

HPL ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: THE NETHERLANDS



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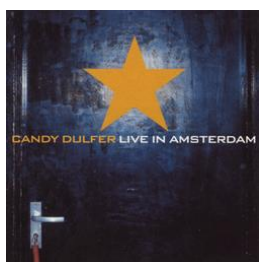
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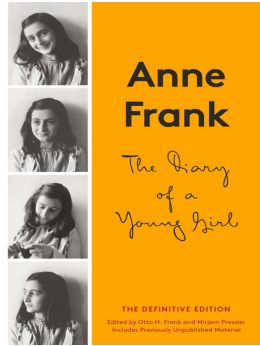
“Candy Dulfer live in Amsterdam” - Candy Dulfer

Candy Dulfer (born 19 September 1969) is a Dutch jazz and pop saxophonist.

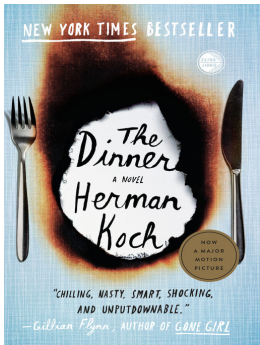
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Non-Fiction

	<p>“The Diary of a Young Girl” by Anne Frank</p> <p>In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the “Secret Annex” of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period.</p>
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Fiction

	<p>“The Dinner” by Herman Koch</p> <p>It’s a summer’s evening in Amsterdam, and two couples meet at a fashionable restaurant for dinner. Between mouthfuls of food and over the scrapings of cutlery, the conversation remains a gentle hum of polite discourse. But behind the empty words, terrible things need to be said, and with every forced smile and every new course, the knives are being sharpened. - Each couple has a fifteen-year-old son. The two boys are united by their accountability for a single horrific act—an act that has triggered a police investigation and shattered the comfortable, insulated worlds of their families. As the dinner...</p>
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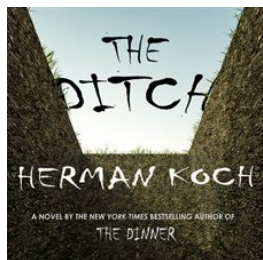
Travel



“Netherlands” by Sheryl Buckland.

Taking readers beyond the stereotypical images of windmills, clogs, and tulips, this pocket-sized guide helps visitors understand the complex layers of identity in this small, densely populated country on Europe's northwestern seaboard. With roots as a maritime nation that built a network for transportation, defense, and trade, the Netherlands of today is still a prime economic hub of Europe. The Netherlands is also famous for its liberal attitudes, recently challenged by high levels of immigration, and is home to an intelligent, cosmopolitan, enterprising, tolerant, and modest people.

Audiobook



“The Ditch” by Herman Koch, read by Gildart Jackson

Written with Herman Koch's trademark originality, playfulness, and edge, The Ditch is a wildly clever-and guttingly familiar-story of a man whose sadistic skill for undermining himself and his marriage comes to cost him nearly everything.

Graphic Novel



“Megg and Mogg in Amsterdam : and other stories” by Simon Hanselmann.

Megg the witch, Mogg the cat, their friend Owl, and Werewolf Jones struggle unsuccessfully with their depression, drug use, sexuality, poverty, lack of ambition, and their complex feelings about each other. It's a laff riot! Megg and Mogg decide to take a trip to Amsterdam for some quality couple time, although the trip gets off to a rocky start when they forget their antidepressants.

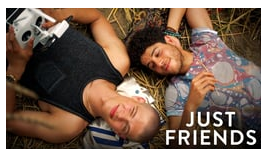
Megg & Mogg in Amsterdam collects all of Simon Hanselmann's contributions to Vice.com, the Ignatz Award-nominated short story "St. Owl's Bay," and other surprises that will add additional color and background for fans of Megahex.



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Movie (Dutch)



“Just friends (Gewoon Vrienden)” director Ellen Smit, 2018, 85 min.

Joris is trying to come to terms with his broken family relationships on the 10th anniversary of his father’s death when he meets the free-spirited, Yad. Also dealing with family issues, Yad has returned home to The Netherlands after living on his own. Joris and Yad spark an instant connection and decide they want to be more than “just friends”, but fear their families could threaten their relationship.

Short Film (Dutch)



“Import” director Ena Sendijarevic, 2016, 17 min.

A young Bosnian refugee family ends up in a small village in the Netherlands after getting a residence permit in 1994. Absurd situations arise as they are trying to make this new world their home.