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An arresting un-coming-of-age story, from a breathtaking talent Becca has always longed to break free from her

small, backwater hometown. But the discovery of an unidentified dead girl on the side of a dirt road sends the town--and Becca--into a tailspin. Unable to make sense of the violence of the outside world creeping into her backyard, Becca finds herself retreating inward, paralyzed from moving forward for the first time in her life. Short chapters detailing the last days of Amelia Anne Richardson's life are intercut with Becca's own summer as the parallel stories of two young women struggling with self-identity and relationships on the edge twist the reader closer and closer to the truth about Amelia's death. This book examines the entire literary production of French playwright and novelist Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt (b.1960), listed by the Publishing Trends as one of the most widely read authors in the world today. Schmitt's works have been translated into thirty-five languages and his plays performed in thirty countries. Professor Hsich situates Schmitt within the French theatre tradition, while identifying recurring themes in his theatre and fiction, as well as intertextual references to other literary works. She highlights the relevance of his writings in today's increasingly multicultural societies, and describes the philosophy underlying his literary output and his ethics as a writer. From one of the world's biggest selling authors comes another million-copy worldwide bestseller: A beautiful and tender fable seen through the eyes of a Jewish child living in Belgium under the Nazi occupation. It is 1942 and the Jews are being deported from Belgium. Separated from his parents, seven-year-old Joseph must go into hiding. He is taken in the dead of night to an

orphanage, the Villa Jaune, where the benign and enigmatic Father Pons presides over a motley assortment of children. With the ever-present threat of the Gestapo growing closer, Joseph learns that the secret of survival is to conceal his Jewish heritage. Soon Joseph also discovers that Father Pons has a secret of his own: he is risking his life not only for the boys in his care, but for the Jewish faith itself. Sensitive, funny and deeply humane, Noah's Child is a simple fable that reveals the complexities of faith, bravery and the human condition. Inside the Pentagon's secretive and revolutionary new strategy to fight terrorism--and its game-changing effects in the Middle East and at home In the years following the 9/11 attacks, the United States waged a "war on terror" that sought to defeat Al Qaeda through brute force. But it soon became clear that this strategy was not working, and by 2005 the Pentagon began looking for a new way. In Counterstrike, Eric Schmitt and Thom Shanker of The New York Times tell the story of how a group of analysts within the military, at spy agencies, and in law enforcement has fashioned an innovative and effective new strategy to fight terrorism, unbeknownst to most Americans and in sharp contrast to the cowboy slogans that characterized the U.S. government's public posture. Adapting themes from classic Cold War deterrence theory, these strategists have expanded the field of battle in order to disrupt jihadist networks in ever more creative ways. Schmitt and Shanker take readers deep into this theater of war, as ground troops, intelligence operatives, and top executive branch officials have worked together to redefine and restrict the

geography available for Al Qaeda to operate in. They also show how these new counterterrorism strategies, adopted under George W. Bush and expanded under Barack Obama, were successfully employed in planning and carrying out the dramatic May 2011 raid in which Osama bin Laden was killed. Filled with startling revelations about how our national security is being managed, *Counterstrike* will change the way Americans think about the ongoing struggle with violent radical extremism. Five unforgettable stories. "What a delight when a writer hits his target as deftly and with such beauty as Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt does in *Invisible Love*" (New York Journal of Books). In this latest collection, two young lovers secretly love the child they will never be able to have; an esteemed physician and survivor of the Nazi concentration camps finds inner peace thanks to the love of a faithful dog; a man loves his wife through the memories of her first husband; and a mother rediscovers love for her child when someone tries to take that child from her. And finally, Séverine and Benjamin understand that they have lost the love of their lives when they see themselves through the eyes of a young terminally ill girl. Love is not easy, and not always easy to find; at times, it is obliged to circumvent social norms, and thus transform them; it must be desired, sought, defended. We cannot know what life has in store for us, but we do know that whatever it is, it will only be meaningful if borne on the wings of love. Schmitt's sublime stories remind us how true this is. Praise for Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt "There is a surprising sweetness to Schmitt's stories of redemption and

reconciliation. They carry a slight pleasant aftertaste, a lingering hint of delight." —The Boston Globe "Schmitt's stories capture a quirky, clever, feminist, very French sensibility." —Publishers Weekly "Moral fables, gilded mini-legends: Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt's stories are fiendishly efficient. Schmitt is a prodigious story-teller with a style both elegant and assured." —Les Echos

In this clear and detailed reading guide, we've done all the hard work for you! In *Oscar and the Lady in Pink* by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, Oscar, a ten-year-old boy who suffers from leukemia, addresses letters to God in which he expresses his fears, joys, hopes and sorrows. With the help of Mamie Rose, a wise and imaginative old lady, he lives a full life over the course of his last few days, and comes to term with his fate. This practical and insightful reading guide includes:

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happiness with the help and teachings of his old friend, Mr. Ibrahim. The novel was later adapted for film, with the actor portraying Mr. Ibrahim winning a César Award for Best Actor. Schmitt's plays have been performed in over fifty countries around the world, as well as being translated into forty languages, showing the influence his writings have had on modern literature. Find out everything you need to know about Mr. Ibrahim and the Flowers of the Koran in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

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« Je m'appelle Saad Saad, ce qui signifie en arabe Espoir Espoir et en anglais Triste Triste. » Saad veut quitter Bagdad, son chaos, pour gagner l'Europe, la liberté, un avenir. Mais comment franchir les frontières sans un dinar en poche ? Comment, tel Ulysse, affronter les tempêtes, survivre aux naufrages, échapper aux trafiquants d'opium, ignorer le chant des sirènes devenues rockeuses, se soustraire à la cruauté d'un géôlier cyclopéen ou s'arracher aux enchantements amoureux d'une Calypso sicilienne ? Tour à tour violent, bouffon, tragique, le voyage sans retour de Saad commence. D'aventures en tribulations, rythmé par les

conversations avec un père tendre et inoubliable, ce roman narre l'exode d'un de ces millions d'hommes qui, aujourd'hui, cherchent une place sur la terre : un clandestin. Conteur captivant, témoin fraternel, Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt livre une épopée picaresque de notre temps et interroge la condition humaine. Les frontières sont-elles le bastion de nos identités ou le dernier rempart de nos illusions ?

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Een Parijse man droomt dat hij de reïncarnatie is van de kwaadaardige oom van een beroemde Tibetaanse kluizenaar; hij kan slechts van die nare droom afkomen door hem duizendmaal te vertellen. This brief, beautifully crafted novel introduces one of the finest contemporary Arab novelists to English-speaking audiences. In it, Bahaa' Taher, one of a group of Egyptian writers—including the Nobel Laureate Naguib Mahfouz—noted for their revealing portraits of Egyptian life and society, tells the dramatic story of a young Muslim who, when his life is threatened,

finds sanctuary in a community of Coptic monks. It is a tale of honor and of the terrible demands of blood vengeance; it probes the question of how a people or nation can become divided against itself. Taher has a magical gift for evoking the village life of Upper Egypt—a vastly different setting than urban Cairo and a landscape that tourists usually glimpse only from the windows of trains and buses taking them to the Pharaonic sites. Here, where Christians and Muslims have coexisted peacefully for centuries, where the traditions of the Coptic Church are as powerful as those of the Muslims, Taher crafts an intricate and compelling tale of far-reaching implications. With a powerful narrative voice and a genius for capturing the complex nuances of human interaction, Taher brilliantly depicts the poignant drama of a traditional society caught up in the process of change. Internationally acclaimed play of cross-cultural friendship *Paris in the 1960s*. Thirteen-year-old Moses lives in the shadow of his less-than loving father. When he's caught stealing from wise old shopkeeper Monsieur Ibrahim, he discovers an unlikely friend and a whole new world. Together they embark on a journey that takes them from the streets of Paris to the whirling dervishes of the Golden Crescent. This delightful, moving play has already been a huge hit in Paris and New York. Performed in thirteen countries and published in twelve languages, it is also an award-winning film starring Omar Sharif. *Monsieur Ibrahim and the Flowers of the Qur'an* received its UK premiere at the Bush Theatre on 17 January 2006. First publication in English of France's most successful contemporary playwright Don

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Literature analysis made easy. Build your students' confidence in their language abilities and help them develop the skills needed to critique their chosen work: putting it into context, understanding the themes and narrative technique, as well as specialist terminology. Breaking down each scene, character and theme in *L'étranger*, this accessible guide will enable your students to understand the historical and social context of the novel and give them the critical and language skills needed to write a successful essay. - Strengthen language skills with relevant grammar, vocab and writing exercises throughout - Aim for top marks by building a bank of textual examples and quotes to enhance exam response - Build confidence with knowledge-check questions at the end of every chapter - Revise effectively with pages of essential vocabulary and key mind maps throughout - Feel prepared for exams with advice on how to write an essay, plus sample essay questions, two levels of model answers and examiner commentary A collection of eight stories

from the French playwright and novelist feature a variety of interesting women characters. Stories from the bestselling author of *The Most Beautiful Book in the World*, “a prodigious storyteller with a style both elegant and assured” (Les Echos). In this collection’s opening story, a woman with more skeletons in the closet than most falls in love with a parish priest, to whom she confesses her sins. But her motives and her intentions are anything but honorable or pious. The title story is the tale of two friends and rivals whose differences will at first lead to a terrifying and near fatal accident, and then to a vendetta lasting a lifetime. In “The Return,” while away at sea, a father is told that one of his four daughters has died but not which. He will ask himself the question no father should have to ask: which child would he want dead? His long ruminations will lead him to a realization of his failings as a man and a father and ultimately toward a touching transformation. “Love at the Elysée Palace” is as fine a short story as any in contemporary literature, and one that treats the themes of love, marriage, and forgiveness with superb delicacy and remarkable tenderness. In this vivid collection, Schmitt writes about regret and redemption, about the roles of love and memory in our lives, all with a lightness and compassion that is as rare as it is inspiring. “A wonderful book of remarkable everyday heroes who will haunt readers for a long time to come.” —L’Express “A small masterpiece.” —Le Parisien The international bestselling story collection. “Truth and beauty are here brought together with all the visual beauty and power of a major literary work” (Lire

Magazine, France). A cast of extravagant and affecting characters lovingly portrayed by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt animates these eight contemporary fables about people in search of happiness. One of Europe's most popular and bestselling authors, Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt captivates the reader with his spirited style and enchanting stories that move effortlessly from the everyday to the fantastical. The eight stories in this collection, his first to be published in English, represent his best and most imaginative storylines: from the touching and surprising love story between Balthazar, a wealthy author, and Odette, a shop clerk, to the tale of a barefooted princess; from the moving title story about a group of female prisoners in a Soviet gulag to the entertaining portrait of a perennially disgruntled perfectionist. Behind each story lies a simple, if elusive, truth: though we may be frequently blind to it, happiness is often right in front of our eyes.

A vingt-huit ans, Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt entreprend une randonnée dans le grand sud algérien. Au cours de l'expédition, il perd de vue ses compagnons et s'égare dans l'immensité du Hoggar. Sans eau ni vivres durant dans la nuit glaciale du désert, il n'éprouve nulle peur mais sent au contraire se soulever en lui une force brûlante. Poussière d'étoiles dans l'infini, le philosophe rationaliste voit s'ébranler toutes ses certitudes. Un sentiment de paix, de bonheur, d'éternité l'envahit. Ce feu, pourquoi ne pas le nommer Dieu ? Cette nuit de feu - ainsi que Pascal nommait sa nuit mystique -, Eric Emmanuel Schmitt la raconte pour la première fois, dévoilant au fil d'un fascinant voyage intérieur son intimité spirituelle et l'expérience

miraculeuse qui a transformé sa vie d'homme et d'écrivain. Les chemins qu'il trace ici sont inscrits en chacun de nous. Unlock the more straightforward side of Oscar and the Lady in Pink with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Oscar and the Lady in Pink by Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt, a novel about a young boy called Oscar who is suffering from a serious disease and has days left to live. Through his relationship with a former wrestler called Granny Rose, Oscar slowly comes to terms with his situation and, with the help of letters he writes to God, makes his peace with it. A part of the Cycle of the Invisible, Oscar and the Lady in Pink has been adapted for both the theatre and the cinema. Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt began his career as a scriptwriter but soon moved on to writing novels, many of which prominently feature religion. In 2013, he published his first graphic novel. Find out everything you need to know about Oscar and the Lady in Pink in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

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tradition. With deep learning and elegance, David Nirenberg shows how foundational anti-Judaism is to the history of the West"--Amazon. From the author of *The Most Beautiful Book in the World*, a literary tour de force of contemporary eroticism. "This message is just to say I love you. Signed: You know who." A love note is delivered anonymously to each inhabitant of Piazza Guy d'Arezzo in Brussels one morning, triggering a series of adventures and misadventures that, over 600 pages, develop into a sumptuous comedy of manners that is sexy, sensual, affecting, encyclopaedic, and unlike anything written previously by Schmitt. Employing a roving camera technique that recalls both the stylish cinematic tradition of French New Wave and the films by Fellini and Antonioni, *The Carousel of Desire* is a sexual and romantic saga told with a master storyteller's feel for character and plot, and a philosopher's abiding preoccupation with what makes life truly worthwhile. Schmitt tells a colourful tale about class and community, about the varieties of human experience. His love of coincidence and serendipity is surpassed only by his affection for his all-too-human characters: Zachary Bidermann, the powerful E.U. commissioner; Faustina, the fashionable book publicist; Francois-Maxime de Couvigne, the happily married banker with more than a few secrets; Marcelle, enamoured of a handsome illegal immigrant; and Miss Beauvert, who makes love with her parrot, Copernicus. These and many more unforgettable characters animate this story of simmering desire and mischievous Eros. *Quel rapport entre une femme qui empoisonne ses maris successifs et*

un président de la République amoureux ? Quel lien entre un simple marin honnête et un escroc international vendant des bondieuseries usinées en Chine ? Par quel miracle, une image de sainte Rita, patronne des causes désespérées, devient-elle le guide mystérieux de leurs existences ? Tous ces héros ont eu la possibilité de se racheter, de préférer la lumière à l'ombre. À chacun, un jour, la rédemption a été offerte. Certains l'ont reçue, d'autres l'ont refusée, quelques uns ne se sont aperçus de rien. Quatre histoires liées entre elles. Quatre histoires qui traversent l'ordinaire et l'extraordinaire de toute vie. Quatre histoires qui creusent cette question : sommes-nous libres ou subissons-nous un destin ? Pouvons-nous changer ?

Suivi du journal tenu par Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt durant l'écriture, *Concerto à la mémoire d'un ange* s'inscrit dans la lignée d'*Odette Toulemonde* et *La Rêveuse d'Ostende*. " Si les hommes ont la naïveté de croire en Dieu, les chiens ont la naïveté de croire en l'homme ". Quel est donc le secret qui cadennasse l'âme de Samuel Heymann, ce médecin apprécié de tous mais qui reste un inconnu même aux yeux de sa fille ? Quelle est l'admirable relation qui le lie depuis 40 ans à ses chiens ? Mené comme une enquête policière, ce texte émouvant traite de la communication entre les êtres, de la vengeance et du pardon : une surprenante et bouleversante leçon d'humanité.

From the international bestselling author of *Fresh Water for Flowers*, a beautifully told and suspenseful story about the ties that bind us and the choices that make us who we are. 1986: Adrien, Etienne and Nina are 10 years old when they meet at school and

quickly become inseparable. They promise each other they will one day leave their provincial backwater, move to Paris, and never part. 2017: A car is pulled up from the bottom of the lake, a body inside. Virginie, a local journalist with an enigmatic past reports on the case while also reflecting on the relationship between the three friends, who were unusually close when younger but now no longer speak. . As Virginie moves closer to the surprising truth, relationships fray and others are formed. Valérie Perrin has an unerring gift for delving into life. In *Three*, she brings readers along with her through a sequence of heart-wrenching events and revelations that span three decades. *Three* tells a moving story of love and loss, hope and grief, friendship and adversity, and of time as an ineluctable agent of change. Première partie : Dans le jardin des oliviers, un homme attend que les soldats viennent l'arrêter pour le conduire au supplice. Quelle puissance surnaturelle a fait de lui, fils de menuisier, un agitateur, un faiseur de miracles prêchant l'amour et le pardon ? Deuxième partie: Trois jours plus tard, au matin de la Pâque, Pilate dirige la plus extravagante des enquêtes policières. Un cadavre a disparu et est réapparu vivant ! Y a-t-il un mystère Jésus ou simplement une affaire Jésus ? A mesure que Sherlock Pilate avance dans son enquête, le doute s'insinue dans son esprit. Et avec le doute, l'idée de foi. L'Évangile selon Pilate a reçu le Grand Prix des lectrices de Elle 2001. Award-winning author, Lola Lafon continues her exploration of the psyches of young girls-their fragility, their resilience. Fontenay, a Parisian suburb, 1984. Chloé is 12 when her parents prod her into

taking ballet classes. She drops out after a long year of feeling lost, not classy nor graceful enough, and undoubtedly not as rich as the other kids. By chance, she signs up for Modern Jazz class at a MJC—a state funded organization whose mission is to provide access to art and culture to all children. Modern Jazz is her calling, and soon Chloe is transformed, working out constantly, dreaming of becoming a professional dancer. That's when she catches the attention of Cathy, an elegant middle-aged woman, who is a talent scout for Galatée—a foundation that gives fellowships to exceptionally gifted teenagers. Fascinated by Cathy and the many gifts with which this providential "godmother" is showering her, Chloé introduces her to her parents, receiving their blessing to spend more and more time with her, ultimately falling prey to Galatée's trap.

THE STORY: Nobel Prize-winning author Abel Zorko lives as a recluse on a remote island in the Norwegian Seas. For fifteen years, his one friend and soulmate has been Helen, from whom he has been physically separated for the majority of their affair. From the author of *The Most Beautiful Book in the World*, a literary tour de force of contemporary eroticism. "This message is just to say I love you. Signed: You know who." A love note is delivered anonymously to each inhabitant of Piazza Guy d'Arezzo in Brussels one morning, triggering a series of adventures and misadventures that, over 600 pages, develop into a sumptuous comedy of manners that is sexy, sensual, affecting, encyclopaedic, and unlike anything written previously by Schmitt. Employing a roving camera technique that recalls both the stylish

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accept new truths about her family and herself, embraces the possibilities of new love "First published in France as *Oscar et la dame rose* by Editions Albin Michel, S.A., 2002"--T.p. verso. "A miraculous book in praise of women, in praise of both their shortcomings and their strengths" from the internationally bestselling author (l'Express).

Anne, Hanna, and Anny. Three young women, free spirits all, each one at odds with the age in which they live. Despite the centuries that divide them, their stories intersect—a surprising narrative technique that lends increasing tension and richness to this novel, which builds to a thrilling crescendo of unexpected revelations.

Anne lives in Flanders in the sixteenth century. She's a mystic who talks with animals like Saint Francis; she finds God in nature and cannot understand the need for religious rituals. Yet her ideas run against the temper of the times and result in her being branded a heretic, with tragic consequences.

Hanna lives in Vienna at the start of the twentieth century. She is a young noblewoman, dissatisfied with bourgeois conventions, who will find a method for uncovering the roots of her malaise in a new cure developed by a Viennese doctor by the name of Sigmund Freud.

Anny is a Hollywood star of the 2000s, addicted to celebrity and to variety of illicit substances. Both her curse and her solace, acting will give her the key to an open a new chapter in her life where she will find love, companionship, and the meaning she has been searching for.

"Schmitt writes movingly about three women, divided by time and distance, whose lives connect when they attempt to break free of expectations imposed

by society . . . Schmitt's three complex stories are beautifully translated and masterfully written." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) From Goncourt Prize-winning author Jérôme Ferrari, a bewitching story of passion, death, and love, and a powerful reflection on the ambiguous relationship between art and reality Born in a small town in Corsican countryside, Antonia grows up in a place of deeply-rooted traditions and strong family ties. When she's fourteen, her uncle, a priest, gives her a camera--suddenly changing the way she looks at the world and igniting a passion that will prompt her to become a photojournalist. Over two decades later, Antonia is walking around the port of Calvi when she runs into Dragan, a soldier whom she had met when she was reporting on the war in the former Yugoslavia. The two spend the entire night in deep conversation, reminiscing about their experience of the conflict. Shortly after saying goodbye, as she drives home Antonia loses control of her car, plunges off a cliff and is killed instantly. Tasked with officiating his niece's funeral, Antonia's uncle is forced to reflect on her life and legacy, and on the profound questions they beg about ambition and doubt, passion and guilt, representation and reality. Wide in scope but rich in detail, restrained yet deeply moving, *In His Own Image* masterly weaves together the story of an individual life with universal themes that resonate across time and space. Ibrahim offers Momo his ear and advice, and gradually teaches the precocious boy that there is more to life than whores and stealing groceries. When Momo's father, a passive-aggressive lawyer who neglects his son's

well being, disappears and is found dead, Ibrahim adopts the newly orphaned boy. In his new collection of stories, Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, author of *The Most Beautiful Book in the World*, probes the paradox that the events that shape our lives are often the stuff of dreams, yet nonetheless true. Humor, tenderness, irony and exquisite writing have always been the hallmarks of Schmitt's work. Here, he adds a pinch of philosophy. In one story, a lovelorn writer seeks refuge in Ostende, a remote and charming town on the North Sea. His host is a solitary and eccentric octogenarian. The fairy-tale setting starts to work its magic and the old woman begins to tell her tale—an extraordinary story of passion. Bewitched by what he hears, the writer can no longer distinguish what is real from what is not, and in the woman's account he will finally find a response to his own deep-seated grief. Here, as in the other stories in this collection, Schmitt displays the combination of stylishness and insight into the human condition that prompted Kirkus Reviews to write of his tales that they "echo Maupassant's with their lean narratives, surprise endings, mordant humor and psychological acuity." An exceptional collection by one of Europe's most beloved authors.

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