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### The Unlimited Dream Company: A Novel

Fantasy is one of the most appealing and yet most puzzling of literary genres. Appealing because it can offer dreams, the fulfillment of wishes, and escape; but puzzling because it spans such a wide and diverse range of books. In Fantasy: The

100 Best Books, James Cawthorn and Michael Moorcock present a wide-ranging cross-section of the fantasy genre, from its eighteenth century Gothic origins through nineteenth century literary classics, pulp-era weird fiction, and on to modern favorites. Recognized classics are accompanied by lesser-known works ripe for rediscovery, resulting in an interestingly idiosyncratic and uniquely valuable guide to two-and-a-half centuries of fantastic stories.

### **The Kindness of Women**

### **The Wind from Nowhere**

Science fiction-noveller.

### **The Drought**

### **Myths of the Near Future**

"A remarkable piece of invention, a flight from the world of the familiar and the real into the exotic universe of dream and desire." —New York Times Book Review

When a light aircraft crashes into the Thames at Shepperton, the young pilot who struggles to the surface minutes later seems to have come back from the dead. Within hours everything in the dormitory suburb is transformed. Vultures invade rooftops, luxuriant tropical vegetation overruns the quiet avenues, and the local inhabitants are propelled by the young man's urgent visions through ecstatic sexual celebrations toward an apocalyptic climax. In this characteristically inventive novel Ballard displays to devastating effect the extraordinary imagination that has established him as one of the twentieth century's most visionary writers.

### **The Drought: A Novel**

First published in 1978, this collection of nineteen of J. G. Ballard's best short stories is as timely and informed as ever. His tales of the human psyche and its relationship to nature and technology, as viewed through a strong microscope, were eerily prescient and now provide greater perspective on our computer-dominated culture. Ballard's voice and vision have long served as a font of inspiration for today's cyber-punks, the authors and futurists who brought the information age into the mainstream.

### **Super-Cannes**

The author of such novels as "Empire of the Sun" and "Crash" recalls his childhood, his first attempts at science fiction, and his life as a single father after the premature death of his wife.

## **Miracles of Life: Shanghai to Shepperton, An Autobiography**

“J.G. Ballard is the undisputed laureate of suburban psychosis. . . . A brilliant novel.”—Literary Review A violent novel filled with insidious twists, Kingdom Come follows the exploits of Richard Pearson, a rebellious, unemployed advertising executive, whose father is gunned down by a deranged mental patient in a vast shopping mall outside Heathrow Airport. When the prime suspect is released without charge, Richard’s suspicions are aroused. Investigating the mystery, Richard uncovers at the Metro-Centre mall a neo-fascist world whose charismatic spokesperson is whipping up the masses into a state of unsustainable frenzy. Riots frequently terrorize the complex, immigrant communities are attacked by hooligans, and sports events mushroom into jingoistic political rallies. In this gripping, dystopian tour de force, J.G. Ballard holds up a mirror to suburban mind rot, revealing the darker forces at work beneath the gloss of consumerism and flag-waving patriotism.

## **J. G. Ballard**

A startling and at times unsettlingly prescient collection of J.G. Ballard's greatest interviews.

### **Garden of Time**

Making the case that J. G. Ballard's fiction must be read within the framework of Surrealism, Jeannette Baxter argues for a radical revisioning of Ballard that takes account of the political and ethical dimensions of his work. A very different portrait of Ballard emerges, one that has implications for our understanding of post-war history and culture, the role of the reader and the function of the written text within a predominantly visual culture.

### **Memories of the Space Age**

The classic novel of luxury and depravity, now a major motion picture. From the author of the celebrated dystopian classics *Kingdom Come*, *The Drowned World*, and *The Drought*, *High Rise* is a prescient story of class warfare. The film adaptation by acclaimed director Ben Wheatley (*Sightseers*, *Kill List*) features Academy Award® winner Jeremy Irons; BAFTA Award nominees Tom Hiddleston and Sienna Miller; Luke Evans and Golden Globe Award® winner Elisabeth Moss. When explosive loyalties form inside a luxurious apartment block isolated from the

rest of society, modern elevators become fierce battlegrounds and cocktail parties degenerate into marauding attacks on “enemy” floors. In this chilling tale, humanity slips into violent reverse as once-peaceful residents, driven by primal urges, re-create a world ruled by the laws of the jungle.

### **Chronopolis**

### **J.G. Ballard's Surrealist Imagination**

‘Snort up “Cocaine Nights”. It’s disorientating, deranging and knocks the work of other avant-garde writers into a hatted cock’ Will Self

### **Empire of the Sun**

"Harsh and ingenious! High Rise is an intense and vivid bestiary, which lingers unsettlingly in the mind." —Martin Amis, *New Statesman* When a class war erupts inside a luxurious apartment block, modern elevators become violent battlegrounds and cocktail parties degenerate into marauding attacks on “enemy” floors. In this visionary tale, human society slips into violent reverse as once-peaceful residents, driven by primal urges, re-create a world ruled by the laws of

the jungle.

## **Cocaine Nights**

First published in 1970 and widely regarded as a prophetic masterpiece, this is a groundbreaking experimental novel by the acclaimed author of 'Crash' and 'Super-Cannes'.

## **Fantasy: The 101 Best Books**

This book introduces art projects that resulted from unconventional explorations, curious experiments and their creative translations into sensorial experiences. Using electronic and digital art, bioart, sculpture and installations, sound and performance, the authors are removing boundaries between natural and artificial, real and imaginary, science and culture. The invited artists and researchers come from cutting-edge fields of art production that focuses on creating aesthetic experiences and performative situations. Their artworks create a spatial aesthetic experience for visitors by manifesting themselves in physical space. Experiencing the Unconventional is a unique selection of works by artists not based on formal similarities, but on investigative practices. It offers in-depth insights and first-hand working experiences into current production of art works at the edge of art,

science and technology. Contents: Epistemological Machines and Protocomputing (Mitchell Whitelaw and Ralf Baecker) The Crystal World (Jonathan Kemp) Nigredo: Configuring Human and Technological Bodies (Marco Donnarumma) Sensing Spatial Experiences. The Essential Nature of Things (Sonia Cillari) Perfect Paul: On Freedom of Facial Expression (Arthur Elsenaar) Hacking the Universe (Frederik De Wilde) Mesoscopic Ripples in the Neural Sea (Evelina Domnitch and Dmitry Gelfand) Vanitas Machine (Verena Friedrich) Interview with Verena Friedrich Connections Continuum: A Life (Saša Spačal) A New State of the Living (Dmitry Bulatov) That Which Lives in Me (Dmitry Bulatov and Alexey Chebykin) Robotics and Design: Towards a New Symbiosis in Gilberto Esparza's Artwork (Reynaldo Thompson and Tirtha P Mukhopadhyay) Pancreas. All Flesh (Candyman) Demons of Art (Interview with Thomas Feuerstein by Hartmut Böhme) Metabodies — Exploring Social Networks on Our Body (Sonja Bäumel and Manuel Selg) Re-Imagining the Biological Membrane (Juan M Castro) Bodymetrics. Mapping the Human Body Through Amorphous Intelligence (Theresa Schubert, Michael Markert, Moritz Dreßler, Andrew Adamatzky) The Engineer's Report: "Swarm Cities" and Other Synthetic Companions (Francisco Gallardo and Álvaro Castro-Castilla) Der Zermesser (Leo Peschta) Interview with Leo Peschta Readership: Artists and scientists interested in removing boundaries between their work. Key Features: Brings together established and emerging artists from Europe, the Americas and Asia Provides in-depth insight and first hand working experiences into art works at the edge of art, science and technology Keywords: Media Art; Electronic

Art;Bioart;Unconventional Computing;Science;Technology;Robotics;Body Sensors

## **The Best Short Stories of J. G. Ballard**

### **The Atrocity Exhibition**

In *The Kindness of Women*, a sequel to his award-winning *Empire of the Sun*, young James returns to England at the end of World War II. He stumbles through medical study at Cambridge, trains briefly as an RAF pilot in Canada, and marries. When his wife dies suddenly, Jim is thrust into the violence and sexual promiscuity of the sixties. Penetrating and wise, J. G. Ballard's biting social commentary and pushing of boundaries make this semi-autobiographical novel a small classic.

### **Extreme Metaphors**

Dr. Mallory, director of the WHO clinic in Port-la-Nouvelle, dreams of bringing water to the region, and unexpectedly discovers a new river, which he names after himself.

### **The Overloaded Man**

"A HIGHLY ORIGINAL DYSTOPIAN MASTERPIECE" --Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize winning author of March "FOR ALL THE POETRY AND LYRICISM, THE CHIMES IS A SOLID SUSPENSEFUL ADVENTURE STORY AT HEART" --NPR Books A mind-expanding literary debut composed of memory, music and imagination. A boy stands on the roadside on his way to London, alone in the rain. No memories, beyond what he can hold in his hands at any given moment. No directions, as written words have long since been forbidden. No parents--just a melody that tugs at him, a thread to follow. A song that says if he can just get to the capital, he may find some answers about what happened to them. The world around Simon sings, each movement a pulse of rhythm, each object weaving its own melody, music ringing in every drop of air. Welcome to the world of The Chimes. Here, life is orchestrated by a vast musical instrument that renders people unable to form new memories. The past is a mystery, each new day feels the same as the last, and before is blasphemy. But slowly, inexplicably, Simon is beginning to remember. He emerges from sleep each morning with a pricking feeling, and sense there is something he urgently has to do. In the city Simon meets Lucien, who has a gift for hearing, some secrets of his own, and a theory about the danger lurking in Simon's past. A stunning debut composed of memory, music, love and freedom, The Chimes pulls you into a world that will captivate, enthrall and inspire.

### **The Imperial Archive**

## **The Impossible Man**

Argues that by meeting the vast administrative challenge of the British Empire - thorough maps and surveys, censuses and statistics - Victorian administrators developed a new symbiosis of knowledge and power. The book draws on works by Rudyard Kipling, H.G. Wells and Bram Stoker.

## **The Reapers Are the Angels**

A chilling novel about our modern world, from the author of Empire of the Sun and Crash.

## **Concrete Island**

"This fable lifts a great freight of ideas effortlessly...The story of an expedition driven on by wishes of possession and power but guided internally by myths of America whose sources lie in the late 20th century." —Guardian Following the energy crisis of the late twentieth century, America has been abandoned. Now, a century later, a small group of European explorers returns to the now climatically mutated continent. But America is unrecognizable—the Bering Strait has been

dammed and much of the country has become a desert, populated by isolated natives and the bizarre remnants of a disintegrated culture. The expedition sets off from Manhattan on a cross-country journey, through Holiday Inns and abandoned theme parks, to uncover a shocking new power in the heart of Las Vegas.

### **A User's Guide to the Millennium**

Prophetic short stories and apocalyptic novels like *The Crystal World* made J. G. Ballard a foundational figure in the British New Wave. Rejecting the science fiction of rockets and aliens, he explored an inner space of humanity informed by psychiatry and biology and shaped by Surrealism. Later in his career, Ballard's combustible plots and violent imagery spurred controversy--even legal action--while his autobiographical 1984 war novel *Empire of the Sun* brought him fame. D. Harlan Wilson offers the first career-spanning analysis of an author who helped steer SF in new, if startling, directions. Here was a writer committed to moral ambiguity, one who drowned the world and erected a London high-rise doomed to descend into savagery--and coolly picked apart the characters trapped within each story. Wilson also examines Ballard's methods, his influence on cyberpunk, and the ways his fiction operates within the sphere of our larger culture and within SF itself.

## **Vermilion Sands**

From J. G. Ballard, author of 'Crash' and 'Cocaine Nights' comes his extraordinary vision of an African forest that turns all in its path to crystal.

## **High-Rise: A Novel (Movie Tie-in Editions)**

Long-regarded as one of the true visionary writers of the twentieth century, J.G. Ballard was one of the first British writers of the post-war period to begin to see, and to map out in his fiction, the future course of our civilization. For forty years his unflinching eye has turned to the point where the advancing edge of our technological progress has worn away our inner humanity. Eden-Olympia is more than just a multinational business park, it is a virtual city-state in itself, with the latest in services and facilities for the most elite high-tech industries. Isolated and secure, overlooking the luxurious French Riviera, the residents lack nothing. Yet one day Dr. Greenwood from Eden-Olympia's clinic goes on a suicidal shooting spree. Dr. Jane Sinclair is hired as his replacement, and she and her husband, Paul, are given Dr. Greenwood's house as a residence. Unable to work while recovering from an accident, Paul spends his days taking a close look at the house where Dr. Greenwood shot himself and three hostages. He discovers clues in the house lead him to question Eden-Olympia's official account of the killings. Drawn into

investigating the activities of the park's leading citizens, while Jane is lured deeper into Eden-Olympia's inner workings, Paul uncovers the dangerous psychological vents that maintain Eden-Olympia's smoothly running surface. An experiment is underway at Eden-Olympia, an experiment in power and brutality. Soon Paul finds himself in race to save himself and his wife before they are crushed by forces that may be beyond anyone's control.

### **The Crystal World**

### **The Drowned World**

"First published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux"--Title page verso.

### **Kingdom Come: A Novel**

An apocalyptic dystopia like no other, one whose "originality and power [of] vision can be felt" (Times Literary Supplement). Weird and mesmerizingly grotesque, *The Drought* tells the chilling story of the world on the brink of extinction, where a global drought, brought on by industrial waste, has left mankind in a life-or-death search for water. Violence erupts and insanity reigns as the human race struggles

for survival in a worldwide desert of despair.

## **Narrating Life - Experiments with Human and Animal Bodies in Literature, Science and Art**

Literary criticism. Cultural studies. Highly acclaimed as a science fiction writer, J.G. Ballard far transcends that label. Ballard has delineated an updated mythology and philosophy coherent for our times, ranging from his investigation of the psychosexual significance of the car crash (in CRASH) to the barbarism latent in a new vertical condominium (in HIGH-RISE). In this strikingly illustrated volume, encompassing interviews and a wealth of rare selections from every aspect of Ballard's career, introduce yourself to the advanced thinking of a major contemporary writer. Highly recommended as both an introduction and a tribute to this remarkable writer. -- The Washington Post.

## **Experiencing the Unconventional**

Collects all ninety-two of the late Empire of the Sun author's stories--including "Prima Belladonna," "Dead Time," and "The Index"-- which span five decades and explore everything from musical orchids to human cannibalism to the secret history of World War III.

## **J. G. Ballard**

How is the relationship between literature, science and the arts informed by the process of narrating life, and how do literature, science and the arts affect and are affected by the emergence of a critical culture of biopolitics and its rhetorical figurations?

### **The Complete Stories of J. G. Ballard**

The "Cape Canaveral" stories, eight stories originally published between 1962 and 1985.

### **The Crystal World**

First published 1982. Short stories providing visions of other times and other places, where nothing seems quite right

### **The Day of Creation: A Novel**

A collection of novelist's non-fiction writings spanning more than thirty years addresses topics including the arts, science, literature, popular culture, and his

own life

## **Hello America: A Novel**

### **The Chimes**

Zombies have infested a fallen America. A young girl named Temple is on the run. Haunted by her past and pursued by a killer, Temple is surrounded by death and danger, hoping to be set free. For twenty-five years, civilization has survived in meager enclaves, guarded against a plague of the dead. Temple wanders this blighted landscape, keeping to herself and keeping her demons inside her heart. She can't remember a time before the zombies, but she does remember an old man who took her in and the younger brother she cared for until the tragedy that set her on a personal journey toward redemption. Moving back and forth between the insulated remnants of society and the brutal frontier beyond, Temple must decide where ultimately to make a home and find the salvation she seeks. "Alden Bell provides an astonishing twist on the southern gothic: like Flannery O'Connor with zombies." —Michael Gruber, New York Times bestselling author of *The Book of Air and Shadows*

**High-Rise: A Novel**

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