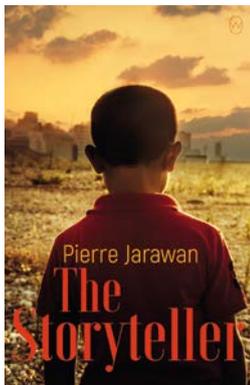


NBG Choices: Books in English

A selection of books in English translation recommended for reviewers, booksellers, literary festivals and readers

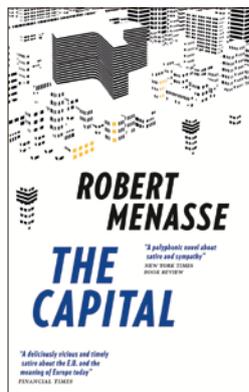
FICTION



The Storyteller **Pierre Jarawan**

Translated by Sinéad Crowe
and Rachel McNicholl
World Editions

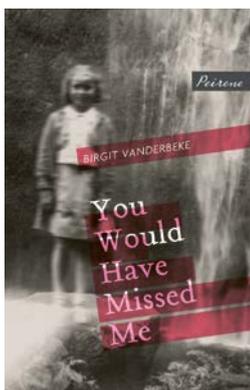
Samir leaves the safety and comfort of his family's adopted home in Germany for volatile Beirut in an attempt to find his missing father. His only clues are an old photo and the bedtime stories his father used to tell him. *The Storyteller* follows Samir's turbulent search for Brahim, the father whose heart was always yearning for his homeland, Lebanon. In this moving and gripping novel about family secrets, love, and friendship, Pierre Jarawan does for Lebanon what Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* did for Afghanistan.



The Capital **Robert Menasse**

Translated by Jamie Bulloch
MacLehose Press (UK)
W.W.Norton/Liveright (US)

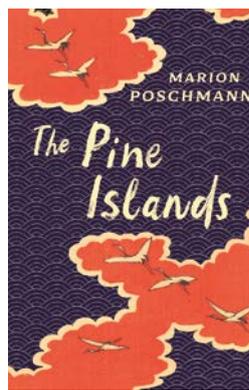
Winner of the German Book Prize, *The Capital* is a brilliantly constructed *House of Cards* for the EU Commission – and a reminder of why it came into being in the first place. Nothing could be more pertinent to our times. Bursting with life and bustling with ideas, it has a cast of tragic heroes, bad losers, petty bureaucrats, big dreamers – and a pig on the loose in the streets of Brussels. Robert Menasse has achieved the perfect blend of the serious and the satirical.



You Would Have Missed Me **Birgit Vanderbeke**

Translated by Jamie Bulloch
Peirene Press

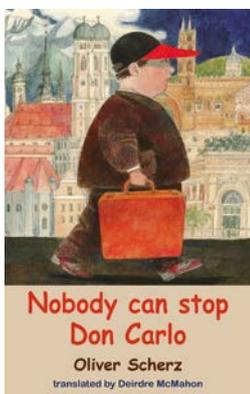
West Germany, early 1960s: A little girl arrives with her parents from East Germany in a camp for displaced people. Her father is abusive, her mother ignores her. All she wants for her birthday is a kitten. Instead she receives a globe. She can barely hide her disappointment, but soon discovers that the globe offers her a means of escape. In this novel Birgit Vanderbeke goes back to her own childhood in divided Germany. She shows how the little girl she once was saved herself by imagining countries on the far side of the world.



The Pine Islands **Marion Poschmann**

Translated by Jen Calleja
Serpent's Tail

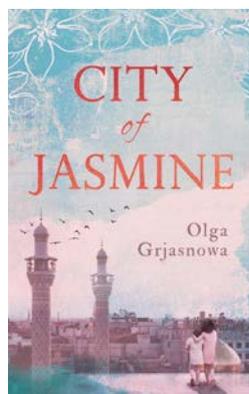
When Gilbert Silvester awakes one day from a dream that his wife has cheated on him, he flees – immediately and inexplicably – to Japan. In Tokyo, Gilbert discovers the writings of the great poet Bashō, and sets off on a pilgrimage in the poet's footsteps to see the moon rise over the pine islands of Matsushima. Marion Poschmann's German Book Prize-nominated novel is a serene, playful and profound story of transformation in a disappearing Japan.



Nobody Can Stop Don Carlo **Oliver Scherz**

Translated by Deirdre McMahon
Dedalus Books

Carlo misses his father, who has left Germany and returned to their native Palermo. Tired of waiting for his father to visit, Carlo sets off for Palermo, but without any money to pay his fare. In the series of adventures that follows, anything that could go wrong does, but despite everything Carlo gets to Palermo and arrives at his Papa's door. Will reality live up to Carlo's dreams? This story from Germany's leading children's author will strike a chord with readers as they take Carlo into their hearts.

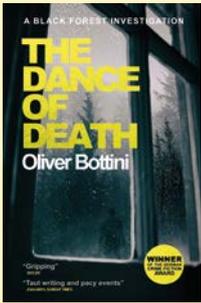


City of Jasmine **Olga Grjasnowa**

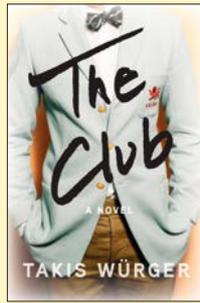
Translated by Katy Derbyshire
Oneworld Publications

It's 2011, and three young Syrians are finding themselves increasingly at odds with the authorities. As each of them encounters the sharp edge of the government's wrath, they have no choice but to flee their homeland for Europe, facing terrible dangers along the way. However, as they begin their new lives in Germany, they soon discover their struggles are far from over. Drawing on first-hand accounts of refugees, *City of Jasmine* is an intimate and striking novel that offers real insight into the horrors and inhumanity of war.

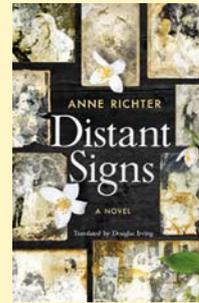
FICTION



The Dance of Death
Oliver Bottini
Translated by Jamie Bulloch
MacLehose Press



The Club
Takis Würger
Translated by Charlotte Collins
Grove Press (US)

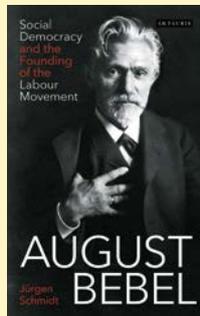


Distant Signs
Anne Richter
Translated by Douglas Irving
Neem Tree Press

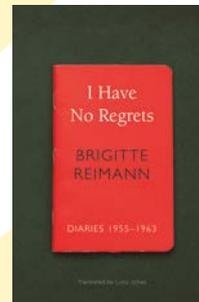
NON-FICTION



World-Changing Rage: News of the Antipodeans
Alexander Kluge and Georg Baselitz
Translated by Katy Derbyshire
Seagull Books

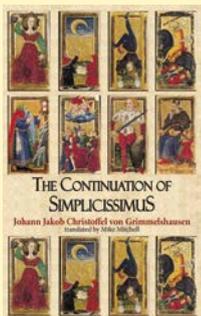


August Bebel: Social Democracy and the Founding of the Labour Movement
Jürgen Schmidt
Translated by Christine Brocks
I.B.Tauris



I Have No Regrets: Diaries, 1955-1963
Brigitte Reimann
Translated by Lucy Jones
Seagull Books

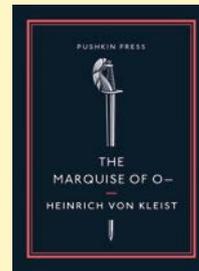
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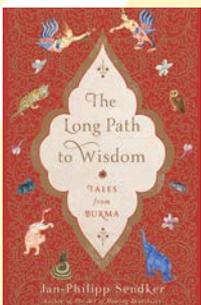
The Continuation of Simplicissimus
Johann Grimmelshausen
Translated by Lucy Jones
Seagull Books



Little Man, What Now?
Hans Fallada
Translated by Michael Hofmann
Penguin Classics



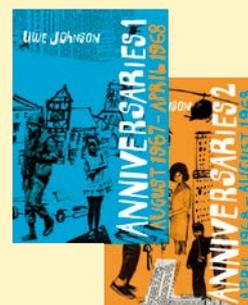
The Marquise of O-
Heinrich von Kleist
Translated by Nicholas Jacobs
Pushkin Press



The Long Path to Wisdom: Tales from Burma
Jan-Philipp Sendker
Translated by Lisa Liesener and Kevin Wiliarty
Polygon (UK)
Other Press (US)



Berlin Finale
Heinz Rein
Translated by Shaun Whiteside
Penguin Classics



Anniversaries
Uwe Johnson
Translated by Damion Searls
New York Review Books Classics (US)