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An Exaltation of Larks-James Lipton 1991 This edition of a humorous 1978 thesaurus of collective nouns has been expanded to include more than one thousand nouns and phrases Murder of Crows-Anne Bishop 2015 Includes excerpt from Vision in silver (pages 417-430). A Murder of Crows-Larry D. Thomas 2011-01-01 In A Murder of Crows, Larry D. Thomas has

artfully assembled decades of his writing about birds into a single volume of poetry. Thomas divides the collection into four sections. The first, "With Concentrated Grit," begins with a sparrow that "hops / easily its height, and quietly // explodes into flight... / flaunting for a moment its earth // tone browns and grays." It ranges through a whole aviary, from sparrows and pigeons ("the urban version / of the buzzard") to

vellow-rumped warblers, house finches, and an old blue jay "arrogant / as a late Picasso, / raging beneath a blanket / at an auction." Section two. "Eveing the Gulf," begins with "the mad / weightless dash" of a sanderling chick's life and continues through herons that could be "outgrowths / of the river itself" through laughing gulls "in rowdy reverence" through a whole range of seabirds. The third section, "Deft at Tearing Out Hearts," begins with the eagle for whom "everything that moves / is potential prey" and follows a "trajectory of violence" that includes the hawk "preving for rain" in Presidio whose "only water / was the blood of his prey" and the falcon "praying / his scarlet prayer / of devourment." The crow, the heart and soul of the collection, is the subject of the final section, which shares its title, "A Murder of Crows," with the whole. "History reeks," Thomas writes, with "the ineradicable / blackness" of the crow's ink. His crow poems speak to the crow "as metaphor, / for thousands / of years, / you've charged // our psyches, / forging / the dark iron / of your being // into symbols / of life, death / and the scales / of

justice." Thomas offers the reader a primeval, poetic force appropriate to the terror of our times, "revealing as we breathe / the ravenous, reeking / psyche of our kind" -- a fitting tribute to the author of Crow, Ted Hughes, whose work Thomas has long admired, and to whose memory the collection is dedicated

The Boke of Saint Albans-Juliana Berners 1881 A Feast for Crows-George R. R. Martin 2014 The uneasy peace that exists following the death of Robb Stark is threatened by new plots, intrigues, and alliances that once again will plunge the Seven Kingdoms into all-out war for control of the Iron Throne.

Murder of Crows Journal-Pietro Alligo 2020-10-08 As a dream diary, sketchbook, or Book of Shadows, this gorgeously gothic hardcover journal is the perfect place to record your ruminations, insights, and experiences. Features a captivating cover from the Murder of Crows Tarot and 160 high quality pages. Fly with a Murder of Crows-Tuvia Feldman 2018-10-25 In this startling, disturbing, and compelling memoir, Tuvia Feldman takes you

from the hustling streets of New York City to the peaceful hills of Vermont and the clamor of Tijuana. Tuvia begins his tale on Manhattan's Lower East Side, where he lives with his addicted artist mother and two sisters after having been abandoned and abused by his wealthy father. "Adopted" by an inner-city black family, Tuvia finds love and kindness while also receiving tutoring in the intricacies and dangers of the drug trade. Veering between outrage and tenderness, Tuvia recalls his story in the uncompromising language of the street and in a voice that is at once cynical and innocent, harsh and lyrical. As Tuvia struggles to find a place and love in a world he hates-and a reason to go on living-the reader gets to decide what to make of this extraordinary, but perhaps also all-toocommon, life.

Defy-Kayleigh Gallagher 2018-02-22 Raven lives in the Conurbation, a society where, at the age of seventeen, Defects like her are killed. This is part of a government program designed to root out rebellion before it has the chance to start. However, despite the Overseer's best efforts, an

insurgence has persisted, undermining the society and everything it stands for. Raven hopes to escape to a world where she can be exactly who she is without any limitations, but such hopes feel like fantasies, until she stumbles upon the rebellion by accident. They hide in plain sight, people just like her, Defects who escaped before or on their seventeenth birthdays. She has no way of knowing that she's still in danger, or that she will never be free unless she leaves the city entirely.

Murder of Crows-Athena 2012-04-14 Fable Montgomery is the Muse of Story. Fourteen years ago she gave up her home, her memories, and the man she loved, to prevent a new Dark Age. Yet when her beloved aunt is murdered, the fate of two worlds rests on Fable's ability to recover the memories she worked so hard to destroy. Fable returns to the land of myth and magic, a place called Aria. A world that has been waiting fourteen long years for her to fulfill the promises she's forgotten she made. In a surge of power she writes the Prophecy of Crows, a 240 page manuscript of the future arc. But before she

can read it, all but thirteen of the pages are stolen. With only thirteen pages to guide her through the story, Fable must rediscover her power of inspiration, because the last page of prophecy foretells her death. And if the Muse of Story dies...all stories die with her. An Unkindness Of Ravens-Ruth Rendell 2010-01-26 The thirteenth book to feature the classic crime-solving detective, Chief Inspector Wexford. The raven: not a particularly predatory bird, but far from soft and submissive, adopted as the symbol of a militant feminist group... Detective Chief Inspector Wexford thought he was merely doing a neighbourly good deed when he agreed to talk to Joy Williams about her missing husband. He certainly didn't expect to be investigating a most unusual homicide. Rodney Williams was neither handsome nor wealthy - but he had an unerring eye for a pretty girl and when he disappeared and two other men were later attacked by a young woman, Wexford couldn't help wondering if there was a connection. If there wasn't, where was Rodney Williams and why had he vanished? He had committed no

crime – apart from telling his wife the occasional lie...

A Murder of Crows-P F Chisholm 2012-06-30 "Carey and Dodd are back...the best detective pairing since Holmes and Watson."—SHARON KAY PENMAN. New York Times bestselling author It's September 1592, and Sergeant Dodd is still in London with dashing courtier Sir Robert Carey. Carey urgently needs to get back to Carlisle where he is the Deputy Warden; the raiding season is about to begin. However, his powerful father, Henry, Lord Hunsdon, wants him to solve the mystery of a badly decomposed corpse that has washed up from the Thames on Her Majesty's privy steps. Meanwhile, although he hates London, Sergeant Dodd has decided not to go north until he has taken revenge for his mistreatment by the Oueen's Vice Chamberlain, Thomas Heneage. Carey's father wants him to sue, but none of the lawyers in London will take the brief against such a dangerous courtier. Soon a mysterious young lawyer with a pock-marked face eagerly offers to help Dodd. And then, just as Carey is resigning himself to the delay, the

one person he really does not want to see again arrives in London to stir up everything. A Murder of Crows-David Rotenberg 2013-03-19 Decker Roberts is back, and he always knows when you're telling the truth. David Rotenberg first introduced Decker Roberts and his unique gifts in the critically acclaimed thriller The Placebo Effect Since Decker's last run-in with the NSA, he's been trying to remain off the radar, searching for his estranged son, Seth. Decker's synaesthetic abilities, once a lucrative gift, are increasingly becoming a liability. When a vicious attack wipes out the best and brightest of America's young minds, devastating the country's future, Decker is forced to step out of the shadows and help track down the killer. And as the hunt brings him in contact with other people of "his kind," Decker begins to realize that there may be depths to his gifts that he had never even imagined. Meanwhile, several parties are secretly tracking the progress of Decker's son, trying to determine if Seth has the same powerful gift as his father. Decker is determined to go to any lengths to find his son, but along the

way he will have to face down enemies, both old and new, as well as struggle with whether Seth even wants to be found. David Rotenberg's thrilling seguel to The Placebo Effect is full of suspense and will challenge what you think you know about people who have special "gifts." From rural Africa to downtown Toronto, the paths of Rotenberg's colourful characters intertwine as they move toward a conclusion that none of them can see coming. A Murder of Crows-Michael N. Thompson 2014-09-29 I etch my words / Onto the fabric / Of an ill-equipped society / The way a tattoo artist / Uses his needle / To mark skin and bones Michael N. Thompson's A Murder of Crows synthesizes urban pastorals with caustic commentary in a poetic pilgrimage down the road of redemption. Thompson makes frequent pit stops for mockery and scorn, and the journey is punctuated by odes to serial killers and elegies for fallen heroes. His circuitous route will leave you dizzy and dark with the knowledge that not everyone is meant to be redeemed.

A Murder of Crows-Terrence McCauley

2016-07-12 THE CROWS ARE GATHERING WAR IS COMING. For years, every intelligence agency in the world has been chasing the elusive terrorist known only as The Moroccan. But when James Hicks and his clandestine group known as the University thwart a bio-terror attack against New York City and capture The Moroccan, they find themselves in the crosshairs of their own intelligence community. The CIA, NSA, DIA and the Mossad are still hunting for for The Moroccan and will stop at nothing to get him. Hicks must find a way to keep the other agencies at bay while he tries to break The terrorist and uncover what else he is planning. When he ultimately surrenders information that leads to the most wanted terrorist in the world. Hicks and his team find themselves in a strange new world where allies become enemies, enemies become allies and the fate of the University - perhaps even the Western world - may hang in the balance. Can Hicks and the University survive an onslaught from A MURDER OF CROWS? A Sleuth of Bears a Murder of Crows-Tray Joseph 2020-06-12 A hilarious twist on the classic

phrase: "Kill two birds with one stone." Rhyme. Humor. Collective nouns. A detective story for children. Amazing Illustrations. What's not to love about this book? Journey through The Forest with The Captain and his Sleuth of Sleuths. We will search high and low to gather all the clues and crack the case!

A Conspiracy of Ravens-Bill Oddie 2014 'A murder of crows', 'a charm of goldfinches', 'an ostentation of peacocks': collective nouns for British birds have existed since at least the mid fifteenth century. They are thought to originate in texts about hunting, but have since evolved into evocative, witty and literary expressions, each striving to capture the very essence of the animal they describe. Some are portentous - 'a conspiracy of ravens' perfectly evokes this sinister bird - others convey sound, such as 'a murmuration of starlings' or 'a chattering of choughs'. Yet more reflect with a flourish the beauty of the bird itself: what could be more celebratory than 'a crown of kingfishers', or 'an exaltation of larks'? The best of these imaginative expressions are collected here, illustrated with

charming woodcuts by Thomas Bewick, the renowned naturalist engraver of the eighteenth century. Featuring songbirds, aquatic birds, birds of prev and garden favourites, this beautifully presented book will delight both birdlovers and word-lovers in equal measure. See These Bones-Chris Tullbane 2019-10-22 There are many words to describe necromancers, but superhero isn't one of them. 18-year-old Damian Banach's only talent is the power that's driving him insane. Yet somehow Damian just became the Academy of Heroes' newest student. Accompanied by his mom's ghost, he'll have to survive the Academy (and his fellow classmates), while battling the insanity that doomed every Crow before him. Superhero school just got scary.

Still Life with Crows-Douglas Preston 2003-07-01 When a series of murders strikes small-town Kansas, FBI Special Agent Pendergast must track down a killer or a curse -- either way, no one is safe. A small Kansas town has turned into a killing ground. Is it a serial killer, a man with the need to destroy? Or is it a darker force, a curse

upon the land? Amid golden cornfields, FBI Special Agent Pendergast discovers evil in the blood of America's heartland. No one is safe. Crowtet 1-Mac Wellman 2000 An edition of the first two plays in Mac Wellman's highly successful quartet of plays.

A MURDER OF CROWS-CHARLES E. CROCKETT 2012-07-18 BACK COVER: Detailing the farright's attempts to alter the American political and economic landscape to satisfy its national ambitions, A MURDER OF CROWS identifies over 100 people and organizations who would seek to turn back America to a time of little governmental participation, lower tax rates for the wealthy, and a closely held corporate and personal control of society's functions and finances. It exposes the real desires and naked zeal of those who would place property rights over the rights and the needs of the average American citizen. The text is well documented and provides a scathing indictment of those on the right who would wish to alter America's future to serve only a very prosperous few. Wildwood-Colin Meloy 2011-08-30 For fans of

The Chronicles of Narnia comes the first book in the Wildwood Chronicles, the New York Times bestselling fantasy adventure series by Colin Meloy, lead singer of the Decemberists, and Carson Ellis, acclaimed illustrator of The Mysterious Benedict Society. In Wildwood, Prue and her friend Curtis uncover a secret world in the midst of violent upheaval—a world full of warring creatures, peaceable mystics, and powerful figures with the darkest intentions. And what begins as a rescue mission becomes something much greater as the two friends find themselves entwined in a struggle for the very freedom of this wilderness. A wilderness the locals call Wildwood. Wildwood captivates readers with the wonder and thrill of a secret world within the landscape of a modern city. It feels at once firmly steeped in the classics of children's literature and completely fresh at the same time. The story is told from multiple points of view, and the book features more than eighty illustrations, including six full-color plates, making this an absolutely gorgeous object. Supports the Common Core State Standards

The Murders in the Rue Morgue-Edgar Allan Poe 2020-08-26 Often claimed to be among the first modern detective stories written. "The Murders in the Rue Morque" exemplifies Poe's interest in the workings of the mind when facing cases that need to be solved. C. Auguste Dupin, the protagonist, is the forefather of all great detectives such as Sherlock Holmes. Hercule Poirot, and Philip Marlowe. Different from Poe's terror or horror-laden tales, the story nonetheless abounds in strange occurrences and horrific depictions. It has been made into several movie and TV adaptations, as well as radio programmes. Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) was an American poet, author, and literary critic. Most famous for his poetry, short stories, and tales of the supernatural, mysterious, and macabre, he is also regarded as the inventor of the detective genre and a contributor to the emergence of science fiction, dark romanticism, and weird fiction. His most famous works include "The Raven" (1945), "The Black Cat" (1943), and "The Gold-Bug" (1843). A Murder of Magpies-Judith Flanders 2015-02-24 A whip-smart, impeccably crafted debut mystery, A Murder of Magpies takes readers on a whirlwind tour of London and Paris with an unforgettably original new heroine It's just another day at the office for London book editor Samantha "Sam" Clair. Checking jacket copy for howlers, wondering how to break it to her star novelist that her latest effort is utterly unpublishable, lunch scheduled with gossipy author Kit Lowell, whose new book will dish the juicy dirt on a recent fashion industry scandal. Little does she know the trouble Kit's book will cause-before it even goes to print. When police Inspector Field turns up at the venerable offices of Timmins & Ross, asking questions about a package addressed to Sam, she knows something is wrong. Now Sam's nine-to-five life is turned upside down as she finds herself propelled into a criminal investigation. Someone doesn't want Kit's manuscript published and unless Sam can put the pieces together in time, they'll do anything to stop it. With this deliciously funny debut novel, acclaimed author Judith Flanders introduces readers to an enormously enjoyable,

too-clever-for-her-own-good new amateur sleuth, as well Sam's Goth assistant, her effortlessly glamorous mother, and the handsome Inspector Field. A tremendously entertaining read, this page-turning novel from a bright new crime fiction talent is impossible to put down.

A Parliament of Crows-Alan M. Clark 2017-10-15 Always in mourning clothes, secretive, devious, and deadly, the three Mortlow sisters might appear to be long lost members of the Addams Family or characters drawn by Edward Gorey. But their depiction is inspired by the Wardlaw sisters, actual criminals from history. The story of their lives and crimes is the very definition of Southern Gothic.

The Crow-David Bischoff 1998 When death overtakes us - when we've come to the limits of flesh and imagination - we meet the Crow. Immemorially old, he is there for those who seek vengeance for their violent deaths - are willing to go all the way to get it.

Hidden History of Maynard-David A. Mark 2014-07-29 As Maynard grew from a scattering of small hill farms to a booming center of industry and immigration, much of its colorful history was nearly forgotten. With a rollicking collection of his essays, newspaper columnist David A. Mark uncovers the hidden gems of the town's history. Learn why Babe Ruth shopped in Maynard during his Red Sox days and what they fed the animals at the Taylor mink ranch. Find out who is buried--and who is not--in the Maynard family crypt and which rock 'n' roll bands recorded in the studio upstairs from Woolworths on Main Street. Almost lost to time, these remarkable moments in history helped shape Maynard into the vibrant community that it is today.

The Way the Crow Flies-Ann-Marie Macdonald 2011-07-27 "The sun came out after the war and our world went Technicolor. Everyone had the same idea. Let's get married. Let's have kids. Let's be the ones who do it right." The Way the Crow Flies, the second novel by bestselling, award-winning author Ann-Marie MacDonald, is set on the Royal Canadian Air Force station of Centralia during the early sixties. It is a time of optimism--infused with the excitement of the

space race but overshadowed by the menace of the Cold War--filtered through the rich imagination and guick humour of eight-year-old Madeleine McCarthy and the idealism of her father, Jack, a career officer. Ann-Marie MacDonald said in a discussion with Oprah Winfrey about her first book, "a happy ending is when someone can walk out of the rubble and tell the story." Madeleine achieves her childhood dream of becoming a comedian, yet twenty years later she realises she cannot rest until she has renewed the guest for the truth, and confirmed how and why the child was murdered.. Publishers Weekly, in a starred review, called The Way the Crow Flies "absorbing, psychologically rich...a chronicle of innocence betrayed". With compassion and intelligence, and an unerring eve for the absurd as well as the confusions of childhood, , MacDonald evokes the confusion of being human and the necessity of coming to terms with our imperfections. In the Company of Crows and Ravens-John M.

surprising extent, to know the crow is to know ourselves."—from the Preface From the cave walls at Lascaux to the last painting by Van Gogh, from the works of Shakespeare to those of Mark Twain, there is clear evidence that crows and ravens influence human culture. Yet this influence is not unidirectional, say the authors of this fascinating book: people profoundly influence crow culture, ecology, and evolution as well. John Marzluff and Tony Angell examine the often surprising ways that crows and humans interact. The authors contend that those interactions reflect a process of "cultural coevolution." They offer a challenging new view of the human-crow dynamic—a view that may change our thinking not only about crows but also about ourselves. Featuring more than 100 original drawings, the book takes a close look at the influences people have had on the lives of crows throughout history and at the significant ways crows have altered human lives. In the Company of Crows and Ravens illuminates the entwined histories of crows and people and concludes with an intriguing discussion of the

crow-human relationship and how our attitudes toward crows may affect our cultural trajectory. The Dark Half-Stephen King 2016-01-01 Set in the fictional town of Castle Rock, Maine A "wondrously frightening" (Publishers Weekly) tale of terror and #1 national bestseller about a writer's pseudonym that comes alive and destroys everyone on the path that leads to the man who created him. Thad Beaumont is a writer, and for a dozen years he has secretly published violent bestsellers under the name of George Stark. But Thad is a healthier and happier man now, the father of infant twins, and starting to write as himself again. He no longer needs George Stark and so, with nationwide publicity, the pseudonym is retired. But George Stark won't go willingly. And now Thad would like to say he is innocent. He'd like to say he has nothing to do with the twisted imagination that produced his bestselling novels. He'd like to say he has nothing to do with the series of monstrous murders that keep coming closer to his home. But how can Thad deny the ultimate embodiment of evil that goes by the name he gave it—and

signs its crimes with Thad's bloody fingerprints? The Dark Half is "a chiller" (The New York Times Book Review), so real and fascinating that you'll find yourself squirming in Stephen King's heart-stopping, blood-curdling grip—and loving every minute of it.

A Murder of Crows-Phillip Kinnie 2019-01-27 The body of a young girl discovered in a London park, an eventful pilgrimage on the El Camino de Santiago and a murder in an English village: A Murder Of Crows is a story of the intentional and unintentional intertwined lives of people caught in a trap of circumstances they thought they could control but are instead directed and driven to unexpected places by what seem to be random forces. Facing and admitting the truth proves to be a painful and deadly experience. John Bradford seeks meaning in his life and wonders what direction to take after university. His fiancee is not beset with such solicitude. Rather, she wants to enjoy any experience for what it is. This story explores the concept of subjectivity - 'doing the best we know how'. Too often it seems all roads lead to chaotic events both personal and in the

world. Is there a better way or is it all just the assault of a random universe? In this story the answer may lie at the bottom of a cliff. Two Crows Sorrow-Laura Churchill Duke 2019-10-15 Tiny Burlington, tucked away on the slopes of Nova Scotia's North Mountain. In 1904 it was home to hardworking farmers, complicated family dynamics, passionate lovers. and a murderer, Laura Churchill Duke's carefully-researched tale brings to life the shocking events that ended a life and changed a community. Wendy Robicheau, archivist at Acadia University: "As I read the book and the details spoke to my imagination, I needed to visit the sites--to be in the spaces and fill my senses. I love it when words on a page come alive, compelling me to acknowledge our ancestors. Thank you, Laura, for telling our herstories." Saga of the Swamp Thing-Alan Moore 2000 In this, the first of two volumes collecting together the Swamp Thing stories, discover how it all began!

Three Act Tragedy-Agatha Christie 2011-06-14 Sir Charles Cartwright should have known better than to allow thirteen guests to sit down for dinner. For at the end of the evening one of them is dead—choked by a cocktail that contained no trace of poison. Predictable, says Hercule Poirot, the great detective. But entirely unpredictable is that he can find absolutely no motive for murder

A Hanging in Nacogdoches-Gary B. Borders 2010-01-01 On October 17, 1902, in Nacogdoches, Texas, a black man named James Buchanan was tried without representation, condemned, and executed for the murder of a white family—all in the course of three hours. Two white men played pivotal roles in these events: Bill Haltom, a leading local Democrat and the editor of the Nacogdoches Sentinel, who condemned lynching but defended lynch mobs, and A. J. Spradley, a Populist sheriff who, with the aid of hundreds of state militiamen, barely managed to keep the mob from burning Buchanan alive, only to escort him to the gallows following his abbreviated trial. Each man's story serves to illuminate a part of the path that led to the terrible parody of justice which lies at the

heart of A Hanging in Nacogdoches. The turn of the twentieth century was a time of dramatic change for the people of East Texas. Frightened by the Populist Party's attempts to unite poor blacks and whites in a struggle for economic justice, white Democrats defended their power base by exploiting racial tensions in a battle that ultimately resulted in the complete disenfranchisement of the black population of East Texas. In telling the story of a single lynching, Gary Borders dramatically illustrates the way politics and race combined to bring horrific violence to small southern towns like Nacogdoches.

The Crow's Murder-Tate James 2018-05-23 Well, I just can't seem to catch a break, can I? None of us saw it coming, no matter what precautions we took or how many contingencies we put into play. What's the point of having all this power when everyone is out to get me? They say things are darkest before the light, and that the storm gets worse before it clears. Trust me when I say platitudes don't do a damn bit of good when you're in the middle of it. I'm Kit Davenport, and

my heart is breaking.

A Murder of Crows-Earl Staggs 2019-10-09 What do you call a group of writers tasked with penning tales of crime that must include animals and their collective names? It's a wording of writers This wording features twenty-one writers who share crimes stories with a surprising twist. No animals are harmed-the humans don't fare so well. Here are the usual suspects: Jack Bates, Michael Bracken, Jeanne DuBois, Kave George, EJ McFall, Kari Wainwright, John M. Floyd, Heidi Hunter, Jacqueline Seewald, Kathryn Gerwig, Earl Staggs, Marianne Wilski Strong, Damien Mckeating, C.A. Fehmel, Linda Kay Hardie, Helen O'Neill, Shielia J. Rizer, Maddi Davidson, Denise Johnson, Sandra Murphy, J.B. Toner A Murder of Crows-Beth Bracken 2013-07 "Both Lucy and Calandra are ill, and Soli is the only one who may be able to save them." The Life of Guy-Allan Metcalf 2019-08-06 Had you said "What a guy!" in 17th-century England, anyone would have understood you were admiring a flaming effigy of Guy Fawkes of the Gunpowder Treason Plot. How times have

changed! In America and, indeed, most of the English-speaking world, "quy" is so embedded in daily speech that we scarcely notice how odd it truly is: a singular "guy" referring to males only, a plural "guys" encompassing the entire human race. The journey from England's greatest villain to America's favorite second-person plural pronoun offers a story rich with surprising and unprecedented turns. Through his trademark breezy, highly readable style, acclaimed writer Allan Metcalf takes us deep into this history, uncovering the intrigue, murderous plots, and torture out of which the word emerged in 1605. From there, it's a thrilling run through 17thcentury England, bloody religious controversies, and across the Atlantic to America, where the word took on a life of its own, exploding into popular culture and day-to-day conversation. From the disappearance of thou, to George Washington and the American Revolution, to the modern revival of Guy Fawkes in V for Vendetta, Metcalf explores the improbable history of a simple word so indispensable to our daily lives, and that evokes deep insights into the evolution

of English itself.

The Crow-J. O'Barr 2002-09-03 As Eric, who became the Crow after his death, hunts down those who killed him and his girlfriend Shelly the year before, he longs to return to death and to his beloved

Crow Country-Mark Cocker 2016-05-05 The Birds and the Bees series was designed for Vintage Classics by Timorous Beasties, the Scottish studio famous for their designs inspired by the natural world One night Mark Cocker followed the roiling, deafening flock of rooks and jackdaws which regularly passed over his Norfolk home on their way to roost in the Yare valley. From the moment he watched the multitudes blossom as a mysterious dark flower above the woods, these gloriously commonplace birds became for Cocker a fixation and a way of life. Journeying across Britain, through spectacular failures, magical successes and epiphanies, Cocker uncovers the mysteries of these birds' inner lives. SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2008 SAMUEL JOHNSON PRIZE