



Johnson County
Library

FICTION FOR THE BIRDS

STORIES ABOUT BIRDS, BIRDWATCHERS, BIRD FANCIERS AND BIRD ARTISTS

Anderson, Alison. **Darwin's Wink: A Novel of Nature and Love** Two emotionally wounded naturalists fall in love as they struggle to save a rare bird from extinction.

Bach, Richard. **Jonathan Livingston Seagull** Story of a brave and spirited seagull who dreams of flying for grace and speed instead of mere survival.

Barnes, Julian. **Flaubert's Parrot** Amateur Flaubert scholar attempts to find the real parrot that sat on Flaubert's desk as he wrote *Un coeur simple* (**The Simple Heart**).

Boyle, T. C. **Tooth and Claw** In the story, **Swept Away**, the romance between a roughhewn Shetland Islander and a lissome American ornithologist is imperiled by violent winds.

Brandeis, Gayle. **The Book of Dead Birds** As a child, Ava Sing Lo accidentally killed her mother's birds; as an adult, she volunteers to help environmentalists save thousands of birds poisoned by agricultural run-off.

Brownrigg, Sylvia. **Ten Women Who Shook the World** In the story, **The Bird Chick**, a young woman directs the play, **Hamlet** with birds as the actors.

Coomer, Joe. **The Loop** Stray parrot with cryptic comments arouses the curiosity of highway patrolman.

Davies, Martin. **The Conjurer's Bird** Conservationist searches for the remains of an extinct bird that had once been in the collection of 18th century naturalist, Joseph Banks.

Fountain, Ben. **Brief Encounters With Che Guevara** In the story, **Near-Extinct Birds of the Central Cordillera**, an ornithologist, being held hostage in the Columbian rain forest, finds that he respects his captors for their commitment to a cause.

Govier, Katherine. **Creation** Fictional biography of John James Audubon.

Guedj, Denis. **The Parrot's Theorem** Deaf boy rescues math-savvy parrot.

Harries, Ann. **Manly Pursuits** British songbirds are delivered to Cecil Rhodes in South Africa.

Harrison, Stuart. **The Snow Falcon** Ex-convict nurses wounded falcon back to health.

Hobbet, Anastasia. **Pleasure of Believing** Wyoming rancher turns her home into a hospital for injured birds.

Hood, Ann. **An Ornithologist's Guide to Life** In the title story, an adolescent girl picks up bird-watching as a hobby and discovers a budding romance between her mother and a neighbor.

Howard, Maureen. **Big as Life: Three Tales of Spring** In the story, **Big as Life: a Story in Three Panels**, John James Audubon's long-suffering wife tells his life story.

Kessler, Brad. **Birds in Fall** After an airplane crashes off the coast of Nova Scotia, an ornithologist forges bonds with other relatives of victims.

Landsman, Anne. **The Devil's Chimney** In South Africa, an English couple try to raise ostriches.

Levandoski, Rob. **Fresh Eggs** Satire about industrialized farming, specifically the modern egg farm.

McCarthy, Elaine. **The Falconer** Woman falls in love with a master falconer.

Martin, Dannie. **In the Hat** Man makes a fortune with his cockfighting rooster.

Monroe, Mary. **Skyward** Story features single father who has established a birds-of-prey rehabilitation center in South Carolina.

Norman, Howard. **The Bird Artist** Twenty year old man takes a correspondence course in bird painting.

O'Brien, Dan. **Brendan Prairie** Once a great falconer and environmentalist, Bill Malone must fight off developers who want to build condominiums on his land.

Offill, Jenny. **Last Things** Eight-year-old girl lives with her temperamentally opposed parents: her father who is a scientist, teacher and stubborn realist and her mother who is an ornithologist with a gift for languages and a love of myth and mysticism.

Paul, Jim. **Elsewhere** In the Land of Parrots Poet throws destructive pet parrot out the window and then guiltily searches for it.

Rubenstein, Wade. **Gullboy: The Inconceivable Life of Franco Pajarita Zanpa** Ernesto Zanpa finds an extraordinary baby in a seagull's nest near his Brighton Beach bungalow.

Schine, Cathleen. **To the Birdhouse** Heroine is the art director of an obscure bird-watching magazine.

Shepard, Jesse. **Jubilee King** In the story, **Flaw in the Shelter**, a caretaker tries to free a bird trapped inside his chimney.

Sipherd, Ray. **Audubon Quartet** Art collector purchases 4 original paintings by John James Audubon but their authenticity is in question.

Stratton-Porter, Gene. **The Song of the Cardinal** Story about a pair of cardinal birds.

Suskind, Patrick. **The Pigeon** Sudden appearance of a pigeon on his doorstep unhinges a Parisian bank guard.

Thomas, Michael. **Ostrich** Comic novel about a Nevada sheep rancher with a son who wants to turn the ranch into an ostrich-breeding operation.

Trobaugh, Augusta. **The Tea-Olive Bird Watching Society** The women of a small town's bird-watching society secretly plot to murder a member's husband.

Wescott, Glenway. **The Pilgrim Hawk: a Love Story** An American expatriate is staying with a friend outside of Paris when an Irish couple drops in with their trained hawk.

Wesley, Mary. **An Imaginative Experience** Comedy of manners featuring a nasty, ne'er-do-well birdwatcher.

Willard, Dale. **The Linnet's Tale** Narrator is a linnet who is raised by a family of field mice.

MYSTERY

Adamson, Lydia. **Beware the Butcher Bird** Series features Lucy Wayles, a birdwatcher/detective.

Bannister, Jo. **The Primrose Convention** Birdwatcher goes missing in Scotland.

Bettle, Janet. **Unnatural Causes** Lethal bacteria infects factory-farmed chickens.

Chabon, Michael. **The Final Solution** Retired detective is recruited to help authorities solve a brutal murder and find a missing African gray parrot.

Crider, Bill. **The Prairie Chicken Kill** Man investigates the shooting death of a rare prairie chicken.

DeAndrea, William. **The Manx Murders** Elderly twin millionaires, bird-loving Clyde and cat-loving Henry, feud when Clyde's birds disappear from his nature preserve.

Freedman, J. F. **Birds-Eye View** Birdwatcher witnesses a murder.

Goff, Christine. **Death of a Songbird** Owner of a posh hotel, with hundreds of birding convention-goers, witnesses a murder.

Hoyt, Richard. **Whoo?** Spotted owls are threatened by local loggers.

Jahn, Mike. **Murder in Central Park** Bizarre murder occurs at a bird conservatory in Central Park.

MacLeod, Charlotte. **An Owl Too Many** Murder occurs on a midnight owl-counting expedition.

Mankell, Henning. **The Fifth Woman** A Swedish birdwatcher's murder is connected to the murders of four nuns and a fifth unidentified woman in Africa.

Martin, J. Wallis. **The Bird Yard** Young boys are disappearing and the evidence leads to an aviary attached to an abandoned house.

Morgan, Kate. **Murder Most Fowl** A university official threatens to cut off funding to an ornithological research station.

Ring, Raymond. **Peregrine Dream** Peregrine falcons are being poached.

Van Gieson, Judith. **Parrot Blues** A brilliant parrot researcher is kidnapped, along with her rare indigo macaw.