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Before the Patriot Act, there was . . . The R Document As crime and violence threaten to engulf America, the President proposes a daring new amendment to the Constitution, allowing the Bill of Rights to be suspended during times of national emergency. To its supporters the 35th Amendment is the only way to keep America from sliding into chaos. Its

opponents see the Amendment as an outright attack on freedom. Christopher Collins, the newly-appointed Attorney General, has reservations about the Amendment, but feels confident that it would not be abused in the way its more hysterical opponents fear. Then a deathbed confession from his predecessor warns him to beware of something called "The R Document". What is The R Document, and what does it have to do with the proposed 35th Amendment? As state after state ratifies the Amendment, pushing it ever closer to becoming the law of the land, Collins must get to the bottom of an unimaginable conspiracy--before time runs out for the fundamental liberties of all Americans. First published in 1976, Irving Wallace's bestselling thriller is more timely than ever before. At the publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management software (DRM) applied. In his most powerful and provocative novel to date, master storyteller Irving Wallace turns his incomparable talents to the world of sex therapy. Erotically charged, compassionate, and suspenseful, *The Celestial Bed* explores the way people make love in postsexual-revolution America. Dr. Arnold Freeberg is a courageous, pioneering sex therapist whose dedication to his patients and the principles of his profession

prompt him to step outside the law and utilize the most effective tool of all in combating sexual dysfunctions--sex surrogates. Although sex surrogates are highly trained and supervised professionals who guide, demonstrate, and teach people with low sexual self-esteem how to enjoy intimacy, according to the law in many states they are prostitutes. Driven out of Arizona, Dr. Freeberg establishes a new clinic in southern California with the help of his most experienced surrogate, beautiful young Gayle Miller, and a new male surrogate, movie-star-handsome Paul Brandon. But where Dr. Freeberg expected to be able to practice in peace, he encounters powerful adversaries--an ambitious district attorney, a power-hungry evangelist, a duplicitous newspaper reporter, and the violently jealous psychotic boyfriend of one of his most needy patients--who would tear down his life's work, humiliate his patients, and put him and his staff on trial for pandering and prostitution. In the riveting, swiftly-paced narrative style that made him one of America's most widely read authors, Irving Wallace takes the reader behind closed doors into the private treatment rooms where sex surrogates lead their patients through the therapeutic exercises designed to bring them to sexual fulfillment. Readers will find themselves drawn into a circle

of extraordinary people dedicated to repairing the sexually wounded, and come to understand the sex therapist's essential piece of wisdom--good lovemaking is first loving yourself and then learning to share that love with another. An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students. Novelist Andrew Craig has not been sober in a very long time. After losing his wife in an auto accident he believes to have been his own fault, he turned to the bottle, and to his sister-in-law, Leah, who acts as his caretaker and live-in nurse. Then, when he is awarded the Nobel Prize in literature for his novel, "The Perfect State," a historical jab at communism, he heads for Stockholm, hoping to find a reason to live, and to write. The other laureates have their own problems, a heart surgeon who believes that sharing his award with an Italian colleague robs him of his glory, a married couple awarded the prize in medicine in the middle of a serious marital crisis, and others - including Max Stratman, whose heart isn't really up to the trip, but who needs the prize money to provide for niece, Emily. This novel delves into the lives, loves, dreams and nightmares of these characters, and others, building a panoramic view of the Nobel Prize, life in Stockholm, and the state of world politics in the years following World War II. It is rich and compelling, driving the reader from the pits of despair to the heights of inspiration. A wonderful novel by one of America's finest novelists. The Prize was made into a movie

starring Paul Newman. SW: Six people all around the world are catapulted to international fame as they receive the most important telegraph of their lives, which invites them to Stockholm to receive the prize. This will result to be a turning point in their lives, in which personal affairs and political intrigue will engulf every one of the characters. Until I Find You is the story of the actor Jack Burns - his life, loves, celebrity and astonishing search for the truth about his parents. When he is four years old, Jack travels with his mother Alice, a tattoo artist, to several North Sea ports in search of his father, William Burns. From Copenhagen to Amsterdam, William, a brilliant church organist and profligate womanizer, is always a step ahead - has always just departed in a wave of scandal, with a new tattoo somewhere on his body from a local master or "scratcher." Alice and Jack abandon their quest, and Jack is educated at schools in Canada and New England - including, tellingly, a girls' school in Toronto. His real education consists of his relationships with older women - from Emma Oastler, who initiates him into erotic life, to the girls of St. Hilda's, with whom he first appears on stage, to the abusive Mrs. Machado, whom he first meets when sent to learn wrestling at a local gym. Too much happens in this expansive, eventful novel to possibly summarize it all. Emma and Jack move to Los Angeles, where Emma becomes a successful novelist and Jack a promising actor. A host of eccentric minor characters memorably come

and go, including Jack's hilariously confused teacher the Wurtz; Michelle Maher, the girlfriend he will never forget; and a precocious child Jack finds in the back of an Audi in a restaurant parking lot. We learn about tattoo addiction and movie cross-dressing, "sleeping in the needles" and the cure for cauliflower ears. And John Irving renders his protagonist's unusual rise through Hollywood with the same vivid detail and range of emotions he gives to the organ music Jack hears as a child in European churches. This is an absorbing and moving book about obsession and loss, truth and storytelling, the signs we carry on us and inside us, the traces we can't get rid of. Jack has always lived in the shadow of his absent father. But as he grows older - and when his mother dies - he starts to doubt the portrait of his father's character she painted for him when he was a child. This is the cue for a second journey around Europe in search of his father, from Edinburgh to Switzerland, towards a conclusion of great emotional force. A melancholy tale of deception, Until I Find You is also a swaggering comic novel, a giant tapestry of life's hopes. It is a masterpiece to compare with John Irving's great novels, and restates the author's claim to be considered the most glorious, comic, moving novelist at work today. Deceptions weaves the spellbinding tale of identical twin sisters who dared to exchange lives. A smashing New York Times bestseller from Judith Michael. In a glittering world of lazy luxury, Sabrina reigns supreme. Invited to

the most elegant parties, pursued by the most desirable men, she yearned for something more. . . . Her twin, Stephanie, is safely married with two adorable children and has everything in life that Sabrina lacks. But Stephanie longs to live like her rich and carefree sister. Changing places was to be their little secret. The game was never meant to get out of control. Neither of them dreamed how easy it would be to get lost in a maze of deceptions. . . . In 1954, in the cookhouse of a logging and sawmill settlement in northern New Hampshire, an anxious twelve-year-old boy mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear. Both the twelve-year-old and his father become fugitives, forced to run from Coos County—to Boston, to southern Vermont, to Toronto—pursued by the implacable constable. Their lone protector is a fiercely libertarian logger, once a river driver, who befriends them. In a story spanning five decades, *Last Night in Twisted River* depicts the recent half-century in the United States as “a living replica of Coos County, where lethal hatreds were generally permitted to run their course.” What further distinguishes *Last Night in Twisted River* is the author's unmistakable voice—the inimitable voice of an accomplished storyteller. In this exciting and provocative book, Irving Wallace, one of America's most famous novelists, turns to nonfiction to tell the candid stories of more than thirty women of the last two centuries who defied the social standards of their times—sexually, politically,

intellectually—rebellious against conventional behavior or ideas to go their own ways. These ladies, by intention or unwittingly, gave succeeding generations of women new freedoms—freedoms the very mention of which scandalized their contemporaries but which led, ultimately, to today's Women's Liberation Movement. With a gift of narrative rare in nonfiction, Irving Wallace describes the lives of Ninon de Lencios, who founded a School of Lovemaking in France; of Emma Hamilton, who became pregnant by England's greatest naval hero without her husband's noticing it; of Napoleon's sister, Pauline Bonaparte, whose intense sexual activity was the despair of her gynecologist; of Napoleon's mistress, Maria Walewska, who was asked to sacrifice her virtue to the Emperor to save Poland from his wrath... Perhaps nobody has ever done such justice to Lord Byron's reckless females—among them, the sensuous Teresa Guiccioli, who left her titled husband for Byron, the unhappy Caroline Lamb, who pursued Byron with such passion as to nearly drive him and her husband mad, and the unfortunate Claire Clairmont who gave Byron both a daughter and a hellish time. Certainly no one has ever written so entertainingly about such extraordinary tales as Victoria Woodhull, who ran for president of the United States in 1872 on a platform advocating free love, short skirts, vegetarianism, birth control, and world government (she also made a fortune as the first lady stockbroker, with the backing of her

good friend Commodore Vanderbilt), or Lady Jane Eleanborough, who enjoyed thirty-six renowned lovers (three of them kings) and four husbands (the last an Arab sheik). *The Nympho and Other Maniacs* is a magnificent tour de force, a book that goes far beyond the amusing and incredible adventures of the uninhibited ladies themselves to make some wise and unexpected points about life, love, marriage, and women. After years of plastic surgery and special training, the KGB substitutes a Russian actress for the American First Lady and only journalist Guy Parker notices a few tiny, but telltale, inconsistencies. For half a century Sarah Josepha Hale was the most influential woman in America. As editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*, Hale was the leading cultural arbiter for the growing nation. Women (and many men) turned to her for advice on what to read, what to cook, how to behave, and—most important—what to think. Twenty years before the declaration of women's rights in Seneca Falls, NY, Sarah Josepha Hale used her powerful pen to promote women's right to an education, to work, and to manage their own money. There is hardly an aspect of nineteenth-century culture in which Hale did not figure prominently as a pathbreaker. She was one of the first editors to promote American authors writing on American themes. Her stamp of approval advanced the reputations of Edgar Allan Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. She wrote the first antislavery novel, compiled the first women's

history book, and penned the most recognizable verse in the English language, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Americans' favorite holiday—Thanksgiving—wouldn't exist without Hale. Re-imagining the New England festival as a patriotic national holiday, she conducted a decades-long campaign to make it happen. Abraham Lincoln took up her suggestion in 1863 and proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving. Most of the women's equity issues that Hale championed have been achieved, or nearly so. But women's roles in the "domestic sphere" are arguably less valued today than in Hale's era. Her beliefs about women's obligations to family, moral leadership, and principal role in raising children continue to have relevance at a time when many American women think feminism has failed them. We could benefit from re-examining her arguments to honor women's special roles and responsibilities. Lady Editor re-creates the life of a major nineteenth-century woman, whose career as a writer, editor, and early feminist encompassed ideas central to American history. An American classic first published in 1985 by William Morrow and adapted into an Academy Award-winning film, *The Cider House Rules* is among John Irving's most beloved novels. Set in rural Maine in the first half of the twentieth century, it tells the story of Dr. Wilbur Larch—saint and obstetrician, founder and director of the orphanage in the town of St. Cloud's, ether addict and abortionist. It is also the story of Dr.

Larch's favorite orphan, Homer Wells, who is never adopted. "A novel as good as one could hope to find from any author, anywhere, anytime. Engrossing, moving, thoroughly satisfying." —Joseph Heller, author of *Catch-22* Now available as an ebook for the first time ever in America, the bestselling coming-of-age classic novel by John Irving—the 40th anniversary edition with a new introduction by the author. "He is more than popular. He is a Populist, determined to keep alive the Dickensian tradition that revels in colorful set pieces...and teaches moral lessons." —The New York Times The opening sentence of John Irving's breakout novel *The World According to Garp* signals the start of sexual violence, which becomes increasingly political. "Garp's mother, Jenny Fields, was arrested in Boston in 1942 for wounding a man in a movie theater." Jenny is an unmarried nurse; she becomes a single mom and a feminist leader, beloved but polarizing. Her son, Garp, is less beloved, but no less polarizing. From the tragicomic tone of its first sentence to its mordantly funny last line—"we are all terminal cases"—*The World According to Garp* maintains a breakneck pace. The subject of sexual hatred—of intolerance of sexual minorities and differences—runs the gamut of "lunacy and sorrow." Winner of the National Book Award, *Garp* is a comedy with forebodings of doom. In more than thirty languages, in more than forty countries—with more than ten million copies in print—*Garp* is the precursor of John Irving's later protest novels. "John Irving,

it is abundantly clear, is a true artist."—Los Angeles Times Fred "Bogus" Trumper has troubles. A divorced, broke graduate student of Old Norse in 1970s New York, Trumper is a wayward knight-errant in the battle of the sexes and the pursuit of happiness: His ex-wife has moved in with his childhood best friend, his life is the subject of a tell-all movie, and his chronic urinary tract infection requires surgery. Trumper is determined to change. There's only one problem: it seems the harder he tries to alter his adolescent ways, the more he is drawn to repeating the mistakes of the past. . . . Written when Irving was twenty-nine, Trumper's tale of woe is told with all the wit and humor that would become Irving's trademark. "Three or four times as funny as most novels."—The New Yorker Praise for *The Water-Method Man* "Friendship, marriage, and family are his primary themes, but at that blundering level of life where mishap and folly—something close to joyful malice—perpetually intrude and disrupt, often fatally. Life, in [John] Irving's fiction, is always under siege. Harm and disarray are daily fare, as if the course of love could not run true. . . . Irving's multiple manner . . . his will to come at the world from different directions, is one of the outstanding traits of *The World According to Garp*, but this remarkable flair for . . . stories inside stories . . . is already handled with mastery . . . and with a freedom almost wanton in *The Water-Method Man* [which is *Garp*'s predecessor by six years]."—Terrence Des Pres

“Brutal reality and hallucination, comedy and pathos. A rich, unified tapestry.”—Time “The reigning queen of historical fiction” -- Fiona Davis, New York Times bestselling author of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* The New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *The Huntress* and *The Alice Network* returns with another heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over. 1940. As England prepares to fight the Nazis, three very different women answer the call to mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes. Vivacious debutante Osla is the girl who has everything—beauty, wealth, and the dashing Prince Philip of Greece sending her roses—but she burns to prove herself as more than a society girl, and puts her fluent German to use as a translator of decoded enemy secrets. Imperious self-made Mab, product of east-end London poverty, works the legendary codebreaking machines as she conceals old wounds and looks for a socially advantageous husband. Both Osla and Mab are quick to see the potential in local village spinster Beth, whose shyness conceals a brilliant facility with puzzles, and soon Beth spreads her wings as one of the Park’s few female cryptanalysts. But war, loss, and the impossible pressure of secrecy will tear the three apart. 1947. As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three

friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter--the key to which lies buried in the long-ago betrayal that destroyed their friendship and left one of them confined to an asylum. A mysterious traitor has emerged from the shadows of their Bletchley Park past, and now Osla, Mab, and Beth must resurrect their old alliance and crack one last code together. But each petal they remove from the rose code brings danger--and their true enemy--closer... John Irving, one of the world’s greatest novelists, returns with his first novel in seven years — a ghost story, a love story, and a lifetime of sexual politics. In Aspen, Colorado, in 1941, Rachel Brewster is a slalom skier at the National Downhill and Slalom Championships. Little Ray, as she is called, finishes nowhere near the podium, but she manages to get pregnant. Back home, in New England, Little Ray becomes a ski instructor. Her son, Adam, grows up in a family that defies conventions and evades questions concerning the eventful past. Years later, looking for answers, Adam will go to Aspen. In the Hotel Jerome, where he was conceived, Adam will meet some ghosts; in *The Last Chairlift*, they aren’t the first or the last ghosts he sees. John Irving has written some of the most acclaimed books of our time — among them, *The World According to Garp* and *The Cider House Rules*. A visionary voice on the subject of sexual tolerance, Irving is a bard of alternative families. In *The Last Chairlift*, readers will once more be in his thrall. As crime and violence

threaten to engulf the country, culminating in an attack on the White House itself, the president of the United States proposes an amendment to the Constitution that would allow for the suspension of the Bill of Rights during times of national emergency, but the Attorney General begins to suspect that a larger conspiracy is at work. Reprint. The spectacular bestseller from the author of *VALLEY OF THE DOLLS*. In a time when steak, vodka, and Benzedrine were the three main staples of a healthy diet, when high-powered executives called each other “baby” and movie stars wore wigs to bed, network tycoons had a name for the TV set: they called it “the love machine.” But to supermodel Amanda, socialite Judith and journalist Maggie, “the love machine” meant something else: Robin Stone, “a TV-network titan around whom women flutter like so many moths...The novel deals with his rise and fall as he makes the international sex scene (orgying in London, transvestiting in Hamburg), drinks unlimited quantities and checks out the latest Niensens.”—Newsweek “I READ IT IN ONE GREEDY GULP, ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE.”—Liz Smith “[Susann’s] pulp poetry resonates to this day. *WITH HER FORMULA OF SEX, DRUGS, AND SHOW BUSINESS*, Susann didn’t so much capture the tenor of her times as she did predict the Zeitgeist of ours.”—Detour #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD WINNER FOR MYSTERY/THRILLER An

addictive novel of psychological suspense from the author of #1 New York Times bestseller and global phenomenon *The Girl on the Train* and *A Slow Fire Burning*. "Hawkins is at the forefront of a group of female authors . . . who have reinvigorated the literary suspense novel by tapping a rich vein of psychological menace and social unease... there's a certain solace to a dark escape, in the promise of submerged truths coming to light." —Vogue A single mother turns up dead at the bottom of the river that runs through town. Earlier in the summer, a vulnerable teenage girl met the same fate. They are not the first women lost to these dark waters, but their deaths disturb the river and its history, dredging up secrets long submerged. Left behind is a lonely fifteen-year-old girl. Parentless and friendless, she now finds herself in the care of her mother's sister, a fearful stranger who has been dragged back to the place she deliberately ran from—a place to which she vowed she'd never return. With the same propulsive writing and acute understanding of human instincts that captivated millions of readers around the world in her explosive debut thriller, *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins delivers an urgent, twisting, deeply satisfying read that hinges on the deceptiveness of emotion and memory, as well as the devastating ways that the past can reach a long arm into the present. Beware a calm surface—you never know what lies beneath. First published in the year 1909, the present novel 'The Lady of the Shroud' by Bram

Stoker is an epistolary novel, narrated in the first person via letters and diary extracts from various characters, but mainly Rupert. The initial sections, leading up to the reading of the uncle's will, told by other characters, suggest that Rupert is the black sheep of the family, and the conditions of having to live in the castle in the Blue Mountains for a year before he can permanently inherit the unexpectedly large million-pound estate suggest the uncle is somehow testing the heir. In the stillness of the courtroom a bookseller stands accused of selling a book. Is it a work of sensitive genius or an execrable volume of pornography? Could it have driven a respectable college boy to commit brutal rape? And who is the author of the novel at the vortex of a storm of sensation and controversy? Michael Barret has been asked by a friend to join him in a small law partnership, but has also been offered a huge salary to go into big business. He's certain of his choice, till he is given a chance to be involved with a major case involved with protecting free speech. The case is about the explicit book "The Seven Minutes", which some people consider pornography, while others, Barret included, feel is impressive literature. The main focus of the prosecution's case is a teenager who bought the book, and was soon after arrested for rape. According to the prosecution, the book insinuated the boy to do what he did, so it must be banned. The novel follows the course of the trial, as both Barret and the prosecutor search for reputable

witnesses to prove their side. Written in the 1960s, at the height of Jackie Kennedy's popularity, this book addresses the pressures that American society placed on this strong, vibrant widow. Irving Shulman details Jackie's life leading up to and following the death of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, focusing on the despicable and intrusive behavior of the media. Shulman sees Jackie as a victim of tabloid culture and uses her case to express his contempt for the American press. MANY A TIMES WE COME ACROSS WONDERFUL FACTS OF LIFE WHICH ARE MORE FASCINATING THAN THE FASCINATIONS. TWO PEOPLE RESEMBLING EACH OTHER TOTALLY IS A VERY VERY RARE FACT, BUT IT MAY HAPPEN. TODAY IN THIS WORLD OF CLONING, SCIENCE HAS CREATED SUCH MYSTERIES THAT PRODUCING 100 PEOPLE LOOKING EXACTLY THE SAME IS NO MORE A FASCINATION OR DREAM. YOU MUST BE REMEMBERING THE WELL KNOWN PETITION OF SAINT BHOVAL. HE WAS THE PRINCE OF A STATE AND HAD MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED FROM HIS STATE. HE REAPPEARED AFTER A FEW YEARS. HIS RELATIVES THOUGHT THAT HE IS AN IMPOSTER, A FRAUD, WHO HAS COME TO CLAIM THE RICHES OF THE PRINCELY STATE. THIS PETITION WAS DRAGGED ALONG FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. DURING THE PESHWAI REIGN, THE IMPOSTER OF SADASHIVRAO HAD REACHED PUNE, BUT NANA PHADNIS`S WITS

EXPOSED HIM. THIS STORY OF THE SECOND LADY IS ALSO BASED ON SUCH SITUATION. `SECOND LADY` IS THE STORY OF THE WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF U.S.A. TILL THE END, WE DO NOT COME TO KNOW ABOUT THE REAL FIRST LADY. THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF DOES NOT REALIZE THAT HIS REAL WIFE IS CHANGED WITH SOMEONE ELSE. HE DOES NOT COME ACROSS A SINGLE THING WHICH MAY REVEAL THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE LADY. NOT ONLY HIS SOCIAL LIFE BUT ALSO HIS SEX LIFE GOES ON AS BEFORE, IN THEIR USUAL STYLE. THIS IS A STUNNING NOVEL, WHICH LEAVES THE READERS IN A DILEMMA AT THE END.

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to fit into society's neat categories. And as Billy searches for the truth about himself, In One Person grows into an unforgettable call for compassion in a world marked by failures of love and failures of understanding. Utterly contemporary and topical in its themes, In One Person is one of John Irving's most political novels. It is a book that grapples with the mysteries of identity and the multiple tragedies of the AIDS epidemic, a book about everything that has changed in our sexual life over the last fifty years and everything that still needs to. It's also one of Irving's most sincere and human novels, a book imbued on every page with a spirit of openness that expands and challenges the reader's world. A brand new story in a grand old tradition, In One Person stands out as one of John Irving's finest works - and as such, one of the best and most important American books of the last four decades. WELCOME TO THE EVERLEIGH CLUB — THE WORLD'S MOST SUMPTUOUS BORDELLO MINNA AND AIDA EVERLEIGH — proprietors of the famous "house of pleasure" on Chicago's Levee. KAREN — The mayor's elegant, gorgeous secretary who is playing a dangerous masquerade. CATHLEEN — The Everleighs' socialite niece, a sweet Southern girl soon to learn all about becoming a woman. ALAN — Handsome heir to a Chicago meat-packing empire, who may find the price of desire too high to pay. DR. HOLMES — A serial killer whose Everleigh Club privileges may include picking out his next victim. Destiny ignites their

passions in the splendor of *The Golden Room* where every fantasy — or fear — can come true. "As we grow older--most of all, in what we remember and what we dream--we live in the past. Sometimes, we live more vividly in the past than in the present. As an older man, Juan Diego will take a trip to the Philippines, but what travels with him are his dreams and memories; he is most alive in his childhood and early adolescence in Mexico. "An aura of fate had marked him," John Irving writes, of Juan Diego. "The chain of events, the links in our lives--what leads us where we're going, the courses we follow to our ends, what we don't see coming, and what we do--all this can be mysterious, or simply unseen, or even obvious." *Avenue of Mysteries* is the story of what happens to Juan Diego in the Philippines, where what happened to him in the past--in Mexico--collides with his future"-- A New York Times Notable Book of the Year Elizabeth Tyler MacMann, the ambitious First Lady of the United States (and known in the tabloids as "Lady Bethmac"), is on trial for the death of her philandering husband, and the only man who can save her is the boyfriend she jilted in law school—now the most shameless defense attorney in America. Published to rave reviews, *No Way to Treat a First Lady* is a hilariously warped love story for our time set in the funniest place in America: Washington, D.C. "One night when she was four and sleeping in the bottom bunk of her bunk bed, Ruth Cole woke to the sound of lovemaking—it was

coming from her parents' bedroom." This sentence opens John Irving's ninth novel, *A Widow for One Year*, a story of a family marked by tragedy. Ruth Cole is a complex, often self-contradictory character—a "difficult" woman. By no means is she conventionally "nice," but she will never be forgotten. Ruth's story is told in three parts, each focusing on a critical time in her life. When we first meet her—on Long Island, in the summer of 1958—Ruth is only four. The second window into Ruth's life opens on the fall of 1990, when she is an unmarried woman whose personal life is not nearly as successful as her literary career. She distrusts her judgment in men, for good reason. *A Widow for One Year* closes in the autumn of 1995, when Ruth Cole is a forty-one-year-old widow and mother. She's about to fall in love for the first time. Richly comic, as well as deeply disturbing, *A Widow for One Year* is a multilayered love story of astonishing emotional force. Both ribald and erotic, it is also a brilliant novel about the passage of time and the relentlessness of grief. Now available in a deluxe keepsake edition! A Time Best YA Book of All Time (2021) Run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with E. L. Konigsburg's beloved classic and Newbery Medal-winning novel *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. When Claudia decided to run away, she planned very carefully. She would be gone just long enough to teach her parents a lesson in Claudia appreciation. And she would go in comfort—she

would live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She saved her money, and she invited her brother Jamie to go, mostly because he was a miser and would have money. Claudia was a good organizer and Jamie had some ideas, too; so the two took up residence at the museum right on schedule. But once the fun of settling in was over, Claudia had two unexpected problems: She felt just the same, and she wanted to feel different; and she found a statue at the Museum so beautiful she could not go home until she had discovered its maker, a question that baffled the experts, too. The former owner of the statue was Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Without her—well, without her, Claudia might never have found a way to go home. The groundbreaking novel that propelled its author to literary stardom: told in a continuous monologue from patient to psychoanalyst, Philip Roth's masterpiece draws us into the turbulent mind of one lust-ridden young Jewish bachelor named Alexander Portnoy. *Portnoy's Complaint* n. [after Alexander Portnoy (1933-)] A disorder in which strongly-felt ethical and altruistic impulses are perpetually warring with extreme sexual longings, often of a perverse nature. Spielvogel says: 'Acts of exhibitionism, voyeurism, fetishism, auto-eroticism and oral coitus are plentiful; as a consequence of the patient's "morality," however, neither fantasy nor act issues in genuine sexual gratification, but rather in overriding feelings of shame and the dread of retribution, particularly in the form of

castration.' (Spielvogel, O. "The Puzzled Penis,"
Internationale Zeitschrift für Psychoanalyse,
Vol. XXIV, p. 909.) It is believed by Spielvogel
that many of the symptoms can be traced to the

bonds obtaining in the mother-child
relationship. The discovery of the diary of Saint
Bernadette, which reveals that the Virgin has
promised to reappear at Lourdes in the
twentieth century and perform a miracle cure,

has profound implications for the Vatican. By
the author of The Word. Reprint.

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