paul Flintoff How to Thrive in the Digital Age by Tom Chatfield How to Think More About Sex by Alain de Botton

Alain Badiou May 07 2020 Alain Badiou is one of the world's most influential living philosophers. Few contemporary thinkers display his breadth of argument and reference, or his ability to intervene in debates critical to both analytic and continental philosophy. Alain Badiou: Key Concepts presents an overview of and introduction to the full range of Badiou's thinking. Essays focus on the foundations of Badiou's thought, his "key concepts" - truth, being, ontology, the subject, and conditions - and on his engagement with a range of thinkers central to his philosophy, including Plato, Descartes, Spinoza, Heidegger and Deleuze.

Essays in Love Apr 29 2022 "Essays in Love will appeal to anyone who has ever been in a relationship or confused about love. The book charts the progress of a love affair from the first kiss to argument and reconciliation, from intimacy and tenderness to the onset of anxiety and heartbreak. The work's genius lies in the way it minutely analyses emotions we've all felt before but have perhaps never understood so well: it includes a chapter on the anxieties of when and how to say 'I love you' and another on the challenges of disagreeing with someone else's taste in shoes. While gripping the reader with the talent of a great novelist, de Botton brings a philosopher's

sensibility to his analyses of the emotions of love, resulting in a genre-breaking book that is at once touching and thought-provoking."--Publisher's website.

The Digested Read Mar 17 2021 Literary ombudsman John Crace never met an important book he didn't like to deconstruct. From Salman Rushdie to John Grisham, Crace retells the big books in just 500 biting satirical words, pointing his pen at the clunky plots, stylistic tics and pretensions to Big Ideas, as he turns publishers' golden dream books into dross. In the grand tradition of Tom Lehrer and Stan Freberg, Crace takes the books that produce the most media hype and retells each story in its author's inimitable style. Philip Roth, Don DeLillo, Margaret Drabble, Paul Auster, Alice Sebold, John Updike, Tom Wolfe, Ruth Rendell, A.S. Byatt, John LeCarre, Michael Crichton and Ian McEwan all emerge delightfully scathed in this book that makes it easy to talk knowingly about books you've never bothered to read or, for that matter, should have.

The Art of Travel Jul 01 2022 The Art of Travel is Alain de Botton's travel guide with a difference: an exploration of why we travel and what we learn when we do. As seen on Channel 4, few activities seem to promise as much happiness as going travelling: taking off for somewhere else, somewhere far from home, a place with more interesting weather, customs and landscapes. But although we are inundated with advice on where to travel to, we seldom ask why we go and how we might become more fulfilled by doing so. With the help of a selection of writers, artists and thinkers - including Flaubert, Edward Hopper, Wordsworth and Van Gogh - Alain de Botton's bestselling The Art of Travel provides invaluable insights into everything from holiday romance to hotel minibars, airports to sightseeing. The perfect antidote to those guides that tell us what to do when we get there, The Art of Travel tries to explain why we really went in the first place - and helpfully suggests how we might be happier on our journeys.

Alain L. Locke Jan 15 2021 Alain L. Locke (1886-1954), in his famous 1925 anthology The New Negro, declared that "the pulse of the Negro world has begun to beat in Harlem." Often called the father of the Harlem Renaissance, Locke had his finger directly on that pulse, promoting, influencing, and sparring with such figures as Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Jacob Lawrence, Richmond Barthé, William Grant Still, Booker T. Washington, W. E. B. Du Bois, Ralph Bunche, and John Dewey. The long-awaited first biography of this extraordinarily gifted philosopher and writer, Alain L. Locke narrates the untold story of his profound impact on twentieth-century America's cultural and intellectual life. Leonard Harris and Charles Molesworth trace this story through Locke's Philadelphia upbringing, his undergraduate years at Harvard—where William James helped spark his influential engagement with pragmatism—and his tenure as the first African American Rhodes Scholar. The heart of their narrative illuminates

Locke's heady years in 1920s New York City and his forty-year career at Howard University, where he helped spearhead the adult education movement of the 1930s and wrote on topics ranging from the philosophy of value to the theory of democracy. Harris and Molesworth show that throughout this illustrious career—despite a formal manner that many observers interpreted as elitist or distant—Locke remained a warm and effective teacher and mentor, as well as a fierce champion of literature and art as means of breaking down barriers between communities. The multifaceted portrait that emerges from this engaging account effectively reclaims Locke's rightful place in the pantheon of America's most important minds.

How Proust Can Change Your Life Feb 25 2022 With an introduction by comedian and novelist David Baddiel A novel in seven volumes, Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time* is considered a major literary work of the twentieth century. And even more crucially, one that you should have read by now. However, as one of its most distinguishing features is its staggering length, many of us feel intimidated and perhaps, even, fatigued at the thought of diving in. Alain de Botton's hilarious and unexpected Proustian manual, is then, the perfect antidote to this problem. In *How Proust Can Change Your Life*, de Botton masterfully distils what Proust says about friendship, reading, being alive and taking your time, and mixes it with his own, no less nourishing commentary. As de Botton rereads Proust for our collective benefit, we see the continued relevance of his work and the rich and varied insights he can offer us, from how to reinvigorate your relationship to being a good host. This is Proust as you've never seen him before. He may even change your life.

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