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*The World Before Us* Dec 13 2020 In the tradition of A. S. Byatt's *Possession*, a hauntingly poignant novel about madness, loss, and the ties that bind our past to our present Deep in the woods of northern England, somewhere between a dilapidated estate and an abandoned Victorian asylum, fifteen-year-old Jane Standen lived through a nightmare. She was babysitting a sweet young girl named Lily, and in one fleeting moment, lost her. The little girl was never found, leaving her family and Jane devastated. Twenty years later, Jane is an archivist at a small London museum that is about to close for lack of funding. As a final research project--an endeavor inspired in part by her painful past--Jane surveys the archives for information related to another missing person: a woman who disappeared over one hundred years ago in the same woods where Lily was lost. As Jane pieces moments in history together, a portrait of a fascinating group of people starts to unfurl. Inexplicably tied to the mysterious disappearance of long ago, Jane finds tender details of their lives at the country estate and in the asylum that are linked to her own heartbroken world, and their story from all those years ago may now help Jane find a way to move on. In riveting, beautiful prose, *The World Before Us* explores the powerful notion that history is a closely connected part of us--kept alive by the resonance of our daily choices--reminding us of the possibility that we are less alone than we might think.

**The Lunatic's Curse** Jan 14 2021 The town of Opum Oppidulum is home to the freezing Lake Beluarum and its rumored monster. On an island at the center of the lake is an asylum; no one has ever escaped it. So how will Rex, whose father, Ambrose Grammaticus, has been imprisoned there under false pretenses, prove that Ambrose is not insane? And if Rex can free his father, will his evil stepmother drive them both to madness? Higgins' fans will devour this deliciously scary tale, a "polyquel" to her previous books, all of which can be read singly or together. But not in the dark . . .

**The Lunatic Son** Jan 26 2022 It's 1969 and mankind is shooting for the moon! Meet Tom Grey, the new Bob Dylan, a dreamer, a would-be village Hemingway and misplaced romantic. He's smart, he's witty - and totally lost between his own barely shaped dreams and his stubborn father's vain pursuit of his own faded ambitions. Can love save him, or will it just confuse him even more as it lays bare the predatory shallowness of his closest friendships and the barrenness of relationships lived purely on the physical level? Tom's journey is a personal awakening, funny, and unexpectedly poignant. Whilst his parents and the hormones of his teenage peers rage around him, Tom is walking the rocky road to manhood and wishing he'd packed a tougher pair of boots. Being cool while keeping your cool is not an easy tune to strum when you're weighed down by and struggling against all the prejudices, uncertainties and predatory instincts ingrained by upbringing and peer pressure. Tom has the arrogance and self-importance of youth, but they don't keep reality at bay forever. When Gwen, the girl with the Titian hair crashes into his life, all his literary and musical heroes and wry cynicism won't help one bit.

**Long After Midnight** Sep 09 2020 A classic collection of Ray Bradbury's short fiction, available in ebook for the first time.

**Death Is a Lonely Business** Sep 02 2022 Ray Bradbury, the undisputed Dean of American storytelling, dips his accomplished pen into the cryptic inkwell of noir and creates a stylish and slightly fantastical tale of mayhem and murder set among the shadows and the murky canals of Venice, California, in the early 1950s. Toiling away amid the looming palm trees and decaying bungalows, a struggling young writer (who bears a resemblance to the author) spins fantastic stories from his fertile imagination upon his clacking typewriter. Trying not to miss his girlfriend (away studying in Mexico), the nameless writer steadily crafts his literary effort--until strange things begin happening around him. Starting with a series of peculiar phone calls, the writer then finds clumps of seaweed on his doorstep. But as the incidents escalate, his friends fall victim to a series of mysterious "accidents"--some of them fatal. Aided by Elmo Crumley, a savvy, street-smart detective, and a reclusive actress of yesteryear with an intense hunger for life, the wordsmith sets out to find the connection between the bizarre events, and in doing so, uncovers the truth about his own creative abilities.

*The Poet and the Lunatics* Oct 11 2020 An eccentric poet acts as spiritual detective in these eight stories by the Father Brown author, in which the philosophical policeman solves and prevents crimes perpetrated by madmen.

**A Graveyard for Lunatics** Feb 12 2021

**Conversations with Ray Bradbury** Feb 01 2020 Presents a collection of interviews with twentieth-century novelist, short story writer, and playwright, Ray Bradbury, that covers five decades of his life and works.

*A Graveyard for Lunatics* Nov 04 2022 Halloween Night, 1954. A young, film-obsessed scriptwriter has just been hired at one of the great studios. An anonymous investigation leads from the giant Maximus Films backlot to an eerie graveyard separated from the studio by a single wall. There he makes a terrifying discovery that thrusts him into a maelstrom of intrigue and mystery—and into the dizzy exhilaration of the movie industry at the height of its glittering power.

**Now and Forever** Feb 24 2022 Presents two novellas, including "Somewhere a Band Is Playing," in which a young writer discovers that all is not as it seems in a nostalgic community, and "Leviathan '99," in which Ishmael Hunnicut Jones prepares for a first interstellar hunt.

*One Day Closer To Death* Dec 25 2021 Highlighting this collection is an ingenious new episode in the saga of Jimmy Blackburn, the eponymous serial killer of Denton's third novel. "Blackburn Bakes Cookies" might best be called the icing on the cake that is Blackburn's story, and it is appropriately delectable. Other highlights of this collection include: "The Territory," a "what if?" story revisiting Kansas in the days of the Civil War and imagining, in one small way, how things might have gone a bit differently; "We Love Lydia Love," a science-fictional examination of the ways in which modern obsessions with celebrity and stardom can change us...and the ways in which we'll never change; and "The Calvin Coolidge Home for Dead Comedians," a moving and funny trip to the afterlife, where all great comics go when they die. In assembling these stories, Bradley Denton discovered that all of them are concerned with some aspect of death. It's true. And yet (as they say), in death there is life: these eight tales brim with such vitality and joie de vivre that readers will find themselves enjoying the work of this fantastic storyteller again and again.

*Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury, New Edition* Jun 26 2019 Presents a collection of critical essays about *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

**The Lost Village** Sep 21 2021 \*BEST MYSTERY/THRILLER FOR THE YEAR\* for NPR "Come for the mounting horror and scares, but stay for a devastating examination of the nature of family secrets." - New York Times book review "[A] scary, highly entertaining debut...that pays homage to Shirley Jackson." - South Florida Sun Sentinel A Most Anticipated Book Goodreads \* Publishers Weekly \* Crime Reads \* Popsugar \* Bookish \* #1 Loanstar Pick in Canada An Indie Next pick! A Library Reads Pick! The Blair Witch Project meets Midsommar in this brilliantly disturbing thriller from Camilla Sten, an electrifying new voice in suspense. Documentary filmmaker Alice Lindstedt has been obsessed with the vanishing residents of the old mining town, dubbed "The Lost Village," since she was a little girl. In 1959, her grandmother's entire family disappeared in this mysterious tragedy, and ever since, the unanswered questions surrounding the only two people who were left—a woman stoned to death in the town center and an abandoned newborn—have plagued her. She's gathered a small crew of friends in the remote village to make a film about what really happened. But there will be no turning back. Not long after they've set up camp, mysterious things begin to happen. Equipment is destroyed. People go missing. As doubt breeds fear and their very minds begin to crack, one thing becomes startlingly clear to Alice: They are not alone. They're looking for the truth... But what if it finds them first? Come find out. "RELENTLESSLY CREEPY." —Alma Katsu, author of *The Hunger* (An NPR Best Horror Novel) "IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP READING." —Ragnar Jonasson, author of *The Island* "Readers will revel in the chills." - Booklist

**Green Shadows, White Whale** Jun 30 2022

*Encyclopedia of the American Novel* Jun 06 2020 Praise for the print edition: " ... no other reference work on American fiction brings together such an array of authors and texts as this. *Let's All Kill Constance* Oct 03 2022 On a dismal evening in the previous century, an unnamed writer in Venice, California, answers a furious pounding at his beachfront bungalow door and again admits Constance Rattigan into his life. An aging, once-glamorous Hollywood star, Constance is running in fear from something she dares not acknowledge -- and vanishes as suddenly as she appeared, leaving the narrator two macabre books: twin listings of the Tinseltown dead and soon to be dead, with Constance's name included among them. And so begins an odyssey as dark as it is wondrous, as the writer sets off in a broken-down jalopy with his irascible sidekick Crumley to sift through the ashes of a bygone Hollywood -- a graveyard of ghosts and secrets where each twisted road leads to grim shrines and shattered dreams ... and, all too often, to death.

**A Sound of Thunder and Other Stories** Mar 16 2021 With his disarmingly simple style and complex imagination, Ray Bradbury has seized the minds of American readers for decades. This collection showcases thirty-two of Bradbury's most famous tales in which he lays bare the depths of the human soul. The thrilling title story, *A Sound of Thunder*, tells of a hunter sent on safari -- sixty million years in the past. But all it takes is one wrong step in the prehistoric jungle to stamp out the life of a delicate and harmless butterfly -- and possibly something else much closer to home ...

*The Martian Chronicles* Mar 28 2022 The tranquility of Mars is disrupted by humans who want to conquer space, colonize the planet, and escape a doomed Earth.

**The Lunatic, the Lover, and the Poet** Dec 01 2019 A Divinity scholar at Wittenberg University, Horatio prides himself on his ability to argue both sides of any intellectual debate but is himself a skeptic, never fully believing in any philosophy. That is, until he meets the outrageous, provocative, and flamboyantly beautiful Prince of Denmark, who teaches him more about both Earth and Heaven than any of his books. But Hamlet is also irrationally haunted by intimations of a tragic destiny he believes is preordained. When a freelance translation job turns into a full-scale theatrical production, Horatio arranges for the theater-loving prince to act in the play--disguised as the heroine! This attracts the attention of Horatio's patroness, the dark and manipulative Lady Adriana. A voracious and astute reader of both books and people, she performs her own seductions to test whether the "platonic true-love" described in his poems is truly so platonic. But when a mysterious rival poet calling himself "Will Shake-speare" begins to court both Prince Hamlet and his Dark Lady, Horatio is forced to choose between his skepticism and his love. Laced with quotes, references, and in-jokes, cross-dressing, bed-tricks, mistaken identity, and a bisexual love-triangle inspired by Shakespeare's own sonnets, this novel upends everything you thought you knew about Hamlet. Witty, insightful, playful, and truly wise about the greatest works of the Bard, **THE LUNATIC, THE LOVER, AND THE POET** is a delectable treat for people that have loved books like Stephen Greenblatt's *WILL IN THE WORLD* and John Updike's *GERTRUDE AND CLAUDIUS*.

**Survival Tips for Lunatics** Aug 21 2021 To save the most important things in the world, you have to first find out what they are. . . TIP NO. 1: Believe it or not, a camping trip is the best place to start, especially if it has: Changez, 12 (TIP NO. 2: Think constable in the lunatic police) Timmy, 9 (TIP NO. 3: Think capuchin-monkey-brained snotasaurus) A mud volcano (TIP NO. 4: Yes, it can erupt!) snippy sparrow (TIP NO. 5: Small is BIG) Saw-toothed crocs (TIP NO. 6: The animals, not the shoes) The last Ursus thibetanus gedrosianus (TIP NO. 7: Think large, furry and walking towards you!) A herd of hyper-herbivorous Baluchitheria (TIP NO. 8: Don't think. . . RUN!) One poetic Markhor (TIP NO. 9: Yup, get the earplugs) A Protoliterodragon (TIP NO. 10: It may go from bad to verse!) Vegetarian Velociraptors (TIP NO. 11: Be glad you are not green) And as always. . . Assorted pesky humans, including angry soldiers and heartless rogues (TIP NO. 12: Think the most dangerous animal on the planet) Got the idea? Here's a story that tells you what on earth is really happening. . . If you are a clever Smartosapiens, *Survival Tips for Lunatics* is the mad, mad handbook for you to make sense of the world and where it is going, besides round and round!

*Exploring the Horror of Supernatural Fiction* Apr 04 2020 Detailing the adventures of a supernatural clan of vampires, witches, and assorted monstrosities, Ray Bradbury's Elliott family stories are a unique component of his extensive literary output. Written between 1946 and 1994, Bradbury eventually quilted the stories together into a novel, *From the Dust Returned* (2001), making it a creative project that spanned his adult life. Not only do the stories focus on a single familial unit, engaging with overlapping twentieth-century themes of family, identity and belonging, they were also unique in their time, interrogating post-war American ideologies of domestic unity while reinventing and softening gothic horror for the Baby Boomer generation. Centred around diverse interpretations of the Elliott Family stories, this collection of critical essays recovers the Elliotts for academic purposes by exploring how they form a collective gothic mythos while ranging across distinct themes. Essays included discuss the diverse ways in which the Elliott stories pose questions about difference and Otherness in America; engage with issues of gender, sexuality, and adolescence; and interrogate complex discourses surrounding history, identity, community, and the fantasy of family.

**Fahrenheit 451** Jul 20 2021 A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

**Dinosaur Tales** Nov 23 2021 In this elegantly designed and illustrated book, Ray Bradbury presents all of his dinosaur tales in one volume. Included in this collection are wonderful tales such as; *BESIDES A DINOSAUR, WHATTA YA WANNA BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?*, a lengthy tale of Bradbury's Green Town, in which a lonely boy harbours a longing to become... a Tyrannosaurus Rex! *A SOUND OF THUNDER* the classic time-travel story of five men who take a trip back in time to hunt a dinosaur and wind up changing the past and *THE FOG HORN*, the atmospheric tale of a prehistoric creature from the deep and its strange rendezvous with a lighthouse. *DINOSAUR TALES* also includes a new collaboration between the Bradbury and Gahan Wilson.

**The Anthem Sprinters** May 30 2022 Four one-act plays. For contents, see Author Catalog.

**Ninety-Nine Stories of God** May 06 2020 A New York Times Notable Book and a Best Book of the Year at Esquire, Seattle Times, Minnesota Star Tribune, Huffington Post, and Publishers Weekly. From "quite possibly America's best living writer of short stories" (NPR), *Ninety-Nine Stories of God* finds Joy Williams reeling between the sublime and the surreal, knocking down the barriers between the workaday and the divine. Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist Joy Williams has a one-of-a-kind gift for capturing both the absurdity and the darkness of everyday life. In *Ninety-Nine Stories of God*, she takes on one of mankind's most confounding preoccupations: the Supreme Being. This series of short, fictional vignettes explores our day-to-day interactions with an ever-elusive and arbitrary God. It's the Book of Common Prayer as seen through a looking glass—a powerfully vivid collection of seemingly random life moments. The figures that haunt these stories range from Kafka (talking to a fish) to the Aztecs, Tolstoy to Abraham and Sarah, O. J. Simpson to a pack of wolves. Most of Williams's characters, however, are like the rest of us: anonymous strivers and bumbler who brush up against God in the least expected places or go searching for Him when He's standing right there. The Lord shows up at a hot-dog-eating contest, a demolition derby, a formal gala, and a drugstore, where he's in line to get a shingles vaccination. At turns comic and yearning, lyric and aphoristic, *Ninety-Nine Stories of God* serves as a pure distillation of one of our great artists.

*Where Everything Ends* Aug 01 2022

**God's Lunatics** Oct 23 2021 *God's Lunatics* is an eyebrow-raising encyclopedia of the strange and shocking side of history's religions, cults, and spiritual movements, by Michael Largo, the bestselling author of the Bram Stoker Award-winning *Final Exits*. A fascinating compendium of "Lost Souls, False Prophets, Martyred Saints, Murderous Cults, Demonic Nuns, and Other Victims of Man's Eternal Search for the Divine," *God's Lunatics* contains a wealth of valuable extreme spiritual information—including the number of exorcisms performed each year and the proper method for identifying the Antichrist.

**The Halloween Tree** Jul 08 2020 In *The Halloween Tree*, master of fantasy Ray Bradbury takes readers on a riveting trip through space and time to discover the true origins of Halloween. Originally published in 1972, this striking new hardcover edition features dramatic illustrations throughout by Gris Grimly, giving a new generation of readers a chance to discover the magic.

**The Lunatic Express** Apr 16 2021 *Indonesian Ferry Sinks. Peruvian Bus Plunges Off Cliff. African Train Attacked by Mobs.* Whenever he picked up the newspaper, Carl Hoffman noticed those short news bulletins, which seemed about as far from the idea of tourism, travel as the pursuit of pleasure, as it was possible to get. So off he went, spending six months circumnavigating the globe on the world's worst conveyances: the statistically most dangerous airlines, the most crowded and dangerous ferries, the slowest buses, and the most rickety trains. The Lunatic Express takes us into the heart of the world, to some its most teeming cities and remotest places: from Havana to Bogotá on the perilous Cuban Airways. Lima to the Amazon on crowded night buses where the road is a washed-out track. Across Indonesia and Bangladesh by overcrowded ferries that kill 1,000 passengers a year. On commuter trains in Mumbai so crowded that dozens perish daily, across Afghanistan as the Taliban closes in, and, scariest of all, Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., by Greyhound. The Lunatic Express is the story of traveling with seatmates and deckmates who have left home without American Express cards on conveyances that don't take Visa, and seldom take you anywhere you'd want to go. But it's also the story of traveling as it used to be—a sometimes harrowing trial, of finding adventure in a modern, rapidly urbanizing world and the generosity of poor strangers, from ear cleaners to urban bus drivers to itinerant roughnecks, who make up most of the world's population. More than just an adventure story, *The Lunatic Express* is a funny, harrowing and insightful look at the world as it is, a planet full of hundreds of millions of people, mostly poor, on the move and seeking their fortunes.

**Lunatics** Apr 28 2022 Philip Horkman is a happy man, the owner of a pet store called The Wine Shop, and on Sundays a referee for a local kids' soccer league. Jeffrey Peckerman is the proud and loving father of a star athlete in the girls' ten-and-under soccer league, and he's not exactly happy with the ref. The two of them are about to collide in a swiftly escalating series of events that will send them running for their lives, pursued by the police, soldiers, subversives, bears, revolutionaries, pirates, and a black ops team that does not exist. Where all that takes them you can't even begin to guess, but the literary journey there is a masterpiece of inspiration, chaos, and unadulterated, well, lunacy. And they might even learn a lesson or two along the way.

**The Raven's Tale** May 18 2021 Seventeen-year-old Edgar Poe counts down the days until he can escape his foster family—the wealthy Allans of Richmond, Virginia. He hungers for his upcoming life as a student at the prestigious new university, almost as much as he longs to marry his beloved Elmira Royster. However, on the brink of his departure, all his plans go awry when a macabre Muse named Lenore appears to him. Muses are frightful creatures that lead Artists down a path of ruin and disgrace, and no respectable person could possibly understand or accept them. But Lenore steps out of the shadows with one request: "Let them see me!"

**Walk Two Moons** Aug 09 2020 In her own singularly beautiful style, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech intricately weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.

*Oriental Wit and Wisdom Or the "Laughable Stories"* Oct 30 2019

**Rip-roaring Reads for Reluctant Teen Readers** Nov 11 2020 Forty books for teen readers are reviewed, listing genres, themes, reading level, interest level, reviews, author information, plot summary, book talks and literature extensions.

*The Laughable Stories* Collected by Mâr Gregory John Bar Hebræ Sep 29 2019

**A Pleasure to Burn** Aug 28 2019 Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451* is an enduring masterpiece of twentieth-century American literature—a chilling vision of a dystopian future built on the foundations of ignorance, censorship, and brutal repression. The origins and evolution of Bradbury's darkly magnificent tale are explored in *A Pleasure to Burn*, a collection of sixteen selected shorter works that prefigure the grand master's landmark novel. Classic, thematically interrelated stories alongside many crucial lesser-known ones—including, at the collection's heart, the novellas "Long After Midnight" and "The Fireman"—*A Pleasure to Burn* is an indispensable companion to the most powerful work of America's preeminent storyteller, a wondrous confirmation of the inimitable Bradbury's brilliance, magic . . . and fire.

**Lunatic Heroes** Jun 18 2021 Dark, comic, raw, disturbing, and often redemptive, these fifteen tales will take you from the 1950s to the present, along with a repeating cast of heroes and lunatics. The characters span the breadth and the depths of human qualities and capacities. The same person, in one story, may materialize as a hero and a god, and in another, as a

lunatic and a demon. While the author roughs up the people in his stories with the hand of terror, he simultaneously views them with the eyes of love. Martignetti spares no one, and to his credit, particularly not himself. For one who confesses so much fear, he is fearlessly self-revealing. After reading this memoir collection, you will come to know these characters, and the author, intimately. Not that you'd necessarily want to, it's just the way things will turn out. About the author: C. Anthony Martignetti, Ph.D., is a writer and psychotherapist in Lexington, Massachusetts, where he lives with his wife, Laura, and their Border Terrier, Piper. In the late 1960s, as a high school graduation gift, his mother tried to nominate him for a Pulitzer Prize, but the panel refused to accept her recommendation since nobody had heard of either him or her... and all he had ever written were assignments for an English class in which he received a solid B. He got a set of Samsonite luggage as a graduation gift instead. As a result of that event he has remained, to this day, defiantly unpublished. "

*Ray Bradbury Uncensored!* Mar 04 2020 "The Definitive Ray Bradbury Book" "I volunteered for the Moorpark College newsroom assignment. The speech changed my life just listening to Bradbury speak. I thought he was the greatest orator I had ever heard and thought to myself, "If he can write as well as he can talk, I'll read everything he's written and seek out magazines to sell an article about him." Back then (1968), I had started my freelance writing career and was always looking for new ideas. That first Bradbury speech changed my life and his advice gave me my life's philosophy: 'Follow your loves! Don't listen to anyone else—even your own spouse. However, if you have the love of a good spouse and several good friends, you'll be successful. If you don't yet know what you want to do in life, go out and find your loves and you'll have a happy life.'" You'll find this biography may be more of a self-help book and "the definitive Ray Bradbury" revealed like no other book has yet done. Whether you are a science fiction fan, student, attorney, architect, writer, priest, or just a person trying to find your mission on planet Earth, there is a piece of the jigsaw puzzle to your life awaiting you in this book. If you are going on a trip or simply want something to read for a weekend, this book is designed as a quick, entertaining read for all people. And you need not know anything about science fiction to enjoy reading the study of this genius and American icon. Enjoy! -Gene Beley, author

**Fingersmith** Jan 02 2020 "Oliver Twist with a twist... Waters spins an absorbing tale that withholds as much as it discloses. A pulsating story."—The New York Times Book Review  
The Handmaiden, a film adaptation of Fingersmith, directed by Park Chan-wook and starring Kim Tae-Ri, is now available. Sue Trinder is an orphan, left as an infant in the care of Mrs. Sucksby, a "baby farmer," who raised her with unusual tenderness, as if Sue were her own. Mrs. Sucksby's household, with its fussy babies calmed with doses of gin, also hosts a transient family of petty thieves—fingersmiths—for whom this house in the heart of a mean London slum is home. One day, the most beloved thief of all arrives—Gentleman, an elegant con man, who carries with him an enticing proposition for Sue: If she wins a position as the maid to Maud Lilly, a naïve gentlewoman, and aids Gentleman in her seduction, then they will all share in Maud's vast inheritance. Once the inheritance is secured, Maud will be disposed of—passed off as mad, and made to live out the rest of her days in a lunatic asylum. With dreams of paying back the kindness of her adopted family, Sue agrees to the plan. Once in, however, Sue begins to pity her helpless mark and care for Maud Lilly in unexpected ways...But no one and nothing is as it seems in this Dickensian novel of thrills and reversals.

**Political Troglodytes and Economic Lunatics** Jul 28 2019 Political history at its best. This is the story of the hard right in Australia – of how Ray Evans and his boss at Western Mining Corporation, Hugh Morgan, became the pioneers of a new form of right-wing politics whose forceful reshaping of public debates transformed Australian politics. With a calm gaze, forensic detail and a dry wit, Dominic Kelly shows how they did it. Starting in the mid-1980s, Evans set up four small but potent organisations: the H.R. Nicholls Society (industrial relations), the Samuel Griffith Society (constitutional issues), the Lavoisier Group (climate change) and the Bennelong Society (Indigenous affairs). Their aim was to transform public debate on key issues. Morgan and Evans had an energy that bordered on fanaticism. They lobbied politicians and wrote op-eds. They were born intriguers and colourful rhetoricians, with a wide influence that famously included treasurer-to-be Peter Costello. It was Bob Hawke who called the H.R. Nicholls Society 'political troglodytes and economic lunatics'; yet in their dogged pursuit of influence, the hard right made an impact. From successive backdowns on emissions targets to the rejection of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, the efforts of hard right conservatives continues to be felt today – not only on the right but across mainstream public policy. Political Troglodytes and Economic Lunatics is a compelling case study in how some very determined people can change a political culture.