

A Hunger Artist Franz Kafka

In this new selection and translation, Peter Wortsman mines Franz Kafka's entire opus of short prose--including works published in the author's brief lifetime, posthumously published stories, journals, and letters--for narratives that sound the imaginative depths of the great German-Jewish scribe from Prague. It is the first volume in English to consider his deeply strange, resonantly humane letters and journal entries alongside his classic

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short fiction and lyrical vignettes
"Transformed" is a vivid retranslation of
one of Kafka's signature stories, "Die
Verwandlung," commonly rendered in English
as "The Metamorphosis." Composed of short,
black comic parables, fables, fairy tales,
and reflections, Konundrums also includes
classic stories like "In the Penal
Colony," Kafka's prescient foreshadowing
of the nightmare of the Twentieth Century,
refreshing the writer's mythic
storytelling powers for a new generation
of readers. Contents: • Words are

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Nine paranoid tales by Kakfa put to

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"Leslie Heywood weaves deftly and powerfully between contemporary cultural analysis, literary criticism, and her own experiences as a postmodern/female body. The result is a work that is both critically acute and vibrating with emotional energy and insight, a work that itself constitutes a promise of new life in the 'anorexic' culture she so sharply diagnoses and interprets."--Susan Bordo, author of *Unbearable Weight: Feminism,*

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Western Culture, and the Body "Though Dedication to Hunger is a brilliant book of literary criticism, it is also far more than that. It is a challenging work that should be widely read by all those interested in the underlying assumptions that define our culture."--J. Hillis Miller, author of The Ethics of Reading Collects Kafka's short stories and parables, each reflecting his concern for modern man's search for identity, place, and purpose.

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Konundrum

Stories Inspired by Franz Kafka

7 best short stories by Franz Kafka

Contemplation : [Eastercon 58].

The Unhappiness of Being a Single Man

Based on translations by leading Kafka scholar, this work includes twenty-nine stories, which accompanies annotations. The extracts from his letters, diaries and conversations offer a glimpse of Kafka's creative process. It covers ten essays on the major stories from a range of voices.

Published together for the first time are selections from all Kafka's writings: The Metamorphosis, Josephine The Singer, plus his short stories, parables, and his personal diaries and

letters.

Small stories of ordinary people, to whom extraordinary events can happen (Free will, Macbeth: story of a madman), people who get lost in memories to find meaning in the present (The girl on the bus) or who still find nature in memories of human existence (Memories). A teacher (11th commandment: do not judge) and a mother (A mother) tell of daily life, with its pains and satisfactions, misunderstanding, but also the miracle of finding acceptance in the hearts of others. In What must happen ... it happens we find ourselves having to deal with the impossibility of predicting destiny and in Black & White life is observed from the point of view of our animals. The eight short stories in this collection are in the name of George Eliot's thought contained in the epigraph: just

as there are great personalities in the world, there are also ordinary people deserving as much attention. People like you, like me, like everyone. The opening story, Black and White, portrays the lives of two playmates who seem mismatched, a dog, White, and a cat, Black. In reality they are two wonderful beings who love, suffer, are grateful, spiteful, live unaware of the enormous gift they give to their human "parents" simply by existing. The little girl on the bus has a slow start, then suddenly turns and goes back through the years, to when the protagonist was a child, to an episode that deeply marked her emotionally, whose memory is not so much visual as internal and affective. The very nature of this memory brings the narrative to very intimate levels, in which still unresolved traits of her personality are revealed. Free will is a gothic tale: a

cursed mirror, the devil, wickedness as an end in itself, unbelieving victims. Everything happens without a reason, as if to say that evil exists and can dispose of human beings at will. Macbeth. Story of a madman is built in the footsteps of Shakespearean tragedy, it is set in the world of theater, the names of the main characters are the original ones, the manias, obsessions and distorted passion are the same as the mad regicide. After all, the fantastic has an important part in Macbeth: the three witches enunciate prophecies that will make the brave soldier mad. Even in the story, the fantastic folds to itself the destinies of the protagonists who play their lives on the most futile of human feelings: ambition as an end in itself. Memories is a delicate journey in the narrator's mind, in a moment of solitude, in which she gets lost in thoughts

that are unrelated to each other, which nevertheless have a common theme: the nature of memories and how much of ourselves is a matter to remember. A bit of melancholy, but also of sustained hope and vivacity of thought underlie the inner confession, in which it is not difficult to identify. 11th commandment: do not judge tells the world of school with disillusionment: misunderstanding, jealousy of one's role, indulgence towards parents and students, today the "clients", break the balance of a good teacher who is also a nun. Such are the sadness, the disappointment that the protagonist suffers that these feelings empathically penetrate the reader, and their power is equal to the abandonment of hope in a better world. Not all stories, like life, can have a happy ending. A mother introduces a note of joy. A common school

interview becomes an opportunity for mutual growth between the mother and the teacher. Two women with a strong and combative character, surprised by the unusually confidential tone that the conversation assumes, together try to find a way to convey safety and serenity to the people they love and who are experiencing a moment of confusion. The mother understands how to measure herself against her own limits, and consequently the teacher becomes fully aware of the dozens of individuals in a class, of which she often knows very little, but which each have their own moods. The teacher

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Franz Kafka first met Felice Bauer in August 1912, at the home of his friend Max Brod. The twenty-five-year-old career woman from Berlin—energetic, down-to-earth, life-

affirming—awakened in him a desire to marry. Kafka wrote to Felice almost daily, sometimes even twice a day. Because he was living in Prague and she in Berlin, their letters became their sole source of knowledge of each other. But soon after their engagement in 1914, Kafka began having doubts about the relationship, fearing that marriage would imperil his dedication to writing and interfere with his need for solitude. Through their break-up, a second engagement in 1917, and their final parting later that year, when Kafka began falling ill with the tuberculosis that would eventually claim his life, their correspondence continued. The more than five hundred letters that Kafka wrote to Felice over the course of those five years were acquired by Schocken from her in 1955. They reveal the full measure of Kafka's inner turmoil as he tried, in

vain, to balance his need for stability with the demands of his craft. "These letters are indispensable for anyone seeking a more intimate knowledge of Kafka and his fragmented world."

—Library Journal

The Art of Hunger

A Biography

A Franz Kafka Encyclopedia

He: Shorter Writings of Franz Kafka

Introducing Kafka

A Hunger Artist

Das Urteilauthor: Franz KafkaGeorg stand knapp neben seinem Vater, der den Kopf mit dem struppigen weißen Haar auf die Brust hatte sinken

lassen.»Georg«, sagte der Vater leise, ohne Bewegung.Georg kniete sofort neben dem Vater nieder, er sah die Pupillen in dem müden Gesicht des Vaters übergroß in den Winkeln der Augen auf sich gerichtet.»Du hast keinen Freund in Petersburg. Du bist immer ein Spaßmacher gewesen und hast dich auch mir gegenüber nicht zurückgehalten. Wie solltest du denn gerade dort einen Freund haben! Das kann ich gar nicht glauben.

A windfall for every reader: a trove of marvelous impossible-to-find Kafka stories in a masterful new translation by Michael Hofmann Selected by

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the preeminent Kafka biographer and scholar Reiner Stach and newly translated by the peerless Michael Hofmann, the seventy-four pieces gathered here have been lost to sight for decades and two of them have never been translated into English before. Some stories are several pages long; some run about a page; a handful are only a few lines long: all are marvels. Even the most fragmentary texts are revelations. These pieces were drawn from two large volumes of the S. Fischer Verlag edition *Nachgelassene Schriften und Fragmente* (totaling some 1100 pages). “Franz Kafka is the master of the literary

fragment,” as Stach comments in his afterword: “In no other European author does the proportion of completed and published works loom quite so...small in the overall mass of his papers, which consist largely of broken-off beginnings.” In fact, as Hofmann recently added: “‘Finished’ seems to me, in the context of Kafka, a dubious or ironic condition, anyway. The more finished, the less finished. The less finished, the more finished. Gregor Samsa’s sister Grete getting up to stretch in the streetcar. What kind of an ending is that?! There’s perhaps some distinction to be made between ‘finished’ and ‘ended.’ Everything

continues to vibrate or unsettle, anyway. Reiner Stach points out that none of the three novels were 'completed.' Some pieces break off, or are concluded, or stop—it doesn't matter!—after two hundred pages, some after two lines. The gusto, the friendliness, the wit with which Kafka launches himself into these things is astonishing.”

-- Presents the most important 20th-century criticism on major works from The Odyssey through modern literature-- The critical essays reflect a variety of schools of criticism-- Contains critical biographies, notes on the contributing critics, a chronology of the author's life, and an

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Thirty-one tales depicting the humorous, if near tragic conditions of life in the Deep South during the fifties

The Lost Writings

Kafka's Selected Stories

The Hunger Artists

And Other Short Stories

The Great Short Works of Franz Kafka

Das Urteil

A Study Guide for Franz Kafka's "Hunger Artist," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed

Short Stories for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Short Stories for Students for all of your research needs.

This collection brings together some of Kafka's best known shorter fiction in a new translation by Ian Johnston.

Hunger is one of the governing metaphors for literature in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Beginning in the mid-nineteenth century, writers and critics

repeatedly describe writing as a process of starvation, as in the familiar type of the starving artist, and high art as the rejection of 'culinary' pleasures. *The Art of Hunger: Aesthetic Autonomy and the Afterlives of Modernism* argues that this metaphor offers a way of describing the contradictions of aesthetic autonomy in modernist literature and its late-twentieth-century heirs. This book traces the emergence of a tradition of writing it calls the 'art of hunger', from the origins of modernism to the end of the twentieth century. It focuses particularly on three authors who redeploy the modernist art

of hunger as a response to key moments in the history of modernist aesthetic autonomy's delegitimization: Samuel Beckett in post-Vichy France; Paul Auster in post-1968 Paris and New York; and J. M. Coetzee in late apartheid South Africa. Combining historical analysis of these literary fields with close readings of individual texts, and drawing extensively on new archival research, this book offers a counter-history of modernism's post-World War II reception and a new theory of aesthetic autonomy as a practice of unfreedom.

In the days when hunger could be cultivated and practiced as an art form, the individuals

who practiced it were often put on show for all to see. One man who was so devout in his pursuit of hunger pushed against the boundaries set by the circus that housed him and strived to go longer than forty days without food. As interest in his art began to fade, he pushed the boundaries even further. In this short story about one man's plight to prove his worth, Franz Kafka illustrates the themes of self-hatred, dedication, and spiritual yearning.

A Study Guide for Franz Kafka's "Hunger Artist"

Franz Kafka ; Translated by Kevin Blahut ;

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Illustrated by Helena Vlčnovská

Seedling of Mars

Aesthetic Autonomy and the Afterlives of
Modernism

The Country Doctor

Is that Kafka?: 99 Finds

Progress is relative; Senator O'Noonan's idea of it was not particularly scientific. Which would be too bad, if he had the last word!

Out of the massive research for an authoritative 1,500-page biography emerges this wunderkammer of 99 delightfully odd facts about Kafka In the course of compiling his highly acclaimed three-volume biography

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of Kafka, while foraying to libraries and archives from Prague to Israel, Reiner Stach made one astounding discovery after another: unexpected photographs, inconsistencies in handwritten texts, excerpts from letters, and testimonies from Kafka's contemporaries that shed surprising light on his personality and his writing. Is that Kafka? presents the crystal granules of the real Kafka: he couldn't lie, but he tried to cheat on his high-school exams; bitten by the fitness fad, he avidly followed the regime of a Danish exercise guru; he drew beautifully; he loved beer; he read biographies voraciously; he made the most beautiful presents, especially for children; odd

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things made him cry or made him furious; he adored slapstick. Every discovery by Stach turns on its head the stereotypical version of the tortured neurotic—and as each one chips away at the monolithic dark Kafka, the keynote, of all things, becomes laughter. For Is that Kafka? Stach has assembled 99 of his most exciting discoveries, culling the choicest, most entertaining bits, and adding his knowledge-able commentaries. Illustrated with dozens of previously unknown images, this volume is a singular literary pleasure.

This new translation includes Kafka's two published collections, A Country Doctor and A Hunger Artist with

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other, uncollected stories, aphorisms, and parables that have become part of the Kafka canon. Enigmatic, satirical, often bleakly humorous, the stories meditate on art and artists and the human experience. Includes an introduction and notes.

More than 800 alphabetically arranged entries detail the life and works of one of the most enduring authors of world literature.

Kafkaesque

An Unnatural History

Letters to Felice

The Metamorphosis (Legend Classics)

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In the Penal Colony

Small narratives

Part of the Legend Classics series
As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect. The Metamorphosis - the masterpiece of Franz Kafka - was first published in 1915 and is one of the seminal works of fiction of the twentieth century. The novel is cited as a key influence for many of today 's leading authors; as Auden wrote: "Kafka is important to us because his predicament is the predicament of modern man".
Traveling salesman, Gregor Samsa, wakes to find himself transformed into a large, monstrous insect-like creature. The cause of Gregor's transformation is never

revealed, and as he attempts to adjust to his new condition he becomes a burden to his parents and sister, who are repelled by the horrible, verminous creature Gregor has become. A harrowing, yet strangely comic, meditation on human feelings of inadequacy, guilt, and isolation, *The Metamorphosis* has taken its place as one of the most widely read and influential works of twentieth-century fiction.

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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Emma
The Trial
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Every day, we wake up hungry. Every day, we break our fast. Hunger explores the range of this primal experience.

Sharman Apt Russell, the highly acclaimed author of *Anatomy of a Rose* and *An Obsession with Butterflies*, here takes us on a tour of hunger, from eighteen hours without food to thirty-six hours to seven days and beyond. What Russell finds—both in our bodies and in cultures around the

world-is extraordinary. It is a biological process that transcends nature to shape the very fabric of societies. In a fascinating survey of centuries of thought on hunger's unique power, she discovers an ability to adapt to it that is nothing short of miraculous. From the fasting saints of the early Christian church to activists like Mahatma Gandhi, generations have used hunger to make spiritual and political statements. Russell highlights these remarkable cases where hunger can inspire and even heal, but she also addresses the devastating impact of starvation on cultures around the world today. Written with consummate skill, a compassionate heart, and stocked with facts, figures, and fascinating lore, *Hunger* is an inspiring window on history and the human spirit.

In the Penal Colony is a short story by Franz Kafka written in

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German in October 1914, revised in November 1918, and first published in October 1919. The story is set in an unnamed penal colony. Internal clues and the setting on an island suggest Octave Mirbeau's *The Torture Garden* as an influence. As in some of Kafka's other writings, the narrator in this story seems detached from, or perhaps numbed by, events that one would normally expect to be registered with horror. "In the Penal Colony" describes the last use of an elaborate torture and execution device that carves the sentence of the condemned prisoner on his skin before letting him die, all in the course of twelve hours. As the plot unfolds, the reader learns more and more about the machine, including its origin and original justification. The story focuses on the Explorer, who is encountering the brutal machine for

the first time. Everything about the machine and its purpose is told to him by the Officer. The Soldier and the Condemned (who is unaware that he has been sentenced to die) placidly watch from nearby. The Officer tells of the religious epiphany the executed experience in their last six hours in the machine. Eventually, it becomes clear that the use of the machine and its associated process of justice - the accused is always instantly found guilty, and the law he has broken is inscribed on his body as he slowly dies over a period of 12 hours - has fallen out of favor with the current Commandant. The Officer is nostalgic regarding the torture machine and the values that were initially associated with it. As the last proponent of the machine, he strongly believes in its form of justice and the infallibility of the previous Commandant, who designed and

built the device. In fact, the Officer carries its blueprints with him and is the only person who can properly decipher them; no one else is allowed to handle these documents.

Franz Kafka was a German-speaking Bohemian Jewish novelist and short-story writer, widely regarded as one of the major figures of 20th-century literature. His work, which fuses elements of realism and the fantastic, typically features isolated protagonists facing bizarre or surrealistic predicaments and incomprehensible socio-bureaucratic powers, and has been interpreted as exploring themes of alienation, existential anxiety, guilt, and absurdity. Few of Kafka's works were published during his lifetime. In his will, Kafka instructed his executor and friend Max Brod to destroy his unfinished works, but Brod ignored these instructions. His

work has influenced a vast range of writers, critics, artists, and philosophers during the 20th and 21st centuries. The critic August Nemo selected seven emblematic short stories of this author for his appreciation: The Metamorphosis A Hunger Artist In the penal colony The Judgment Before the Law A Country Doctor A Report to an Academy Give It Up!

Dedication to Hunger

Collected Stories

A Hunger Artist and Other Stories

Starving, Writing, and Imprisonment

Essential Stories

"Rich and compelling. . .Lynskey's account of the reach of 1984 is revelatory." --George Packer,

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The Atlantic An authoritative, wide-ranging, and incredibly timely history of 1984--its literary sources, its composition by Orwell, its deep and lasting effect on the Cold War, and its vast influence throughout world culture at every level, from high to pop. 1984 isn't just a novel; it's a key to understanding the modern world. George Orwell's final work is a treasure chest of ideas and memes--Big Brother, the Thought Police, Doublethink, Newspeak, 2+2=5--that gain potency with every year. Particularly in 2016, when the election of Donald Trump made it a bestseller ("Ministry of Alternative Facts,"

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anyone?). Its influence has morphed endlessly into novels (*The Handmaid's Tale*), films (*Brazil*), television shows (*V for Vendetta*), rock albums (*Diamond Dogs*), commercials (*Apple*), even reality TV (*Big Brother*). *The Ministry of Truth* is the first book that fully examines the epochal and cultural event that is 1984 in all its aspects: its roots in the utopian and dystopian literature that preceded it; the personal experiences in wartime Great Britain that Orwell drew on as he struggled to finish his masterpiece in his dying days; and the political and cultural phenomena that the novel ignited at once upon publication

and that far from subsiding, have only grown over the decades. It explains how fiction history informs fiction and how fiction explains history. "Kafka brought to the tradition of the great Yiddish storytellers an almost unbearably expanded consciousness. Alienated from his roots, his family, his surroundings, and primarily from his own body, Kafka created a unique literary language. David Mairowitz's brilliant text is illustrated by one of the world's greatest underground comic artists, Robert Crumb." The last book published during Kafka's lifetime, A Hunger Artist (1924) explores many of the

themes that were close to him: spiritual poverty, asceticism, futility, and the alienation of the modern artist. He edited the manuscript just before his death, and these four stories are some of his best known and most powerful work, marking his maturity as a writer. In addition to "First Sorrow," "A Little Woman," and "Josephine, the Singer," is the title story, "A Hunger Artist," which has been called by the critic Heinz Politzer "a perfection, a fatal fulfillment that expresses Kafka's desire for permanence." The three volumes Twisted Spoon has published: Contemplation, A Country Doctor,

and A Hunger Artist represent the collections of stories that Kafka had published during his lifetime. Though each volume has its own distinctive character, they have most often appeared in English in collected editions. They are presented here as separate editions, in new translations, each with its own illustrator from the Prague community.

The Country Doctor Franz Kafka - The plot follows a country doctor's hapless struggle to attend a sick young boy on a cold winter's night. A series of surreal events occur in the process, including the appearance of a mysterious groom

in a pig shed.

The Biography of George Orwell's 1984

Selected Prose of Franz Kafka

The Ministry of Truth

R. Crumb's Kafka

The Complete Stories

The Metamorphosis

A Hunger Artist explores many of the themes that were close to him: spiritual poverty, asceticism, futility, and the alienation of the modern artist.

A Hunger Artist is a short story by Franz Kafka. The protagonist, a hunger artist who experiences the decline in appreciation of his craft, is an archetypal creation of

Kafka: an individual marginalized and victimized by society at large. The title of the story has been translated also to "A Fasting Artist" and "A Starvation Artist". A Hunger Artist was first published in the periodical Die neue Rundschau in 1922 and was subsequently included as the title piece in the short story collection. "A Hunger Artist" explores the familiar Kafka themes of death, art, isolation, asceticism, spiritual poverty, futility, personal failure and the corruption of human relationships. There is a sharp division among critical interpretations of "A Hunger Artist". Most commentators concur that the story is an allegory, but they disagree as to what is represented. Some critics[who?], pointing to the hunger artist's asceticism, regard him as a saintly or even Christ-

like figure. In support of this view they emphasize the unworldliness of the protagonist, the priest-like quality of the watchers, and the traditional religious significance of the forty-day period. Other critics[who?] insist that A Hunger Artist is an allegory of the misunderstood artist, whose vision of transcendence and artistic excellence is rejected or ignored by the public. This interpretation is sometimes joined with a reading of the story as autobiographical. According to this view, this story, written near the end of Kafka's life, links the hunger artist with the author as an alienated artist who is dying. Combines illustrated biographical details with a visual adaptation of some of the great Czech writer's works in a volume that includes graphic novel renditions of "The

Judgment," "The Trial," The Castle," "A Hunger Artist," and "The Metamorphosis." Original.

A new selection of Franz Kafka's shorter fiction and nonfiction work, selected and with a preface by Book of Numbers author Joshua Cohen. "Being asked to write about Kafka is like being asked to describe the Great Wall of China by someone who's standing just next to it. The only honest thing to do is point." —Joshua Cohen, from his foreword to *He: Shorter Writings of Franz Kafka*

This is a Kafka emergency kit, a congregation of the brief, the minor works that are actually major. Joshua Cohen has produced a frame that refuses distinctions between what is a story, a letter, a workplace memo, and a diary entry, also including popular favorites like The

Bucket Rider, The Penal Colony, and The Burrow. Here we see Kafka's preoccupations in writing about animals, messiah variations, food, and exercise, each in his signature style. Cohen's selection emphasizes the stately structure of utterly coherent logic within an utterly incoherent and illogical world, showing how Kafka harnessed the humblest grammar to metamorphic power, until the predominant effect ceases to be the presence of an unreliable narrator but the absence of the universe's only reliable narrator—God.

Franz Kafka

The Anorexic Aesthetic in Modern Culture

Hunger & A Hunger Artist by Franz Kafka

The Metamorphosis, a Hunger Artist, in the Penal Colony,

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and Other Stories

A Dramatization of the Kafka Story

The Basic Kafka

Translated by PEN translation award-winner Joachim Neugroschel, *The Metamorphosis, In the Penal Colony, and Other Stories* has garnered critical acclaim and is widely recognized as the preeminent English-language anthology of Kafka's stories. These translations illuminate one of this century's most controversial writers and have made Kafka's work accessible to a whole new generation. This classic collection of forty-one great short works -- including such timeless

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pieces of modern fiction as "The Judgment" and "The Stoker" -- now includes two new stories, "First Sorrow" and "The Hunger Artist."

New translations of the best stories by the one of the twentieth century's greatest and most influential writers Kafka, whose name has generated an adjective, is one of the best loved writers of the twentieth century. Known for his dark, enigmatic stories, for the absurd nightmares he depicts, his extraordinary imaginative depth is clear in stories from 'A Hunger Artist' to 'The Verdict'. But Kafka also wrote fizzingly funny, fresh stories, and The

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Unhappiness of Being a Single Man contains all the aspects of this genius: the wit and the grit; the horror and the humour; the longing and the laughing. They range from bizarre, two-sentence stories about Don Quixote to the famous brutal depiction of violence and justice that is 'In the Penal Colony'. In a nimble new translation by the acclaimed Alexander Starritt, this collection of Kafka's essential stories shows the genius at his very best.

Dystopic and comedic, this anthology explores top fiction from generations of writers and artists who have drawn inspiration from Franz Kafka's

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writings. The stories in this illuminating collection include Philip Roth's alternate history in which Kafka survived into the 1940s and emigrated to America; Jorge Luis Borges' bizarre lottery that develops into a mystical system; Carol Emshwiller's woman seeking to be accepted as officially male by a society of men; and Paul Di Filippo's hero who works as a magazine writer by day but is a costumed crime fighter by night. Rounding out the exceptional lineup is R. Crumb's humorous work, "A Hunger Artist" from Kafka for Beginners alongside a new English translation of the story itself. Each author also

**responds to the question Why Kafka? and discusses his writing, its relevance and relation to their own work, and his enduring legacy. The Metamorphosis, in the Penal Colony and Other Stories
New Translations, Backgrounds and Contexts, Criticism
Hunger**