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Postcolonial Italy Cristina Lombardi-Diop 2012-12-06 This volume constitutes a multidisciplinary intervention into the emerging field of postcolonial studies in Italy, bringing together cultural and social history, critical and political theory, literary and cinematic analyses, ethnomusicology and cultural studies, anthropological fieldwork, and race, gender, diaspora, and urban studies.

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Lexical Creativity, Texts and Contexts Judith Munat 2007-11-06 The coining of novel lexical items and the creative manipulation of existing words and expressions is heavily dependent on contextual factors, including the semantic, stylistic, textual and social environments in which they occur. The twelve specialists contributing to this collection aim to illuminate creativity in word formation with respect to functional discourse roles, but also examine 'critical creativity' determined by language policy, as well as diachronic phonetic variation in creatively-coined words. The data, based either on large corpora or smaller hand-collected samples, is drawn from advertising, the daily press, electronic communication, literature, spoken interaction, cartoons, lexical ontologies and style guides. The coining of novel lexical items and the creative manipulation of existing words and expressions is heavily dependent on contextual factors, including the semantic, stylistic, textual and social environments in which they occur. The twelve specialists contributing to this collection aim to illuminate creativity in word formation with respect to functional discourse roles, but also examine 'critical creativity' determined by language policy, as well as diachronic phonetic variation in creatively-coined words. The data, based either on large corpora or smaller hand-collected samples, is drawn from advertising, the daily press, electronic communication, literature, spoken interaction, cartoons, lexical ontologies and style guides. Each study analyses novel formations in relation to their contexts of use and inevitably leads to the crucial question of creativity vs. productivity. By focussing on creative lexical formations at the level of parole, these studies provide insights into morphological theory at the level of langue, and ultimately seek to explain lexical creativity as a function of language use.

Be My Knife David Grossman 2014-02-13 'We could be like two people who inject themselves with truth serum, and at long last have to tell it - the truth I want to be able to say to myself, "I bled truth with her," yes, that's what I want. Be a knife for me, and I, I swear, will be a knife for you.' An awkward, neurotic seller of rare books writes a desperate letter to a beautiful stranger whom he sees at a class reunion. This simple, lonely attempt at seduction begins a love affair of words between Yair and Miriam, two married, middle-aged adults, dissatisfied with their lives,

yearning for the connection that has always eluded them - and, eventually, reawakened to feelings that they thought had passed them by. Their correspondence unfolds into an exchange of their most naked confessions: of desire, childhood tragedies, joys, and humiliations. Through the dialogue between Yair - a family man and surprisingly successful adulterer, whose guarded letters reveal a life of duplicity - and Miriam, at first deceptively open and warm, who fills her life with distraction to avoid a past full of painful secrets, **BE MY KNIFE** explores the nature and the limits of intimacy.

Bread Is Gold Massimo Bottura 2017-11-06 Massimo Bottura, the world's best chef, prepares extraordinary meals from ordinary and sometimes 'wasted' ingredients inspiring home chefs to eat well while living well. 'These dishes could change the way we feed the world, because they can be cooked by anyone, anywhere, on any budget. To feed the planet, first you have to fight the waste', Massimo Bottura **Bread is Gold** is the first book to take a holistic look at the subject of food waste, presenting recipes for three-course meals from 45 of the world's top chefs, including Daniel Humm, Mario Batali, René Redzepi, Alain Ducasse, Joan Roca, Enrique Olvera, Ferran & Albert Adrià and Virgilio Martínez. These recipes, which number more than 150, turn everyday ingredients into inspiring dishes that are delicious, economical, and easy to make.

Food for Change 2019 Massimo Bottura is more than a Michelin star-winning chef. Together with Lara Gilmore, he also founded Food for Soul, a non-profit organisation seeking to reduce food waste through social inclusion and mitigate the carbon impact on our planet.

Lateral Cooking Niki Segnit 2019-11-05 A groundbreaking handbook--the "method" companion to its critically acclaimed predecessor, *The Flavor Thesaurus*--with a foreword by Yotam Ottolenghi. Niki Segnit used to follow recipes to the letter, even when she'd made a dish a dozen times. But as she tested the combinations that informed *The Flavor Thesaurus*, she detected the basic rubrics that underpinned most recipes. *Lateral Cooking* offers these formulas, which, once readers are familiar with them, will prove infinitely adaptable. The book is divided into twelve chapters, each covering a basic culinary category, such as "Bread," "Stock, Soup & Stew," or "Sauce." The recipes in each chapter are arranged on a continuum, passing from one to another with just a tweak or two to the method or ingredients. Once you've got the hang of flatbreads, for instance, then its neighboring dishes (crackers, soda bread, scones) will involve the easiest and most intuitive adjustments. The result is greater creativity in the kitchen: *Lateral Cooking* encourages improvisation, resourcefulness, and, ultimately, the knowledge and confidence to cook by heart. *Lateral Cooking* is a practical book, but, like *The Flavor Thesaurus*, it's also a highly enjoyable read, drawing widely on culinary science, history, ideas from professional kitchens, observations by renowned food writers, and Segnit's personal recollections. Entertaining, opinionated, and inspirational, with a handsome three-color design, *Lateral Cooking* will have you torn between donning your apron and settling back in a comfortable chair.

AmGov Christine Barbour 2019-02-12 All the fundamentals. No fluff. Learn more with less! A truly revolutionary American Government textbook, Christine Barbour's *AmGov: Long Story Short*, responds to the needs of today's students and instructors through brevity and accessibility. The succinct ten chapters are separated by tabs that make it easy to skim, flip, revisit, reorient, and return to content quickly. Reading aids like bullets, annotations and arrows walk students through important facts

and break up the material in short, engaging bites of information that highlight not only what is important but why it's important. Though brief, this core book is still robust enough to provide everything that students need to be successful in their American Government course. Whether for the on-the-go student who doesn't have time to read and digest a lengthy chapter, or the instructor who wants a book that will stay out of their way and leave room for plenty of supplementary reading and activities, AmGov provides a perfectly simplified foundation for a successful American Government course.

City Tourism & Culture World Tourism Organization 2005 This study, commissioned by the World Tourism Organization and the European Travel Commission, focuses on city and city-based cultural tourism which has become increasingly important for national city tourism organizations and institutions in Europe. The study itself, aims to increase knowledge on cultural city trips for the members of the ETC, (representing National Tourist Organizations in 33 European countries), city tourist offices, and WTO members. The study offers a conceptual framework that can be used for marketing, communication and product development purposes.

Union Atlantic Adam Haslett 2010-02-09 From the acclaimed author of *Imagine Me Gone* and the Pulitzer Prize finalist *You Are Not A Stranger Here*, a stunning, masterful portrait of our modern gilded age. At the heart of *Union Atlantic* lies a test of wills between a retired history teacher, Charlotte Graves—who has suddenly begun to hear her two dogs speaking to her in the voices of Cotton Mather and Malcolm X—and an ambitious young banker, Doug Fanning, who is building an ostentatious mansion on what was once Charlotte's family land. Drawn into the conflict is Nate Fuller, a troubled high-school student who stirs powerful emotions in both of them. What emerges is a riveting story of financial power, the defense of tradition, and the distortions of desire these forces create. With remarkable scope and precision, *Union Atlantic* delivers a striking vision of the violent, anxious world we've come to inhabit.

Playing for Keeps David Halberstam 2012-12-18 The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist looks at the life and times of the Chicago Bulls superstar— "The best Jordan book so far" (The Washington Post). One of sport's biggest superstars, Michael Jordan is more than an internationally renowned athlete. As illuminated through David Halberstam's trademark balance of impeccable research and fascinating storytelling, Jordan symbolizes the apex of the National Basketball Association's coming of age. Long before multimillion-dollar signings and lucrative endorsements, NBA players worked in relative obscurity, with most games woefully unattended and rarely broadcast on television. Then came Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, Jordan's two great predecessors, and the game's status changed. The new era capitalized on Jordan's talent, will power, and unrivaled competitiveness. In *Playing for Keeps*, Halberstam is at his investigative best, delving into Jordan's expansive world of teammates and coaches. The result is a gripping story of the athlete and media powerhouse who changed a game forever. This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam.

[Sadler. La grande cucina in metà tempo](#) Claudio Sadler 2011-02-23 Un nuovo titolo, particolarmente originale, si aggiunge alla collana dei libri di Claudio Sadler. Da una sfida giocosa nasce una grande e nuova opera. Antipasti, primi piatti, secondi di pesce e di carne e persino dolci: non manca niente. In queste pagine, a ben vedere, si ritrova l'essenza della collana: ricette d'autore realizzabili anche da cuochi non provetti, grazie alla chiarezza espositiva e alla razionale applicazione delle regole che fanno di Claudio Sadler un impareggiabile maestro della cucina. Fra utili consigli e trucchi del mestiere, anche da questa inedita cucina d'autore, rapida e in metà tempo, emerge lo stile Sadler che premia la cultura italiana della tavola, la semplicità e la leggerezza.

Human Figure Drawing Daniela Brambilla 2020-01-07 This book shows how to learn to draw the human figure regaining our ability to observe the subject.

[La grande cucina in metà tempo](#) Claudio Sadler 2010

Tradition in Evolution. The Art and Science in Pastry Leonardo Di Carlo 2014

Dizionario del design italiano Daniele Baroni 1995

Japanese Tea Culture Morgan Pitelka 2013-10-16 From its origins as a distinct set of ritualised practices in the sixteenth century to its international expansion in the twentieth, tea culture has had a major impact on artistic production, connoisseurship, etiquette, food, design and more recently, on notions of Japaneseness. The authors dispel the myths around the development of tea practice, dispute the fiction of the dominance of aesthetics over politics in tea, and demonstrate that writing history has always been an integral part of tea culture.

Martha Stewart's Cooking School (Enhanced Edition)

Martha Stewart 2011-12-20 This enhanced edition of Martha Stewart's *Cooking School* includes 31 instructional step-by-step videos and hundreds of color photographs that demonstrate the fundamental cooking techniques that every home cook should know. Imagine having Martha Stewart at your side in the kitchen, teaching you how to hold a chef's knife, select the very best ingredients, truss a chicken, make a perfect pot roast, prepare every vegetable, bake a flawless pie crust, and much more. In Martha Stewart's *Cooking School*, you get just that: a culinary master class from Martha herself, with lessons for home cooks of all levels. Never before has Martha written a book quite like this one. Arranged by cooking technique, it's aimed at teaching you how to cook, not simply what to cook. Delve in and soon you'll be roasting, broiling, braising, stewing, sautéing, steaming, and poaching with confidence and competence. In addition to the techniques, you'll find more than 200 sumptuous, all-new recipes that put the lessons to work, along with invaluable step-by-step photographs to take the guesswork out of cooking. You'll also gain valuable insight into equipment, ingredients, and every other aspect of the kitchen to round out your culinary education.

Featuring more than 500 gorgeous color photographs, Martha Stewart's *Cooking School* is the new gold standard for everyone who truly wants to know his or her way around the kitchen.

Post-Democracy Colin Crouch 2004-08-13 *Post-Democracy* is a polemical work that goes beyond current complaints about the failings of our democracy and explores the deeper social and economic forces that account for the current malaise. Colin Crouch argues that the decline of those social classes which had made possible an active and critical mass politics has combined with the rise of global capitalism to produce a self-referential political class more concerned with forging links with wealthy business interests than with pursuing political programmes which meet the concerns of ordinary people. He shows how, in some respects, politics at the dawn of the twenty-first century returns us to a world familiar well before the start of the twentieth, when politics was a game played among elites. However, Crouch maintains that the experience of the twentieth century remains salient and it reminds us of possibilities for the revival of politics. This engaging book will prove challenging to all those who claim that advanced societies have reached a virtual best of all possible democratic worlds, and will be compelling reading for anyone interested in the shape of twenty-first-century politics.

Extreme Textiles Maltida McQuaid 2005-06-02 "Featuring examples of fully realized products from all classes of technical textiles--architectural, product design, apparel, medicine, transportation, aerospace, industry, and the environment--*Extreme Textiles* highlights successful collaborations between design, industry, and science. Large, full-color illustrations and essays by some of today's most influential designers and scientists trace the extraordinary developments made in textiles over the last twenty years and suggest what is to come"--Back cover.

[Twelve Years a Slave](#) Solomon Northup 2021-01-01 "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." - an excerpt

[Lost Kingdom](#) Serhii Plokhyy 2018-09-06 In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea and attempted to seize a portion of Ukraine. While the world watched in outrage, this violation of national sovereignty was in fact only the latest iteration of a centuries-long effort to expand Russian boundaries and create a pan-Russian nation. In

Lost Kingdom, award-winning historian Serhii Plokhy argues that we can only understand the merging of imperialism and nationalism in Russia today by delving into its history. Spanning over two thousand years, from the end of the Mongol rule to the present day, Plokhy shows how leaders from Ivan the Terrible to Joseph Stalin to Vladimir Putin have exploited existing forms of identity, warfare and territorial expansion to achieve imperial supremacy. A strikingly ambitious book, *Lost Kingdom* chronicles the long and belligerent history of Russia's empire and nation-building quest.

ScandiKitchen: Fika and Hygge Bronte Aurell 2018-07-11 A follow-up to the successful 'The ScandiKitchen' (published September 2015), this new book from Brontë Aurell features over 60 recipes for cakes, bakes and treats from all over Scandinavia. From indulgent cream confections to homely and comforting fruit cakes and traditional breads, sweet buns and pastries.

The Science of Service Systems Haluk Demirkan 2011-04-20 The Science of Service Systems intends to stimulate discussion and understanding by presenting theory-based research with actionable results. Most of the articles focus on formalizing the theoretical foundations for a science of service systems, examining a wide range of substantive issues and implementations related to service science from various perspectives. From the formal (ontologies, representation specifications, decision-making and maturity models) to the informal (analysis frameworks, design heuristics, anecdotal observations), these contributions provide a snapshot in time of the gradually emerging scientific understanding of service systems. The Science of Service Systems, along with its companion text, *Service Systems Implementation*, is designed to present multidisciplinary and multisectoral perspectives on the nature of service systems, on research and practice in service, and on the future directions to advance service science. These two volumes compose a collection of articles from those involved in the emerging area known as service science.

Rhymes of Early Jungle Folk Mary Marcy 1922

Tea Fit for a Queen Historic Royal Palaces Enterprises Limited 2014-06-26 Filled with recipes that have stood the test of time as well as fascinating anecdotes and tales, *Tea Fit for a Queen* reveals how the tradition of afternoon tea started in royal Britain. Over 40 charming recipes include everything from delicate finger sandwiches to Victoria sponge cake, Chelsea Buns and a Champagne Cocktail. In these pages learn about the infamous royals and their connection to the history of tea; why jam pennies were Queen Elizabeth II's favourite tea time treat and how mead cake came to be served during Henry VIII's reign. Discover what cake William and Catherine selected for their wedding and hear why orange-scented scones became a royal tradition at Kensington Palace. *Tea Fit for a Queen* presents a taste of palace etiquette to take home.

EROTIC ART Cassidy Hughes 2016-07-25 *EROTIC ART* by Cassidy Hughes The whole history of erotic art from prehistory to the present day is explored in this comprehensive, detailed and fully illustrated survey. The major erotic artists of the Western tradition are featured: Egon Schiele, Thomas Rowlandson, Pablo Picasso, Titian, Jean Baptiste Dominique Ingres, Felicien Rops, Michelangelo Buonarroti, Leonardo da Vinci, Pierre Renoir, Amedeo Modigliani, Pierre Louys, Gustave Courbet, J.M.W. Turner, Edgar Degas, Michelangelo de Caravaggio, the Surrealists, Gustav Klimt, Gustave Moreau, Constantin Brancusi, and Eric Gill. Sections include: the female nude male nudes erotica in ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt Oriental erotic art (Taoist, Tantric art from China, Japan and India, including many famous erotic woodcuts) statuary and sculpture prehistoric artefacts (including Goddess art) sexuality in art of the 18th and 19th centuries photography and eroticism. 'Erotic Art' also includes discussions of topics such as art and pornography (illustrated with numerous examples) the female nude the male nude censorship sex and religion sexuality and Christianity pagan and mythological erotic art phallic art lesbian art orgasm voyeurism artists and models. Fully illustrated. This book contains many illustrations which are rare. And an introduction and bibliography. ISBN 9781861715005. 628 pages. Hardback. www.cmoon.com"

The Institute Stephen King 2021-06-29 In the middle of the night,

in a house on a quiet street in suburban Minneapolis, intruders silently murder Luke Ellis' parents and load him into a black SUV. The operation takes less than two minutes. Luke will wake up at The Institute, in a room that looks just like his own, except there's no window. And outside his door are other doors, behind which are other kids with special talents--telekinesis and telepathy--who got to this place the same way Luke did: Kalisha, Nick, George, Iris, and 10-year-old Avery Dixon. They are all in Front Half. Others, Luke learns, graduated to Back Half, "like the roach motel," Kalisha says. "You check in, but you don't check out." In this most sinister of institutions, the director, Mrs. Sigsby, and her staff are ruthlessly dedicated to extracting from these children the force of their extranormal gifts. There are no scruples here. If you go along, you get tokens for the vending machines. If you don't, punishment is brutal. As each new victim disappears to Back Half, Luke becomes more and more desperate to get out and get help. But no one has ever escaped from The Institute.

The Silver Spoon Editors of Phaidon Press 2005-10-01 Presents more than two thousand recipes for traditional Italian dishes.

Lombardia Giovanni Battista Pellegrini 1996

Noah Barleywater Runs Away John Boyne 2011-05-10 Eight-year-old Noah's problems seem easier to deal with if he doesn't think about them. So he runs away, taking an untrodden path through the forest. Before long, he comes across a shop. But this is no ordinary shop: it's a toyshop, full of the most amazing toys, and brimming with the most wonderful magic. And here Noah meets a very unusual toymaker. The toymaker has a story to tell, and it's a story of adventure and wonder and broken promises. He takes Noah on a journey. A journey that will change his life.

And the Wind Sees All Guðmundur Andri Thorsson 2018-10-17 Relaxing Nordic hygge in a novel; the entire story takes place in two minutes. In this story we hear the voices of an Icelandic fishing village. On a summer's day a young woman in a polka-dot dress cycles down the main street. Her name is Kata and she is the village choir conductor. As she passes, we glimpse the members of the village: a priest with a gambling habit, an old brother and sister who have not talked for years, and a sea captain who has lost his son. But perhaps the most interesting story of all belongs to the young woman on the bicycle. Why is she reticent to talk about her past? Why Peirene chose to publish this book: Reading this book was like embarking on a gentle journey - with music in my ears and wind in my hair. Yes, there is some darkness in the tales, and not every character is happy. But the story is told with such empathy that I couldn't help but smile and forgive the flaws that make us human. 'A heart-warming gem of a novel' David Mills, The Sunday Times 'An exceptional novel, full of music, sun and longing' Fréttablaðið

More Than Mere Playthings Julia C. Fischer 2016-06-22 This book is inspired by the 2015 Italian Art Society-sponsored conference sessions of the American Association of Italian Studies. Its seven chapters span the art of ancient Etruria to twentieth century Italy, and explore a variety of media, including mirrors, cameos, treasury objects, reliquaries, ceramics, and figurines.

Contributors approach the topic of the minor arts from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives, including reception, use, patronage, gender issues, propaganda, and iconography. The volume thus fills the lacuna in the scholarship of the minor arts, and reveals that the minor arts are unique and worthy of study for their size, preciousness, patronage, audience, function, portability, and material. Ultimately, in revealing the importance of these objects, the book shows that the division between the major and minor arts is no longer valid, and that these objects of the minor arts hold as much significance as those of the major arts.

Salt is Essential Shaun Hill 2018-08-23 Food needs salt. The quantity is a matter of personal taste but some presence is essential and little is more disappointing from the eating perspective than a plate of food that looks fabulous and tastes of very little. It shows the cook's priorities are all wrong, that too much television cookery has been watched and not enough tasting and enjoyment indulged in.' So says Shaun Hill, who in this engaging exploration of his 50 years as a chef, brings his wealth of experience to the table, sharing what he has learnt so that the home cook can create truly remarkable dishes. Never

one to shy away from controversy, he covers everything from why local and seasonal are not necessarily indicators of quality, to why soy beans are best left for cattle feed and Budapest is paradise for the greedy. The recipes range from Warm Rock Oysters with Spring Onion Butter Sauce to Pork in Shirtsleeves and Buttermilk Pudding with Cardamom. And although his commentary is undeniably witty, it's Shaun's knowledge and expert guidance that makes this book an invaluable tome for anyone who takes their food (but not themselves) seriously. 'This is a book you need to own; a lifetime's hard work in the kitchen distilled into sensible brevity. Shaun is a friend and a great cook.'

Rick Stein

Restaurant Man Joe Bastianich 2013-07-30 The New York Times Bestselling Book--Great gift for Foodies "The best, funniest, most revealing inside look at the restaurant biz since Anthony Bourdain's Kitchen Confidential." —Jay McInerney With a foreword by Mario Batali Joe Bastianich is unquestionably one of the most successful restaurateurs in America—if not the world. So how did a nice Italian boy from Queens turn his passion for food and wine into an empire? In *Restaurant Man*, Joe charts a remarkable journey that first began in his parents' neighborhood eatery. Along the way, he shares fascinating stories about his establishments and his superstar chef partners—his mother, Lidia Bastianich, and Mario Batali. Ever since Anthony Bourdain whet literary palates with *Kitchen Confidential*, restaurant memoirs have been mainstays of the bestseller lists. Serving up equal parts rock 'n' roll and hard-ass business reality, *Restaurant Man* is a compelling ragu-to-riches chronicle that foodies and aspiring restaurateurs alike will be hankering to read.

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Critical CALL - Proceedings of the 2015 EUROCALL

Conference, Padova, Italy Francesca Helm 2015-12-02 The theme of the conference this year was Critical CALL, drawing inspiration from the work carried out in the broader field of Critical Applied Linguistics. The term 'critical' has many possible interpretations, and as Pennycook (2001) outlines, has many concerns. It was from these that we decided on the conference theme, in particular the notion that we should question the assumptions that lie at the basis of our praxis, ideas that have become 'naturalized' and are not called into question. Over 200 presentations were delivered in 68 different sessions, both in English and Italian, on topics related specifically to the theme and also more general CALL topics. 94 of these were submitted as extended papers and appear in this volume of proceedings.

Blood, Bones & Butter Gabrielle Hamilton 2011-03-01 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Before Gabrielle Hamilton opened her acclaimed New York restaurant Prune, she spent twenty hard-living years trying to find purpose and meaning in her life. *Blood, Bones & Butter* follows an unconventional journey through

the many kitchens Hamilton has inhabited through the years: the rural kitchen of her childhood, where her adored mother stood over the six-burner with an oily wooden spoon in hand; the kitchens of France, Greece, and Turkey, where she was often fed by complete strangers and learned the essence of hospitality; Hamilton's own kitchen at Prune, with its many unexpected challenges; and the kitchen of her Italian mother-in-law, who serves as the link between Hamilton's idyllic past and her own future family—the result of a prickly marriage that nonetheless yields lasting dividends. By turns epic and intimate, Gabrielle Hamilton's story is told with uncommon honesty, grit, humor, and passion.

Shrine James Herbert 2011-05-11 Now a major film called *The Unholy* starring *The Walking Dead*'s Jeffrey Dean Morgan. In James Herbert's horror novel *Shrine*, innocence and evil have become one . . . A little girl called Alice. A deaf-mute. A vision. A lady in shimmering white who says she is the immaculate conception. And Alice can suddenly hear and speak, and she can perform miracles. Soon the site of the visitation, beneath an ancient oak tree, has become a shrine, a holy place for thousands of pilgrims. But Alice is no longer the guileless child overwhelmed by her new saintliness. She has become the agent of something corrupt, a vile force that is centuries old.

Paula Spencer Roddy Doyle 2010-06-18 In this new novel, set in contemporary Dublin, Roddy Doyle returns to Paula Spencer ("One of Doyle's finest creations" - Toronto Star), the beloved heroine of the bestselling *The Woman Who Walked into Doors*, with spectacular results. Paula Spencer begins on the eve of Paula's forty-eighth birthday. She hasn't had a drink for four months and five days. Having outlived an abusive husband and father, Paula and her four children are now struggling to live their adult lives, with two of the kids balancing their own addictions. Knowing how close she always is to the edge, Paula rebuilds her life slowly, taking pride in the things she accomplishes, helped sometimes by the lists she makes to plan for the future. As she goes about her daily routine working as a cleaning woman, and cooking for her two children at home, she re-establishes connections with her two sisters, her mother and grandchildren, expanding her world. She discovers the latest music, the Internet and text-messaging, treats herself to Italian coffees, and gradually ventures beyond her house, where she's always felt most comfortable. As Paula thinks of herself, "She's a new-old woman, learning how to live." Doyle has movingly depicted a woman, both strong and fragile, who is fighting back and finally equipped to be a mother to her children - but now that they're mostly grown up, is it too late? Doyle's fans and new readers alike will root for Paula to stay clean and find a little healing for herself and her children, amidst the threat that it may all go wrong.