

## A simple twist of fate



William Trevor was born in County Cork in 1928, and is widely regarded as our greatest living short-story writer. He has won the Whitbread Fiction Prize three times, and was also shortlisted for the Booker.

Another stunning novel from the acclaimed William Trevor; a brilliantly written tale of calamity and loss that beautifully evokes life in rural Ireland.

The year is 1921, and the Protestant Gault family face leaving their beloved home in an increasingly hostile County Cork. Eight-year-old Lucy cannot bear the prospect of exile, and hatches a plan that she believes will force her parents to stay. However, Lucy's scheme backfires badly; believing her dead, the devastated Gaults depart Ireland for good, leaving behind a lost, lonely

girl with no means of contacting them...

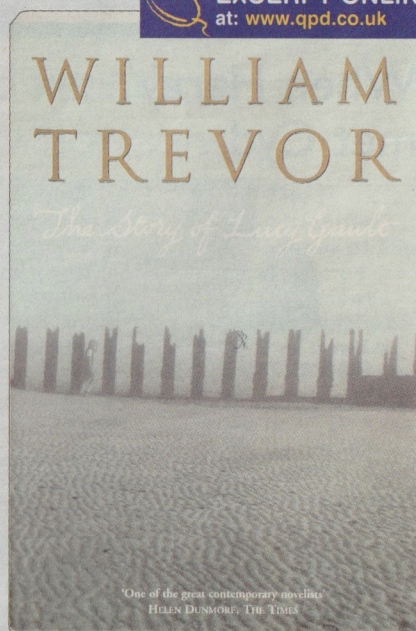
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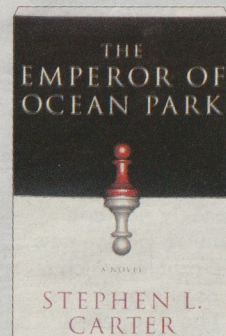
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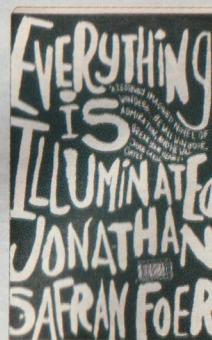
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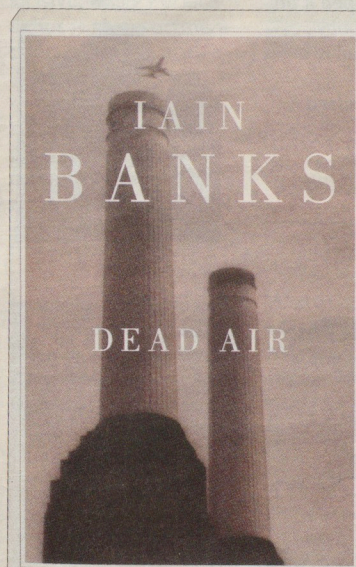
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