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Steps Jerzy Kosinski 1997 Scenes recalled by the protagonist reveal his unfeeling acceptance of violence and cruel behavior being inflicted on others

Jerzy Kosinski Gloria L. Cronin 1991 The subject of divided critical opinion because of the experimental nature of his writings and their radical subject matter, Kosinski, author of such novels as *The Painted Bird* and *Being There*, nevertheless ranks among the most celebrated of contemporary American authors. The range of critical response is in evidence in this carefully annotated bibliography. Primary sources include editions of his novels, recordings, nonfiction books, miscellaneous writings, and interviews; secondary sources include reference materials, books and monographs, biographical studies, dissertations, and criticism and reviews specific to particular works. Access is facilitated by author and subject indexes.

Passion Play Jerzy Kosinski 1998 In a masterpiece of love and loss by one of the world's greatest writers, Fabian travels in his VanHome from one end of the country to the other, searching, judging, and testing--himself most of all.

The Painted Bird Jerzy Kosinski 1976 When the war separates a youth from his parents, he begins a terrible odyssey of suffering as he wanders from village to village.

Jerzy Kosinski James Park Sloan 2020-08-16 He was hailed as one of the world's great writers and intellectuals, with novels like *The Painted Bird* and *Being There*. He was acclaimed as a heroic survivor and witness of the Holocaust. He won high literary awards, made the bestseller lists, taught and lectured in prestigious universities, was feted in high society, and became an intimate of the rich and famous in a jet-set world of glitter and glamour. Then, in an expose that sent shock waves throughout the intellectual community, he was denounced as a C.I.A. tool, a supreme con man, and a literary fraud, igniting a firestorm of controversy that consumed his reputation and culminated in his headline-making suicide. Now this compelling biography cuts to the complex heart of the truth about the man and the myth that was Jerzy Kosinski. In so doing, it unfolds a story of reality and deception as fascinating, as moving, as painfully honest, and as revelatory as the most gripping of novels. With research that extends from the Poland of Kosinski's birth and early life to scrupulous examinations of every allegation against Kosinski throughout his career, James Park Sloan, who knew Kosinski for twenty years before his death, leaves no stone unturned and no mask intact. The facts of Kosinski's horrific childhood Holocaust experiences are sorted out from the fictions of *The Painted Bird*. Sloan traces Kosinski's years as an emigre student at Columbia; his marriage to an alcoholic American millionairess; his first literary mark with anti-Communist writings; his award-winning novels and the controversy surrounding their authorship; his triumphant climb to success on an increasingly shaky stairway of half-truths; his compulsive sexual adventuring in New York's erotic underground; his relationship with such figures as Norman Mailer, Roman Polanski, Henry Kissinger, and others in the political and cultural limelight; and the Gotterdammerung of his life and reputation when an article in the *Village Voice* cast all he had done in doubt despite his denials and his circle's support. A dazzling investigation of the tantalizing mystery of an extraordinary man and the tangled roots of his artistry, enriched by frank and intimate testimonies of Kosinski's widow, Kiki, his friends and lovers, his editors and "helpers", his defenders and detractors, Jerzy Kosinski is intriguing biography, equal to its subject.

Portraits and Ashes John Pistelli 2017-06-24 Julia is an aspiring painter without money or direction, haunted by a strange family history. Mark is a successful architect who suddenly finds himself unemployed with a baby on the way. Alice is a well-known artist and museum curator disgraced when her last exhibit proved fatal. Running from their failures, this trio is drawn toward a strange new cult that seeks to obliterate the individual- and which may be the creation of a mysterious and dangerous avant-

garde artist. John Pistelli unforgettably portrays three people desperate to lead meaningful lives as they confront the bizarre new institutions of a fraying America. A suspenseful and poetic novel in the visionary tradition of Don DeLillo, David Mitchell, Kazuo Ishiguro, and Jos Saramago, *PORTRAITS AND ASHES* is a scorching picture of our troubled age.

Blind Date Jerzy Kosinski 2007-12-01 A spectacular and erotically charged psychological novel from the acclaimed author of *Being There* and *The Painted Bird*. George Levanter is an idea man, a small investor, an international playboy, and a ruthless dealmaker whose life is delivered in a series of scorching encounters, each more incredible than the last. From Moscow to Paris, from a Manhattan skyscraper to a California mass murder, *Blind Date* is a dizzying vision of life among the beautiful people and the thrill-seekers that shows Jerzy Kosinski at the height of his power. "Kosiński's vitality and inventiveness are as irresistible as ever." —Time

The First-person Narrator's World Vision in Jerzy Kosinski's "The Painted Bird", "Steps", and "Cockpit" Edith Schnyder 1984

Cockpit Jerzy Kosinski 1975-01-01

The Painted Bird Jerzy Kosinski 2007-12-01 The classic novel of a boy's struggle for survival in WWII Poland, from the National Book

Award-winning author of *Steps* and *Being There*. "In 1939, a six-year-old boy is sent by his anti-Nazi parents to a remote village in Poland where they believe he will be safe. Things happen, however, and the boy is left to roam the Polish countryside. . . . To the blond, blue-eyed peasants in this part of the country, the swarthy, dark-eyed boy who speaks the dialect of the educated class is either Jew, gypsy, vampire, or devil. They fear him and they fear what the Germans will do to them if he is found among them. So he must keep moving. In doing so, over a period of years, he observes every conceivable variation on the theme of horror"

(Kirkus Reviews). Originally published in 1965, *The Painted Bird* established Jerzy Kosinski as a major literary figure. With sparse prose and vivid imagery, it is a story of mythic proportion and timeless human relevance. "One of the best . . . Written with deep sincerity and sensitivity." —Elie Wiesel, *The New York Times Book Review* "Of all the remarkable fiction that emerged from World War II, nothing stands higher than Jerzy Kosinski's *The Painted Bird*. A magnificent work of art, and a celebration of the individual will. No one who reads it will forget it; no one who reads it will be unmoved by it. *The Painted Bird* enriches our literature and our lives." —Jonathan Yardley, *The Miami Herald* "Extraordinary . . . Literally staggering . . . One of the most powerful books I have ever read." —Richard Kluger, *Harper's Magazine* "One of our most significant writers." —Newsweek

Being There Jerzy Kosinski 2015-06-18 The hero of this astonishing novel is called Chance - he may be the man of tomorrow. Flung into the real world when his rich benefactor dies, Chance is helped on his life journey by Elizabeth Eve, the young, beautiful, resourceful wife of a dying Wall Street mogul. Accidentally launched into a world of sex, money, power - and national television - he becomes a media superstar, a household name, the man of the hour - and, who knows, perhaps the next President of the United States of America.

The Quarantine of St. Sebastian House John Pistelli 2020-05-13 A global pandemic has America under quarantine. In a run-down apartment building, with nowhere to go and nothing to do, five people—a philosopher, an academic, a filmmaker, a sculptor, and a philanthropist—come together, at first only for the pleasure of company. But then they find themselves in a ferocious debate about the obsessions that drive their lives and a ruthless quest to discover the secrets that brought them together. Their passions and betrayals play out against the dangerous backdrop of a state-enforced lockdown and a disease that can strike anyone at any time. The eventually explosive conflicts among these poor artists, underfed intellectuals, and desperate fanatics pose urgent questions of art and inequality, health and freedom, faith and power, love and death. *The Quarantine of St. Sebastian House* is at once a Platonic dialogue, a poem in prose, and a suspenseful story of mystery and romance: a fresh

narrative for a new era.

Enemy Queen Robert Steven Goldstein 2020-05-12 When Stanley Berman, a Jewish New York attorney, is appointed Chief Counsel at a North Carolina University, he opts to share a house with his good friend, Thomas McClellan, a professor in the school's English Department. The men spend their evenings drinking wine, playing chess, and lamenting their ineptitude with women. Then the Professor, a Southern good old boy, former high school football lineman, and avid hunter, hatches a scheme to bring a young woman into the house, insisting that as a creative writing teacher, such women find him alluringly subversive and artistic. The Counselor is dubious but persuaded nonetheless—much to his detriment. The articulate but bumbling Counselor and Professor find themselves outwitted at every turn by Victoria, a young woman who is clever, inscrutable, and superb at finishing what she starts. She initiates passionate sexual encounters with the men, but as time goes on, what she demands in return becomes untenable. When she goes missing, John Watson, the county sheriff—and the Professor's lifelong friend—feels compelled to open a murder investigation. Full of wicked humor, artful eroticism, scintillating dialogue, and a bit of intrigue, *Enemy Queen* is an exhilarating romp set in a North Carolina college town.

No Third Path Jerzy Kosinski 1962

Conversations with Jerzy Kosinski Jerzy Kosinski 1993 Collections of interviews with notable modern writers

Steps Jerzy Kosinski (romancier.) 1969

Half a Life V. S. Naipaul 2009-04-23 In a narrative that moves with dreamlike swiftness from India to England to Africa, Nobel Laureate V. S. Naipaul has produced his finest novel to date, a bleakly resonant study of the fraudulent bargains that make up an identity. The son of a Brahmin ascetic and his lower-caste wife, Willie Chandran grows up sensing the hollowness at the core of his father's self-denial and vowing to live more authentically. That search takes him to the immigrant and literary bohemia of 1950s London, to a facile and unsatisfying career as a writer, and at last to a decaying Portuguese colony in East Africa, where he finds a happiness he will then be compelled to betray. Brilliantly orchestrated, at once elegiac and devastating in its portraits of colonial grandeur and pretension, *Half a Life* represents the pinnacle of Naipaul's career.

Jerzy Kosinski Agnieszka Salska 1997

In Love with Jerzy Kosinski Agate Nesaule 2009-03-17 From Agate Nesaule, acclaimed by writers across the globe from Doris Lessing to Tim O'Brien, comes a long-awaited novel. *In Love with Jerzy Kosinski* is a story of courage and persistence, exploring in fiction the themes that gripped readers of Nesaule's award-winning memoir, *A Woman in Amber*. After fleeing Latvia as a child, Anna Duja escapes Russian confinement in displaced persons camps and eventually arrives in America. Years later, she finds herself in a different kind of captivity on isolated Cloudy Lake, Wisconsin, living with her disarming but manipulative husband, Stanley. Inspired by the transformation of Polish-Jewish émigré Jerzy Kosinski from persecuted wartime escapee to celebrity author in America, Anna slips away from Stanley and Cloudy Lake in small steps: learning to drive, making friends, moving to Madison, falling in love, and learning to forgive. Readers will applaud the book's power, the beauty of its prose, and its strong evocation of a woman gradually finding her way in the wake of trauma. Winner, the Chancellor's Regional Literary Award, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Jerzy Kosinski's Steps: a Descriptive and Analytical Reading

Michael Leeon Segers 1974

The Painted Bird Jerzy Kosinski 1983-03 Trieste en wrede, maar ontroerende geschiedenis van een voortdurend opgejaagde jongen in het door de nazi's bezette, hongerende Oost-Europa.

A Woman in Amber Agate Nesaule 2016-11-22 American Book Award Winner: A "stunning" memoir of surviving WWII Latvia—and the long journey to healing that followed (The New York Times Book Review). "A heartbreaking yet inspiring memoir of tragedy and healing," *A Woman in Amber* tells the story of how the occupation of Latvia during World War II affected a woman's relationship with her mother and husband for years to come (Tim O'Brien). Though Agate Nesaule eventually immigrated to the United States and became successful in her professional life, she found herself suffering from depression and unable to come to terms with its cause—until she found her voice and began to share what happened to her and her family at the hands of invading Russian soldiers. In a true story that "draws the reader forward with the suspense of a novel," Nesaule reveals the effects of hunger, both physical and emotional, in stories about begging Russian soldiers for food, the abusive relationship with her first husband, and the redemption that came when she met her second (The New York Times Book Review).

Passing By Jerzy Kosinski 2007-12-01 A collection of writings offers a revealing and provocative self-portrait of an author whose life was shrouded in enigma. Jerzy Kosinski was one of the most important and original writers of his time. *Passing By* serves as his legacy. This collection of essays by the late author features pieces about polo and skiing, levitation, the streets of New York, present-day Poland, the Cannes film festival, celebrities, and more. The man who emerges here has a passion for sport, a quirky sense of fun, an idiosyncratic range of acquaintances stretching from Pope John Paul II to Warren Beatty, and an abiding love of secrets, conundrums, and fantasies. But first and foremost, as he demonstrates in major essays on his novels *The Painted Bird* and *Steps*, Kosinski is a powerful, incomparable literary artist. "Kosinski's vibrant, sexy, questioning voice is fully present." —The Boston Globe

The Art of the Self Jerzy Kosinski 1968

Child of the Holocaust Jack Kuper 2019-01-15 Beautifully and evocatively rendered, this memoir endures as an example of post-war narrative at its finest. Jankele Kuperblum was just nine years old when he returned home and found his family gone. The night before, Germans had come to his town in rural Poland and taken away all the Jews. Now alone in the world, he has to change his name, forget his language, and abandon his religion in order to survive. Jack wanders through Nazi-occupied Poland for four years with no place to hide and no one to trust.

The Field of Vision Wright Morris 2017-02 "Wright Morris seems to me the most important novelist of the American middle generation. Through a large body of work -which, unaccountably, has yet to receive the wide attention it deserves--Mr. Morris has adhered to standards which we have come to identify as those of the most serious literary art. His novel *The Field of Vision* brilliantly climaxes his most richly creative period. It is a work of permanent significance and relevance to those who cannot be content with less than a full effort to cope with the symbolic possibilities of the human condition at the present time."--John W. Aldridge

Song for Night Chris Abani 2007-09-01 "A devastating portrait of a boy holding onto the shreds of his innocence during a war that deliberately, remorselessly works to yank it away."—Los Angeles Times Part *Inferno*, part *Paradise Lost*, part Sunjata epic, *Song for Night* is the story of a West African boy soldier's terrifying yet oddly beautiful journey through a nightmare landscape of brutal war in search of his lost platoon. The mute protagonist—his vocal cords cut to lower the risk of detection by the enemy—writes in a ghostly voice about his fellow minesweepers, the things he's witnessed, and the things he's done, each chapter headed by a line of the sign language these children invented. This "immersive and dreamlike" novella (Publishers Weekly, starred review) by a PEN/Hemingway Award winner is unlike anything else written about an African war. "Not since Jerzy Kosinski's *The Painted Bird* or Agota Kristof's *Notebook Trilogy* has there been such a harrowing novel about what it's like to be a young person in a war. That Chris Abani is able to find humanity, mercy, and even, yes, forgiveness, amid such devastation is something of a miracle."—Rebecca Brown, author of *The End of Youth* "Impressive and fast-paced...narrated with such dry and lucid precision that it brings to mind Babel, Hemingway, McCarthy."—Esquire

Jerzy Kosinski James Park Sloan 1996 A biography of the late novelist covers his wartime childhood in Poland, his strange sex life, and his suspected ties to the CIA

The Career of Nicodemus Dyzma Tadeusz Dolega-Mostowicz 2020-09-15 Winner of the 2021 Found in Translation Award First published in Polish in 1932, *The Career of Nicodemus Dyzma* was Tadeusz Dołęga-Mostowicz's breakout novel. Dyzma is an unemployed clerk who crashes a swanky party, where he makes an offhand crass remark that sets him on a new course. Soon high society—from government ministers to drug-fueled aristocrats—wants a piece of him. As Dyzma's status grows, his vulgarity is interpreted as authenticity and strength. He is unable to comprehend complicated political matters, but his cryptic responses are celebrated as wise introspection. His willingness to do anything to hold on to power—flip-flopping on political positions, inventing xenophobic plots, even having enemies assaulted—only leads to greater success. Dołęga-Mostowicz wrote his novel in a newly independent Poland rampant with political corruption and populist pandering. Jerzy Kosinski borrowed heavily from the novel when he wrote *Being There*, and readers of both books will recognize similarities between their plots. This biting political satire—by turns hilarious and disturbing, contemptuous and sympathetic—is an indictment of a system in which money and connections matter above all else, bluster and ignorance are valorized, and a deeply incompetent man rises to the highest spheres of government.

The New Southern Gentleman Jim Booth 2002 "Daniel Randolph Deal is a

Southern aristocrat, having the required bloodline, but little of the nobility. A man resistant to the folly of ethics, he prefers a selective, self-indulgent morality. He is a confessed hedonist, albeit responsibly so."--Back cover. Omensetter's Luck William H. Gass 1997-04-01 "The most important work of fiction by an American in this literary generation." -The New Republic Now celebrating the 50th anniversary of its publication, Omensetter's Luck is the masterful first novel by the author of *The Tunnel*, *Middle C*, *On Being Blue*, and *Eyes: Novellas and Stories*. Greeted as a masterpiece when it was first published in 1966, Omensetter's Luck is the quirky, impressionistic, and breathtakingly original story of an ordinary community galvanized by the presence of an extraordinary man. Set in a small Ohio town in the 1890s, it chronicles - through the voices of various participants and observers - the confrontation between Brackett Omensetter, a man of preternatural goodness, and the Reverend Jethro Furber, a preacher crazed with a propensity for violent thoughts. Omensetter's Luck meticulously brings to life a specific time and place as it illuminates timeless questions about life, love, good, and evil. This edition includes an afterword written by William Gass in 1997. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

The Hermit of 69th Street Jerzy Kosinski 1988 Explores the life of Norbert Kosky, a fifty-five-year-old Holocaust survivor, immigrant to America, and successful but tortured writer in search of spiritual order and freedom

Too Late The Phalarope Alan Paton 2011-11-29 From the author of *Cry, The Beloved Country* comes a powerful novel of terror and remorse "written in exquisitely balanced prose" (Chicago Sun-Times) about a white policeman who has an affair with a native girl in South Africa. After violating his country's ironclad law governing relationships between the races, a young white South African police lieutenant must struggle alone against the censure of an inflexible society, his family, and himself.

Jerzy Kosinski. [Mit Portr.] - Boston (1982). 176 S. 8° Norman Lavers 1982 Recounts the life of the Polish-born writer, provides a detailed analysis of his novels, and assesses his place in modern literature

Walkabout James Vance Marshall 1979 The widely acclaimed illustration of a contrast of cultures in which young European air crash survivors inadvertently 'murder' their Aboriginal saviour.

Pinball Jerzy Kosinski 2007-12-01 From the twisted mind of Jerzy Kosinski, a novel of kink and consequences set in the turbulent world of 1970s rock music excess. Jerzy Kosinski's bestselling novel *Pinball*, which he wrote for George Harrison, is a rock 'n' roll mystery centered on a superstar named Goddard who has, despite his success, managed to keep his identity a secret, even from his closest friends. But a beautiful young woman, obsessed with finding Goddard, stalks him relentlessly, driven by a secret goal that justifies all means. Ricocheting with humor and bursting

with erotic intensity, *Pinball* is a game as intricate, unpredictable, suspenseful, and complex as life. "Pinball is classic Kosinski." —Chicago Tribune "Kosinski has created a suspenseful, readable, and unsentimental tale that showcases his love for and knowledge of music and examines the nature of fame and success and the frightening alienation and violence it often spawns." —Library Journal

Critical Essays on Jerzy Kosinski Barbara Tapa Lupack 1998 Twenty-two reviews and thirteen essays trace the critical reputation of Jerzy Kosinski's literary works. One interview is included.

When We Get to Surf City Bob Greene 2009-05-12 Includes a bonus excerpt from Bob Greene's forthcoming *Late Edition: A Love Story* "There is something absolutely magical about Bob Greene's voice."--Jeffrey Zaslow, coauthor, *The Last Lecture* Running away to join the circus is a dream we're told to put away once we're no longer young. But for the last fifteen summers, Bob Greene has stepped into a universe that is hiding in plain sight: the touring world of the great early rock bands who gave America the car-radio-and-jukebox music it still loves best. Singing backup with the legendary Jan and Dean as they endlessly crisscross the nation, in the company of Chuck Berry, the Everly Brothers, Jerry Lee Lewis, Martha and the Vandellas, and the Beach Boys, Greene takes us to football stadiums and minor-league ballparks, to no-name ice cream stands and midnight diners. Along the way he tells a riveting story of great fame and lingering sorrow, of unexpected friendship and lasting dreams, of the things that keep us going in the face of all the things that threaten to stop us. Hilarious and heartbreaking, moving and brilliant, this is the trip of a lifetime, a travelogue of the heart, accompanied by a thundering guitar chorus of Fender Stratocasters.

Snapshots Alain Robbe-Grillet 1995 Alain Robbe-Grillet has long been regarded as the chief spokesman for the controversial nouveau roman. This collection of brilliant short pieces introduces the reader to those techniques employed by Robbe-Grillet in his longer works. These intriguing, gemlike stories represent Robbe-Grillet's most accessible fiction.

Cockpit Jerzy Kosinski 2007-12-01 From the acclaimed author of *Being There* and *The Painted Bird*, this "dazzling succession of . . . erotic episodes . . . brilliantly def[ies] the limitations of its form" (The New York Times Book Review). An agent known only as Tarden is a former operative of the mysterious security agency "the Service." He has erased himself from all dossiers and transcripts. Now a fugitive, he moves across the landscape free of identity, in search of adventure and intrigue. But Tarden is a man of many disguises, and he is alternately avenger and savior, judge and trickster, as he enters the lives of others, forcing them into the arena of his judgement. In *Cockpit*, Kosinski is at his most startling and powerful, stripping away pretension and illusions of security to reveal the source of real strength within. "Jerzy Kosinski's work glistens with social observation and psychological apprehension. Not since Conrad has an Eastern European found so profound a voice in the English language." —Time "A vicious peepshow-parable about a world we reluctantly recognize now and then." —Kirkus Reviews