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Trimalchio's Feast Penguin UK

'They wanted me to give a concert; I wanted them to beg me. And so they did. I gave a concert.' Entertaining, touching

and sharp-tongued letters between the great eighteenth-century composer and his mentor father.

The Old Man of the Moon

Penguin UK

'...dreaming of bears, or fire, or water...' The greatest of Elizabethan pamphleteers, Nashe had a magical ability with words, never more so than in The Terrors of the Night, where he mulls over ghosts, demons, nightmares and the supernatural. Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books

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Thomas Nashe (1567-?1601).
Nashe's *The Unfortunate Traveller*
and *Other Works* is available in
Penguin Classics.

[The Meek One](#) Penguin
Classics

Weaving factual
account with
colourful myth, the
'father of history'
tells of the
psychotic Persian
king - and his
fateful death.

*A Cup of Sake Beneath the Cherry
Trees* Penguin UK

'We must learn to love, learn to be
kind, and this from our earliest
youth ... Likewise, hatred must be
learned and nurtured, if one wishes

to become a proficient hater' This
volume contains a selection of
Nietzsche's brilliant and challenging
aphorisms, examining the pleasures
of revenge, the falsity of pity, and
the incompatibility of marriage with
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savage; poems epic and intimate;
essays satirical and inspirational;

and ideas that have shaped the lives
of millions. Friedrich Nietzsche
(1844-1900). Nietzsche's works
available in Penguin Classics are *A
Nietzsche Reader*, *Beyond Good
and Evil*, *Ecce Homo*, *Human, All
Too Human*, *On the Genealogy of
Morals*, *The Birth of Tragedy*, *The
Portable Nietzsche*, *Thus Spoke
Zarathustra*, *Twilight of Idols* and
Anti-Christ.

The Tell-Tale Heart
Penguin UK

So much of what we know of
the Ancient World comes
from Herodotus (c.490 BC -
c.420 BC) that he will always
remain the greatest of
historians. But in addition

such a large part of the entertainment value of the Ancient World comes from his enormous, omnivorous, sometimes credulous appetite for stories of distant lands and strange creatures. Great Journeys allows readers to travel both around the planet and back through the centuries – but also back into ideas and worlds frightening, ruthless and cruel in different ways from our own. Few reading experiences can begin to match that of engaging with writers who saw astounding

things: Great civilisations, walls of ice, violent and implacable jungles, deserts and mountains, multitudes of birds and flowers new to science. Reading these books is to see the world afresh, to rediscover a time when many cultures were quite strange to each other, where legends and stories were treated as facts and in which so much was still to be discovered. The Nose Penguin UK 'The Argonauts were terrified at the sight. But Jason planting his feet apart stood to receive them, as a reef in the sea confronts the tossing billows in a gale.' The

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Penguin Classics.

Leonardo da Vinci Penguin
UK

'Better mad with the crowd
than sane all alone' In these
witty, Machiavellian
aphorisms, unlikely Spanish
priest Baltasar Gracián shows
us how to exploit friends and
enemies alike to thrive in a
world of deception and illusion.

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and intimate; essays satirical
and inspirational; and ideas
that have shaped the lives of
millions. Baltasar Gracián
(1601-1658). Gracián's work is
available in Penguin Classics in
The Pocket Oracle and Art of
Prudence.

[A Slip Under the
Microscope](#) National
Geographic Books

'Drunk or sober, king or

soldier, none will be excluded'
Sensual, profound, delighted,
wise, Hafez's poems have
enchanted their readers for
more than 600 years. One of
the greatest figures of world
literature, he remains today
the most popular poet in
modern Iran. Introducing
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London to a garden of blossom in Japan, from Tierra del Fuego to 16th century California and the Russian steppe. Here are stories lyrical and savage; poems epic and intimate; essays satirical and inspirational; and ideas that have shaped the lives of millions. Rumi (1207-73). Rumi's Selected Poems is available in Penguin Classics. **Il Duro Penguin UK**
'The valley was full of snakes and serpents as big as palm trees, so huge that they could have swallowed any elephant

that met them.'
My Dearest Father Penguin UK
'Mind you, it was a pukka, respectable opium-house, and not one of those stifling, sweltering chandoo-khanas that you can find all over the City.' Kipling first became famous for his pungent, harsh and shocking stories of northwest India, where he grew up. This is just a small selection from his inexhaustibly contentious and various early work. Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th birthday. Little Black Classics celebrate the

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from the Hills, Selected Poems, The Jungle Books and The Man Who Would Be King: Selected Stories.

The Reckoning Penguin UK
'If marriage was the slow life-long acquittal of a debt contracted in ignorance, then marriage was a crime against human nature.' Two moving stories of love, loss, desire and divorce, from one of the great chroniclers of nineteenth-century New York life. Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th birthday. Little Black Classics

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works available in Penguin Classics are Ethan Frome, The Age of Innocence, The Custom of the Country and The House of Mirth. Well, They are Gone, and Here Must I Remain Penguin UK
'But I ran up the broken stairway, and came out suddenly, as if by a miracle, clean on the platform of my San Tommaso, in the tremendous sunshine.' Four personal, sun-drenched sketches of Lawrence's experiences in Italy. Introducing Little Black

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millions. David Herbert Lawrence (1885-1930). Lawrence's works available in Penguin Classics are Apocalypse, D. H. Lawrence and Italy, The Fox, the Captain's Doll, the Ladybird, Lady Chatterley's Lover, The Prussian Officer and Other Stories, The Rainbow, Sea and Sardinia and Selected Poems. Traffic Penguin UK During the fifth century BC, a small and quarrelsome band of Greek city-states united to repel a mighty Persian army. While the story of this heroic

drama forms the main theme of Herodotus' narrative, the author's curiosity fleshes out the text with digressions, folk tales and stories. A Modest Proposal Penguin UK 'Do you see your son, standing over there, in the antechamber? Well, I am going to shoot him.' The story of the great and mad Cambyses, King of Persia, told by part-historian, part-mythmaker Herodotus of Halicarnassus. Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th

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The Histories is also available in Penguin Classics.

It Was Snowing Butterflies
Penguin UK

'I could see that she was still terribly afraid, but I didn't soften anything; instead, seeing that she was afraid I deliberately intensified it.'

Based on a St Petersburg news report, Dostoyevsky's searing tale of a man who drives his wife to suicide.

How to Use Your Enemies
Penguin UK

'All those excessive, useless regrets...' A collection of

of the greatest Greek poets to have ever lived. Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th birthday. Little Black Classics celebrate the huge range and diversity of Penguin Classics, with books from around the world and across many centuries. They take us from a balloon ride over Victorian London to a garden of blossom in Japan, from Tierra del Fuego to 16th-century California and the Russian steppe. Here are stories lyrical and savage; poems epic and intimate; essays satirical and inspirational; and ideas

that have shaped the lives of millions. C.P. Cavafy (1863-1933). The Selected Poems of Cavafy is available in Penguin Classics. Kasyan from the Beautiful Lands Penguin UK 'And again, as always, he had the feeling he was holding something that never was quite his - his. Something too delicate, too precious, that would fly away once he let go.' Three sharp and powerful short stories from Katherine Mansfield, one of the genre's all-time masters. Introducing Little

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millions. Katherine Mansfield (1888-1923). Mansfield's works available in Penguin Classics are The Collected Stories of Katherine Mansfield and The Garden Party and Other Stories. On the Beach at Night Alone Penguin UK 'You shall have thousands of gold pieces; - thousands of thousands - millions - mountains of gold: where will you keep them?' Two of Ruskin's most powerful essays: 'Traffic' and 'The Roots of Honour' Introducing Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th birthday. Little

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Miss Brill Penguin UK
'It is a most wonderful comfort to sit alone beneath a lamp, book spread before you, and commune with someone from the past whom you have never met...' Moonlight, sake, spring blossom, idle moments, a woman's hair - these exquisite reflections on life's fleeting pleasures by a thirteenth-century Japanese monk are delicately attuned to nature and the senses. Introducing *Little Black Classics: 80 books for Penguin's 80th birthday*. *Little Black Classics* celebrate the huge range and diversity of Penguin Classics, with books

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Penguin UK
'While engaged on this hunt I felt the earth quiver under my feet,

and heard a soft big soughing
sound, and looking round saw I
had dropped in on a hippo
banquet...' Told with verve and
self-mocking wit, the adventures of
doughty female Victorian explorer
Mary Kingsley describe stumbling
upon five hippos by night,
dodging elephants and fighting off
a leopard with a stool. Introducing
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Kingsley (1862-1900). Kingsley's
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