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The Orchid Thief 2009-07-15 susan orlean first met john laroche when visiting florida to write for the new yorker about his arrest for stealing rare ghost orchids from a nature reserve fascinated both by laroche and the world she uncovered of orchid collectors and growers she stayed on to write this magical exploration of obsession and the strange world both of the orchid obsessives and of florida that haunting and weird debatable land of swamps and condos retirement communities and real estate scams the world of the orchid hunters breeders and showmen their rivalries vendettas and crimes smuggling thefts and worse provide the backdrop to a fascinating exploration of one of the byways of human nature the obsessive world of the collector and the haunting beauty of the flowers themselves

The Orchid Thief 2000 set in the state of florida this book traces the history and detail of the enigmatic orchid through the tale of john laroche an orchid thief

The Orchid Thief 2011-07-20 new york times bestseller a new york times notable book a modern classic of personal journalism the orchid thief is susan orlean s wickedly funny elegant and captivating tale of an amazing obsession determined to clone an endangered flower the rare ghost orchid *polyrrhiza lindenii* a deeply eccentric and oddly attractive man named john laroche leads orlean on an unforgettable tour of america s strange flower selling subculture through florida s swamps and beyond along with the seminole who help him and the forces of justice who fight him in the end orlean and the reader will have more respect for underdog determination and a powerful new definition of passion in this new edition coming fifteen years after its initial publication and twenty years after she first met the orchid thief orlean revisits this unforgettable world and the route by which it was brought to the screen in the film adaptation in a new retrospective essay look for special features inside join the random house reader s circle for author chats and more praise for the orchid thief stylishly written whimsical yet sophisticated quirkily detailed and full of empathy the orchid thief shows orlean s gifts in full bloom the new york times book review fascinating an engrossing journey full of theft hatred greed jealousy madness and backstabbing los angeles times orlean s snapshot vivid pitch perfect prose is fast becoming one of our national treasures the washington post book world orlean s gifts are her ear for the self skewing dialogue her eye for the incongruous convincing detail and her didion like deftness in description boston sunday globe a swashbuckling piece of reporting that celebrates some virtues that made america great the wall street journal

The Orchid Thief 2012-05-22 this new york times bestselling girl detective has one hot summer ahead nancy bess and george are off to key largo florida for a week of sun swimming and exploring the fabulous coral reef that stretches along the florida keys they ve been invited by delia duke a friend of theirs and also a marine biologist at the john pennekamp coral reef state park which covers a 175 sq miles of reef and shoreline along the coast of kay largo the park is a scuba diver s delight with dazzling corals and tropical fish and delia promises to show the girls the best snorkling and diving spots but as they head through the mangroves toward her boat someone takes off in a small motor boat leaving behind a bag filled with rare endangered butterfly orchids this is just the beginning of a

shocking eco mystery that d be too complex for anyone but nancy drew

Summary of Susan Orlean's The Orchid Thief 2022-05-30T22:59:00Z please note this is a companion version not the original book sample book insights 1 laroche is a tall skinny man with pale eyes and a sharp appearance he is extremely passionate and driven he has been working for the seminole tribe of florida since he was twenty one years old setting up a plant nursery and an orchid propagation laboratory on the tribe s reservation in hollywood florida 2 laroche is a very unusual person he is also the most moral amoral person i ve ever known he loves doing things the hard way especially if it means that he gets to do what he wants to do but also leaves everyone else wondering how he managed to get away with it 3 i met john laroche in florida a few years ago he was arrested with rare orchids he had stolen out of a swamp called the fakahatchee strand state preserve he explained that the plants were going to be cloned and sold to orchid collectors around the world 4 the trial took place in a courthouse south of sanibel laroche was charged with illegally removing more than two hundred rare orchid and bromeliad plants from the fakahatchee swamp he was also charged with criminal possession of endangered species and of illegally removing plant life from state property both of which are punishable by jail time and fines

The Orchid Thief 1998-01 an exciting new set of biff chip and kipper stories from roderick hunt and alex brychta full of modern day appeal these stories support children s transition from fully decodable phonic readers to stories with richer language children will enjoy exploring the humorous illustrations and familiar situations

The Orchid Thief 1998-11 chronicles the rise of the iconic german shepherd character while sharing the stories of the real wwi dog and the canine performer in the 1950s television show and explores rin tin tin s relevance in the military and popular culture

Oxford Reading Tree: Stage 5: Decode and Develop The Orchid Thief 2011-04-28 the author embarks on a journey across the country to find out what saturday night means to different people in american culture

Rin Tin Tin 2012-10-09 as charlie struggles to adapt orlean s best selling book the orchid thief he writes himself into his own movie box cover note

Saturday Night 2011-08-16 the acclaimed author of motoring with mohammed brings us a compelling adventure into the remarkable world of the orchid and the impossibly bizarre array of international characters who dedice their lives to it the orchid is used for everything from medicine for elephants to an aphrodisiac ice cream a malaysian species can grow to weigh half a ton while a south american species fires miniature pollen darts at nectar sucking bees but the orchid is also the center of an illicit international business one grower in santa barbara tends his plants while toting an uzi and a former collector has been in hiding for seven years after serving a jail sentence for smuggling thirty dollars worth of orchids into britain deftly written and captivantly researched orchid fever is an endlessly enchanting and entertaining tour of an exotic world a wonderful book i ve been up all night reading it laughing and crying out in horror and clucking at the vivid images of bureaucracy with the bit in its teeth annie proulx an

extraordinary well told tale of botany obsession and plant politics hansen s vivid descriptions of the complex techniques some orchids use to pollinate themselves will raise your eyebrows at nature s sexual ingenuity usa today Adaptation 2003 susan orlean s bestseller and new york times notable book is a sheer delight as rich in insight and as varied as the treasures contained on the shelves in any local library usa today a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution and an investigation into one of its greatest mysteries everybody who loves books should check out the library book the washington post on the morning of april 28 1986 a fire alarm sounded in the los angeles public library the fire was disastrous it reached two thousand degrees and burned for more than seven hours by the time it was extinguished it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more investigators descended on the scene but more than thirty years later the mystery remains did someone purposefully set fire to the library and if so who weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire award winning new yorker reporter and new york times bestselling author susan orlean delivers a delightful reflection on the past present and future of libraries in america new york magazine that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before in the exquisitely written consistently entertaining the new york times the library book orlean chronicles the lapl fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger crucial role that libraries play in our lives delves into the evolution of libraries brings each department of the library to vivid life studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself and reexamines the case of harry peak the blond haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the lapl more than thirty years ago a book lover s dream an ambitiously researched elegantly written book that serves as a portal into a place of history drama culture and stories star tribune minneapolis susan orlean s thrilling journey through the stacks reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books and why they remain an essential part of the heart mind and soul of our country

The Orchid Thief Reimagined 2003 vincent van gogh created some of the best loved and most expensive works of art ever made from the early the potato eaters to his late masterpieces sunflowers and the starry night he had worked as an art dealer a missionary and as a teacher in england and only in his late twenties did he begin a life that would be fundamental in shaping modern art but when he died in auvers sur oise in 1890 at the age of thirty seven he was largely unknown written with the cooperation of the van gogh museum pulitzer winning authors steven naifeh and gregory white smith recreate his extraordinary life and the inside of his troubled mind like never before and they put forward an explosive new theory challenging the widespread belief that van gogh took his own life drawing for the first time on all of his and his family s extensive letters which offer exquisite glimpses into his thoughts and feelings this is the definitive portrait of one of the world s cultural giants

Orchid Fever 2016-09-21 featuring more than seventy five photographs and almost a dozen rarely seen videos from rin tin tin s legendary career this enhanced ebook edition of susan orlean s rin tin tin vividly illustrates the life and legacy of the canine hero he believed the dog was immortal so begins susan orlean s sweeping powerfully moving

account of rin tin tin s journey from orphaned puppy to movie star and international icon orlean a staff writer at the new yorker who has been hailed as a national treasure by the washington post spent nearly ten years researching and reporting her most captivating book to date the story of a dog who was born in 1918 and never died it begins on a battlefield in france during world war i when a young american soldier lee duncan discovered a newborn german shepherd in the ruins of a bombed out dog kennel to duncan who came of age in an orphanage the dog s survival was a miracle he saw something in rin tin tin that he felt compelled to share with the world duncan brought rinty home to california where the dog s athleticism and acting ability drew the attention of warner bros over the next ten years rinty starred in twenty three blockbuster silent films that saved the studio from bankruptcy and made him the most famous dog in the world at the height of his popularity rin tin tin was hollywood s number one box office star during the decades that followed rinty and his descendants rose and fell with the times making a tumultuous journey from silent films to talkies from black and white to color from radio programs to one of the most popular television shows of the baby boom era the adventures of rin tin tin the canine hero s legacy was cemented by duncan and a small group of others including bert leonard the producer of the tv series and daphne hereford the owner of the current rin tin tin who have dedicated their lives to making sure the dog s legend will never die at its core rin tin tin is a poignant exploration of the enduring bond between humans and animals it is also a richly textured history of twentieth century entertainment and entrepreneurship it spans ninety years and explores everything from the shift in status of dogs from working farmhands to beloved family members from the birth of obedience training to the evolution of dog breeding from the rise of hollywood to the past and present of dogs in war filled with humor and heart and moments that will move you to tears susan orlean s first original book since the orchid thief is an irresistible blend of history human interest and masterful storytelling a dazzling celebration of a great american dog by one of our most gifted writers

The Library Book 2019-10-01 a well written engaging detective story kirkus reviews starred review about a rogue who trades in rare birds and their eggs and the wildlife detective determined to stop him on may 3 2010 an irish national named jeffrey lendrum was apprehended at britain s birmingham international airport with a suspicious parcel strapped to his stomach inside were fourteen rare peregrine falcon eggs snatched from a remote cliffside in wales so begins a vivid tale of obsession and international derring do publishers weekly following the parallel lives of a globe trotting smuggler who spent two decades capturing endangered raptors worth millions of dollars as race champions and detective andy mcwilliam of the united kingdom s national wildlife crime unit who s hell bent on protecting the world s birds of prey masterfully constructed the new york times and entertaining and illuminating the washington post the falcon thief will whisk you away from the volcanoes of patagonia to zimbabwe s matobo national park and from the frigid tundra near the arctic circle to luxurious aviaries in the deserts of dubai all in pursuit of a man who is reckless arrogant and gripped by a destructive compulsion to make the most beautiful creatures in

nature his own it s a story that s part true crime narrative part epic adventure and wholly unputdownable until the very last page

Van Gogh 2011-10-17 susan orlean s collection of profiles ranges from the well known marky mark to the unknown colin duffy a typical american man aged ten to the formerly known the cult sixties girl group the shaggs orlean meets with cristina sanchez spain s first fully qualified female matador silly billy new york s most successful children s clown an african king who is a new york taxi driver and a champion show dog called biff who from a certain angle looks like president clinton as in her remarkable bestseller the orchid thief soon to be the basis of spike being john malkovich jonze s new film starring meryl streep and nicholas cage orlean s eye for the fascinatingly bizarre and her wonderfully witty way with language make her take on the world utterly original and unique

Rin Tin Tin Enhanced eBook 2011-09-27 after its peruvian discovery in 2002 phragmipedium kovachii became the rarest and most sought after orchid in the world prices soared to 10 000 on the black market then one showed up at marie selby botanical gardens where every year more than 100 000 people visit they come for the lush landscape on sarasota bay and for selby s vast orchid collection one of the most magnificent in the world the collision between selby s scientists and the smugglers of phrag kovachii a rare ladyslipper orchid hailed as the most significant and beautiful new species discovered in a century led to search warrants a grand jury investigation and criminal charges it made headlines around the country cost the gardens hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations and led to tremendous internal turmoil investigative journalist craig pittman unravels this tangled web to shine a spotlight on flaws in the international treaties governing trade in endangered wildlife which may protect individual plants and animals in shipping but do little to halt the destruction of whole colonies in the wild the scent of scandal unspools like a riveting mystery novel stranger than anything in susan orlean s the orchid thief or the film adaptation pittman shows how some people can become so obsessed with beauty with profit with fame that they will ignore everything even the law

The Falcon Thief 2021-02-16 a seductive journey into the obsessive outrageous and mesmerizing world of orchids from the steaming jungles of borneo to the hallowed hallways of kew gardens from the clandestine orchid nurseries of europe to the peat bogs of northern minnesota here are luscious sexy flowers orchid smugglers fist fighting botanists moths with twelve inch long tongues and government officials who raid orchid nurseries with attack dogs and automatic weapons strange tales of insect pollinator fidelity the orchid ice cream makers of eastern turkey and man crushing killer orchids weighing half a ton are blended with stories about a wide range of gentle people whose passion in life is the creation of scented fragile flowers eric hansen spent seven years exploring the far corners of the earth marveling at flowers of uncommon beauty studying the history of the orchid trade and grappling with the vicious bizarre and petty world of plant politics that sometimes makes it impossible to protect endangered species hansen brings to life the colorful flowers and the even more colorful people who are attracted to them as he

illuminates a funny weird and poignant world of horticultural passion and pathos

The Bullfighter Checks Her Make-Up 2010-08-31 from the new york times bestselling author of the orchid thief comes a smart hilarious take on what babies contribute or don't to the world ever experienced stroller envy ever wished you were applauded just for walking across a room ever wanted to loaf about the park on a blanket in the middle of a school day with nothing on your agenda but being relaxed and happy then you should be a baby they've got it made in this charming droll story a world weary older sister ponders the question why don't more babies work her answers hilariously tinged with resentment offer up a wickedly accurate picture of just how great babies have it known for her keen and witty observations of various subcultures susan orlean here turns her gaze on babies the resulting picture book is tongue in cheek fun for older siblings and anyone looking for a lazy praise filled day f p level I f p genre rf

The Orchid Thief by Susan Orlean 2002 shortlisted for the gold dagger award a tale of obsession vivid and arresting the times one summer evening in 2009 twenty year old musical prodigy edwin rist broke into the natural history museum at tring home to one of the largest ornithological collections in the world once inside rist grabbed as many rare bird specimens as he was able to carry before escaping into the darkness kirk wallace johnson was waist deep in a river in new mexico when his fly fishing guide first told him about the heist but what would possess a person to steal dead birds and had rist paid for his crime in search of answers johnson embarked upon a worldwide investigation leading him into the fiercely secretive underground community obsessed with the victorian art of salmon fly tying was edwin rist a genius or narcissist mastermind or pawn

The Scent of Scandal 2012-03-18 the adventures of a british girl in china hunting for the orchid that will save her family staid responsible elodie buchanan is the eldest of ten sisters growing up in a small english market town in 1861 the girls barely know their father a plant hunter usually off adventuring through china more myth than man then disaster strikes mr buchanan reneges on his contract to collect an extremely rare and valuable orchid he will be thrown into debtors prison while his daughters are sent to the orphanage and the workhouse elodie can't stand by and see her family destroyed so she persuades her father to return to china once more to try to hunt down the flower only this time despite everything she knows about her place in society elodie goes with him she has never before left her village but what starts as fear turns to wonder as she adapts to seafaring life aboard the tea clipper the osprey and later to the new sights dangers and romance of china she comes to find that both the world and her place in it are so much bigger than she'd ever dreamed but now even if she can find the orchid how can she ever go back to being the staid responsible elodie that everybody needs

Orchid Fever 2000 some film and novel revisions go so far beyond adaptation that they demand a new designation this critical collection explores movies plays essays comics and video games that supersede adaptation to radically transform their original sources fifteen essays investigate a variety of texts that rework everything from literary

classics to popular children's books demonstrating how these new stand alone creations critically engage their sources and contexts particular attention is paid to parody intertextuality and fairy tale transformations in the examination of these works which occupy a unique narrative and creative space

Lazy Little Loafers 2008-10 cross pollinates susan orlean's *the orchid thief* with peter mayle's *a year in provence* the washington post book world on *deadly slipper* in this electrifying third installment of the highly acclaimed *death in the dordogne* series mara dunn and julian wood are living together in an uneasy on and off way so uneasy that each begins to wonder if they are really meant to be together but when julian with his unerring understanding of the orchidlover's mind thinks he has found the link between a killer and a local murder one of them might lose the other permanently

The Feather Thief 2018-04-26 from the chalk downs of the south coast of england to the heathery moorland of the shetland isles and from the holy island of lindisfarne in the east to the atlantic frontier of western ireland a journey into britain and ireland's most beautiful corners

The Forbidden Orchid 2016-03-08 authoring a film adaptation of a literary source not only requires a media conversion but also a transformation as a result of the differing dramatic demands of cinema the most critical central step in this transformation of a literary source to the screen is the writing of the screenplay the screenplay usually serves to recruit producers director and actors to attract capital investment and to give focus to the conception and production of the film project often undergoing multiple revisions prior to production the screenplay represents the crucial decisions of writer and director that will determine how and to what end the film will imitate or depart from its original source authorship in film adaptation is an accessible provocative text that opens up new areas of discussion on the central process of adaptation surrounding the screenplay and screenwriter director collaboration in contrast to narrow binary comparisons of literary source text and film the twelve essays in this collection also give attention to the underappreciated role of the screenplay and film pre production that can signal the primary intention for a film divided into four parts this collection looks first at the role of hollywood's activist producers and major auteurs such as hitchcock and kubrick as they worked with screenwriters to formulate their audio visual goals the second part offers case studies of *devil in a blue dress* and *the sweet hereafter* for which the directors wrote their own adapted screenplays considering the variety of writer director working relationships that are possible part iii focuses on adaptations that alter genre time and place and part iv investigates adaptations that alter stories of romance sexuality and ethnicity

Beyond Adaptation 2010-03-16 in the tradition of *the orchid thief* a compelling narrative set within the strange and genteel world of rare book collecting the true story of an infamous book thief his victims and the man determined to catch him rare book theft is even more widespread than fine art theft most thieves of course steal for profit john charles gilkey steals purely for the love of books in an attempt to understand him better journalist allison hoover

bartlett plunged herself into the world of book lust and discovered just how dangerous it can be john gilkey is an obsessed unrepentant book thief who has stolen hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of rare books from book fairs stores and libraries around the country ken sanders is the self appointed bibliodick book dealer with a penchant for detective work driven to catch him bartlett befriended both outlandish characters and found herself caught in the middle of efforts to recover hidden treasure with a mixture of suspense insight and humor she has woven this entertaining cat and mouse chase into a narrative that not only reveals exactly how gilkey pulled off his dirtiest crimes where he stashed the loot and how sanders ultimately caught him but also explores the romance of books the lure to collect them and the temptation to steal them immersing the reader in a rich wide world of literary obsession bartlett looks at the history of book passion collection and theft through the ages to examine the craving that makes some people willing to stop at nothing to possess the books they love

A Twist of Orchids 2010-04-13 new yorker magazine staff writer paige williams delves into the surprisingly perilous world of fossil collectors in this riveting true tale in 2012 a new york auction catalogue boasted an unusual offering a superb tyrannosaurus skeleton in fact lot 49135 consisted of a nearly complete t bataar a close cousin to the more famous t rex that had been unearthed in mongolia at 2.4 metres high and 7.3 metres long the specimen was spectacular and the winning bid was over 1 million eric prokopi a 38 year old floridian had brought this extraordinary skeleton to market a one time swimmer who d spent his teenage years diving for shark teeth prokopi s singular obsession with fossils fuelled a thriving business hunting for preparing and selling specimens to clients ranging from natural history museums to avid private collectors like leonardo dicaprio but had prokopi gone too far this time as the t bataar went to auction a network of paleontologists alerted the government of mongolia to the eye catching lot an international custody battle ensued with prokopi watching as his own world unravelled the dinosaur artist is a stunning work of narrative journalism about humans relationship with natural history and about a seemingly intractable conflict between science and commerce a story that stretches from florida s land o lakes to the gobi desert the dinosaur artist illuminates the history of fossil collecting a murky sometimes risky business populated by eccentrics and obsessives where the lines between poacher and hunter collector and smuggler and enthusiast and opportunist can easily blur

Orchid Summer 2018-06-19 one of the most talked about scripts of the year adaptation is the story of an orchid collector chris cooper a journalist meryl streep as author susan orlean and the screenwriter charlie kaufman played by nicolas cage who in adapting orlean s bestselling book the orchid thief writes himself and his twin brother also played by cage into the movie in the foreword written exclusively for this newmarket edition orlean reveals her own struggle to tell the story of the orchid and her delight that strangely marvelously hilariously kaufman s screenplay has ended up not being a literal adaptation of my book but a spiritual one in a fascinating interview kaufman and jonze take readers behind the scenes of adaptation and their other films to speak about how they collaborate where truth

and fiction diverge the challenges of balancing various storylines why they do not like to comment on the meaning of their work and kaufman s approach to writing i try to write in the midst of confusion and be strong enough to stay there rather than swim to the shore of some kind of conclusion finally screenwriting guru robert mckee s commentary attempts to analyze kaufman s work identifying many of his themes including that grand twentieth century preoccupation with the self in the acclaimed newmarket shooting script series format the book includes the complete screenplay orlean s foreword the interview with kaufman and jonze mckee s critical commentary 24 black and white stills and cast and crew credits

Authorship in Film Adaptation 2009-06-03 winner of the 2023 locus award for non fiction winner of the british science fiction association award for best non fiction always readable illuminating and honest it made me miss the real terry neil gaiman sometimes joyfully sometimes painfully intimate it is wonderful to have this closeup picture of the writer s working life frank cottrell boyce observer at the time of his death in 2015 award winning and bestselling author sir terry pratchett was working on his finest story yet his own the creator of the phenomenally bestselling discworld series terry pratchett was known and loved around the world for his hugely popular books his smart satirical humour and the humanity of his campaign work but that s only part of the picture before his untimely death terry was writing a memoir the story of a boy who aged six was told by his teacher that he would never amount to anything and spent the rest of his life proving him wrong for terry lived a life full of astonishing achievements becoming one of the uk s bestselling and most beloved writers winning the prestigious carnegie medal and being awarded a knighthood now the book terry sadly couldn t finish has been written by rob wilkins his former assistant friend and now head of the pratchett literary estate drawing on his own extensive memories along with those of the author s family friends and colleagues rob unveils the full picture of terry s life from childhood to his astonishing writing career and how he met and coped with what he called the embuggerance of alzheimer s disease a deeply moving and personal portrait of the extraordinary life of sir terry pratchett written with unparalleled insight and filled with funny anecdotes this is the only official biography of one of our finest authors spins magic from mundanity in precisely the way pratchett himself did telegraph as frank funny and unsentimental as anything its subject might have produced himself mail on sunday

The Man Who Loved Books Too Much 2009-09-17 from the academy award winning eternal sunshine of the spotless mind 2004 and academy award nominated adaptation 2002 to the cult classic being john malkovich 1999 writer charlie kaufman is widely admired for his innovative philosophically resonant films although he only recently made his directorial debut with synecdoche new york 2008 most fans and critics refer to kaufman films the way they would otherwise discuss works by directors woody allen martin scorsese or the coen brothers not only has kaufman transformed our sense of what can take place in a film but he also has made a significant impact on our understanding of the role of the screenwriter the philosophy of charlie kaufman edited by david larocca is the first collection of essays devoted to a rigorous philosophical exploration of kaufman s work by a team of capable and

critical scholars from a wide range of disciplines from political theorists to philosophers classicists to theologians professors of literature to filmmakers the contributing authors delve into the heart of kaufman s innovative screenplays offering not only original philosophical analyses but also extended reflections on the nature of film and film criticism

The Dinosaur Artist 2018-09-13 first published in 1954 the orchid house phyllis shand allfrey s only published novel is a classic of caribbean literature in this markedly autobiographical story of the three daughters of a once powerful but now impoverished white family allfrey interweaves her family s history with the history of her home island of dominica in the twentieth century the novel is written in a sensuous style and the story remarkably told through the eyes of lally the black nurse of the three sisters often praised for the clearheadedness of its analysis of the dominican historical process the orchid house stands at a crucial intersection of west indian politics it was during this period that the colonized took over from the colonizer the direction of local governments allfrey a fabian socialist and founder of dominica s first political party articulates in this novel the central tenet of a political philosophy that guided a lifetime of grassroots activism that profound changes had to take place in the power structures of caribbean societies to bring social justice to its peoples and that those who persevered in seeking to revive the past were doomed phyllis shand allfrey novelist and poet was born in dominica where her father was crown attorney her work has often been compared to that of her compatriot and friend jean rhys the novel has been made into a film for british television lizabeth paravisini gebert is an associate professor in the department of hispanic studies at vassar college she co edited green cane and juicy flotsam short stories by caribbean women rutgers university press

Adaptation 2002 the orchid is the most evocative of flowers inspiring in some of its admirers a fanaticism akin to madness as demonstrated in susan orlean s popular novel the orchid thief this elegant survey of the orchid treats its place in legend and suggests the impact that these exotic plants had on the temperate european mind berliocchi chronicles the adventurers and scientists who introduced these marvels discusses their place in the arts from literature and magic to cuisine and concludes with accounts of the most important genera and their cultivation splendidly illustrated with period engravings and botanical paintings it is literate and delightful

Terry Pratchett: A Life With Footnotes 2022-09-29 featuring every review ebert wrote from january 2001 to mid june 2003 this treasury also includes his essays interviews film festival reports and in memoriams along with his famous star ratings

The Philosophy of Charlie Kaufman 2011-05-27 a humorous refreshing treatment of a timeless subject the skinny is not a book about nutrition or sensible eating it s a book about what it really takes to get thin starting with the experts doctors nutritionists biochemists and diet gurus and then moving on to those who truly know something about weight loss the women who have done it authors marx and sistrom have conducted the necessary research to find what really works sorting through the methods and motivations of thin women everywhere here for the first time they

share the secrets behind success at losing weight including the skinny on

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