

Ebook free Testimony by anita shreve (Read Only)

when charles callahan chances on a newspaper photograph of sian richards a woman he loved when they were both only thirteen he is hardly in a position to do anything about it he has been faithfully married for years and his rhode island real estate business has been hit hard by the recession he is scrambling to stave off bankruptcy and save his house but charles cannot resist the hand of fate he writes to sian now a poet living with a family of her own on a farm in upstate new york three decades after they last saw each other the two lovers meet powerfully drawn together once again charles and sian are forced to come to terms with the nature of erotic love and betrayal moral quandaries in an age of shifting values and the elusive nature of time struggling to reclaim what once they lost they set in motion a passionate and tumultuous series of events that moves to a shocking conclusion a young and successful journalist working in new york maureen english appears to have the perfect life and family but maureen s husband a highly respected fellow reporter has in private a tendency towards alcohol and violent abuse when the situation at home becomes intolerable maureen takes her baby daughter and flees in a maine fishing town she assumes a new identity and spends six weeks battling sub zero temperatures the intrusive glare of the townsfolk and her fears of discovery against the force of the wintry sea the cawing of the gulls the lobstermen hauling their catch the press of waves against the rocks maureen settles into the rhythms of a new life two married men pursue her and one captures her heart but this calming respite ends suddenly leaving in its wake a murder a rape charge a suicide and a helpless child nearly nineteen years later a cache of documents regarding maureen english abused accused and imprisoned are given to her daughter by the journalist who made her name reporting the case the truth should lie within them but the papers raise far more questions than they answer the year is 1929 and honora beecher and her husband sexton are just settling into a new marriage and a cottage on the coast of new hampshire while honora fixes up the derelict house and searches for bits of sea glass on the beach sexton risks everything they own to buy the house they both love along with millions of other americans he is blindsided by the stock market crash and finds himself penniless the only work he can find is at a nearby mill where a labour conflict is erupting into violence shaken by forces they scarcely understand honora and sexton try to build a marriage and home while overwhelmed by passions of every kind writing with the power and immediacy that have made her novels bestsellers shreve unfolds interlocking lives each with its own share of love loss and challenge this is another gripping and unforgettable story of the human heart from one of the most accomplished novelists of our time a man escaping from a hotel fire sees a woman standing beneath a tree he approaches her and sets in motion a series of events that will change his life forever years later traveling from new england to florida by train he reflects back on his obsession with this unknown and ultimately unknowable woman his courtship of her his marriage to her and the unforgivable act that ripped their family apart spanning three decades from 1899 to 1933 all he ever wanted gives us a tale of marriage betrayal and the search for redemption it has the unmatched attention to details of character place and emotion that have made anita shreve one of the world s best loved and bestselling novelists a rookie paramedic pulls a young woman alive from her totaled car a first rescue that begins a lifelong tangle of love and wreckage peter webster pulls a young woman out of a car wreck that should have killed her sheila arsenault haunts his thoughts and despite his misgivings peter is soon embroiled in an intense love affair and in sheila s troubled world eighteen years later sheila is long gone and peter is raising their daughter rowan alone but rowan is veering dangerously off course and for the first time in their quiet life together peter

fears for her future he seeks out the only person who may be able to help rowan although sheila's return is sure to unleash all the questions he has carefully been keeping at bay why did a mother leave her family how did the marriage of two people so deeply in love unravel a story about trespass and forgiveness secrets and the seismic force of the truth rescue is a masterful portrayal of a family trying to understand its fractured past and begin again at a new england boarding school a sex scandal is about to break even more shocking than the sexual acts themselves is the fact that they were caught on videotape a pandora's box of revelations the tape triggers a chorus of voices those of the men women teenagers and parents involved in the scandal that details the ways in which lives can be derailed or destroyed in one foolish moment writing with a pace and intensity surpassing even her own greatest work anita shreve delivers in testimony a gripping emotional drama with the impact of a thriller no one more compellingly explores the dark impulses that sway the lives of seeming innocents the needs and fears that drive ordinary men and women into intolerable dilemmas and the ways in which our best intentions can lead to our worst transgressions fortune's rocks transports the reader to the turn of the twentieth century to the world of a prominent boston family summering on the new hampshire coast no praise is too high for fortune's rocks the book will take hold of you and not let you go until the last word usa today exceptionally fine shreve writes with power and passion daily express fourteen year old olympic biddeford is spending the summer with her parents at their seasonal house at fortune's rocks her father handles her education himself and is in fact a publisher of mildly liberal literature one author he admires who also practises as a physician comes to visit the house forty years old married with four children he embarks on an affair with olympia they have a swift passionate summer torn apart when they are discovered together during olympic's fifteenth birthday party her parents are mortified and immediately take olympia back to boston when a baby boy is born nine months later he is taken from her and she finds herself in exile at a ladies college and then as a governess she decides she must get her child back which means returning to fortune's rocks instant new york times best seller from the new york times best selling author of the weight of water and the pilot's wife an oprah's book club selection an exquisitely suspenseful new novel about an extraordinary young woman tested by a catastrophic event and its devastating aftermath based on the true story of the largest fire in maine's history in october 1947 after a summer long drought fires break out all along the maine coast from bar harbor to kittery and are soon racing out of control from town to village five months pregnant grace holland is left alone to protect her two toddlers when her husband gene joins the volunteer firefighters along with her best friend rosie and rosie's two young children grace watches helplessly as their houses burn to the ground the flames finally forcing them all into the ocean as a last resort the women spend the night frantically protecting their children and in the morning find their lives forever changed homeless penniless awaiting news of their husbands fate and left to face an uncertain future in a town that no longer exists in the midst of this devastating loss grace discovers glorious new freedoms joys and triumphs she could never have expected her narrow life with gene could contain and her spirit soars and then the unthinkable happens and grace's bravery is tested as never before i wonder this if you take a woman and push her to the edge how will she behave the question is posed by jean a photographer who arrives on smuttynose island off the coast of new hampshire to research a century old crime as she immerses herself in the details of the case an outburst of passion that resulted in the deaths of two women jean herself enters precarious emotional territory the suspicion that her husband is having an affair burgeons into jealousy and distrust and ultimately propels jean to the verge of actions she had not known herself capable of actions with horrific consequences everywhere hailed for its beauty and power the weight of water takes us on an unforgettable journey through the furthest extremes of emotion when linda fallon

and thomas janes meet at a writers festival in toronto it is the first time they have seen each other for twenty six years theirs is a story bound by the irresistible pull of true passion a love which begins in massachusetts in the early 1960s is rekindled in kenya in the mid 1970s and which is about to play out its astonishing final episode written with reverse chronology anita shreve s new novel is a haunting story of mesmerising beauty with a strong narrative pull that inescapably draws the reader in and leaves its most stunning revelation until the very last pages brilliantly ambitious and powerfully written the last time they met is a tale not so much of life but of a life not lived journeying to smuttynose island off the coast of new hampshire to shoot a photo essay about a century old double murder a photographer becomes absorbed by the crime and increasingly obsessed with jealousy over the idea that her husband is having an affair at the age of 29 sydney has already been once divorced and once widowed trying to regain her footing once again she has answered an ad to tutor the teenage daughter of a well to do couple as they spend a sultry summer in their oceanfront new hampshire cottage but when the edwards two grown sons ben and jeff arrive at the beach house sydney finds herself caught up in a destructive web of old tensions and bitter divisions as the brothers vie for her affections the fragile existence sydney has rebuilt for herself is threatened with the subtle wit lyrical language and brilliant insight into the human heart that has led her to be called an author at one with her m tier miami herald shreve weaves a novel about marriage family and the supreme courage that it takes to love andrew an advertising executive in his mid 30s returns to his hometown in upstate new york for his mother s funeral he does not intend to stay in the slow rural backwater he left seventeen years before but the dreams and memories persist and in the darkened farmhouse he relives that hot bloody night when eden close was blinded by the same gun that killed her father the enigmatic eden had been andrew s childhood companion together the two roamed summer cornfields smoked their first forbidden cigarettes skated fished and fought until the tomboy turned temptress then their friendship ended now despite warnings andrew is drawn again to this lost blind girl of his youth drawn to save her from the cruel neglect she has endured for seventeen sightless years without him but first he must discover the grisly truth about that night an oprah s book club selection this gripping and powerfully wrought novel from the bestselling author of the weight of water is a stunning meditation on grief betrayal and the ultimate unknowability of those closest to us daily telegraph who can guess what a woman will do when the unthinkable becomes her reality being married to a pilot has taught kathryn lyons to be ready for emergencies but nothing has prepared her for the late night knock on her door and the news of her husband s fatal crash as kathryn struggles through her grief she is forced to confront disturbing rumours about the man she loved and the life that she took for granted torn between her impulse to protect her husband s memory and her desire to know the truth kathryn sets off to find out if she ever really knew the man who was her husband in her determination to test the truth of her marriage she faces shocking revelations about the secrets a man can keep and the actions a woman is willing to take enthralling anita brookner author of the booker prize winning hotel du lac compellingly told brilliantly observed lyrically written and when you get to the last page you simply want to run out and buy everything she s ever written sunday independent as the wife of a resistance member in german occupied belgium claire daussois has grown used to hiding strange men in her attic by the end of 1943 the tiny room has housed dozens of allied airmen soldiers and other refugees whom claire nurses and harbours from the perpetual threat of discovery by the gestapo the b 17 bomber that crash lands outside claire s village of delahaut contains the man who will be both the last and the most significant of the attic s residents us air force pilot ted brice ted is found severely wounded and semi conscious by ten year old jean benoit minutes before the germans begin their search for survivors knowing of claire s connections with the resistance and desperate to

atone for his father's shameful collaboration Jean realises that Claire is the pilot's only hope of survival the month that follows will stay with them both for the rest of their lives a few weeks only a handful of days it is a period in which the war recedes in the face of more powerful forces before imposing itself once more with shocking suddenness at the age of twenty nine Sydney has already been once divorced and once widowed trying to regain her footing after this tragic double blow she answers the ad of a couple seeking a tutor for their teenage daughter and ends up spending the summer at the cottage of the Edwards family on the stunning New Hampshire coast no sooner does Sydney settle into the household routine than the Edwardses two grown sons show up for a weekend and both seem completely enraptured by Sydney at an inn in the Berkshire mountains of western Massachusetts seven former schoolmates gather for a wedding Nora the owner of the inn has recently had to reinvent her life following the death of her husband Avery who still hears echoes from a horrific event at Kidd Academy twenty six years ago has made a life for himself in Toronto with his wife and two sons Agnes now a history teacher at Kidd is a woman who longs to tell a secret she cannot reveal to the others a secret that would stun them all Bridget the mother of a fifteen year old boy has agreed to marry Bill an old high school lover whom she has recently re-met despite uncertainties about her health and future indeed it is Bill who passionately wants this wedding and who has brought everyone together for an astonishing weekend of revelation and recrimination forgiveness and redemption this is Anita Shreve's most ambitious and moving novel to date probing into human motivation with extraordinary grace and skill Anita Shreve's hauntingly beautiful 1 bestseller and Oprah's book club selection about tragedy grief betrayal and the impossibility of knowing another person as a pilot's wife Kathryn has learned to expect both intense exhilaration and long periods alone but nothing has prepared her for a late night knock that lets her know her husband has died in a crash until now Kathryn Lyons's life has been peaceful if unextraordinary a satisfying job teaching high school in the New England mill town of her childhood a picture perfect home by the ocean a precocious independent minded fifteen year old daughter and a happy marriage whose occasional dull passages she attributes to the unavoidable deadening of time as Kathryn struggles with her grief she descends into a maelstrom of publicity stirred up by the modern hunger for the details of tragedy even before the plane is located in waters off the Irish coast the relentless scrutiny of her husband's life begins to bring a bizarre personal mystery into focus could there be any truth to the increasingly disturbing rumors that he had a secret life strange fits of passion a successful journalist Maureen English appears to have the perfect life but her husband has a tendency towards alcohol and abuse and so Maureen takes her daughter and flees in a Maine fishing town she assumes a new identity and spends six weeks battling sub zero temperatures intrusive townsfolk and fear of discovery she soon settles into the rhythms of a new life but this calming respite is about to come crashing to an end where or when when Charles Callahan sees on a newspaper photograph of Sian Richards a woman he loved when they were both only thirteen he is in no position to do anything about it he has been faithfully married for years but Charles cannot bear his curiosity and decides to get in touch the two meet and are forced to come to terms with the nature of erotic love and betrayal in an age of shifting values a New England boarding school is rocked in the wake of a sex scandal in which participants were caught on videotape a situation that derails the innocence and best intentions of students parents and others in life shattering ways walking through snow near their home twelve year old Nicky Dillon and her father discover an abandoned infant Margaret and Patrick have been married just a few months when they set off on what they hope will be a great adventure a year living in Kenya Margaret quickly realizes there is a great deal she doesn't know about the complex mores of her new home and about her own husband a British couple invites the newlyweds to join on a climbing expedition to Mount Kenya and they eagerly agree

but during their harrowing ascent a horrific accident occurs in the aftermath of the tragedy margaret struggles to understand what happened on the mountain and how these events have transformed her and her marriage perhaps forever a change in altitude illuminates the inner landscape of a couple the irrevocable impact of tragedy and the elusive nature of forgiveness with stunning language and striking emotional intensity anita shreve transports us to the exotic panoramas of africa and into the core of our most intimate relationships this magnificent novel transports readers to the world of a prominent boston family summering on the new hampshire coast and to the social orbit of a spirited young woman who falls into a passionate illicit affair with an older man with cataclysmic results the fortune rock s quartet collects four of anita shreve s most beloved novels fortune s rocks the pilot s wife sea glass and body surfing for the first time the novels highlight shreve s ability to illuminate women s lives across different eras and share a delightful detail they are all set in the same coastal new england home one that has inspired shreve for over a decade any house with age to it can tell a million stories about the families who have lived there and shreve has been quoted as saying you could base an entire life s work on the people who come in and out of a house fortune s rocks depicts a spirited young woman at the turn of the 20th century who falls into a passionate illicit affair with an older man in sea glass a young couple s new marriage is rocked to the core by the 1929 stock market crash the pilot s wife brings us to the present day where kathryn is unprepared her for the late night knock that lets her know her husband has been killed in a plane crash sydney the heroine of body surfing has already been once divorced and once widowed by the age of 29 and finds the fragile existence she has rebuilt for herself threatened when two brothers vie for her affections there s something addictive about shreve s tales according to usa today and this quality is on full display in the critically acclaimed novels of the fortune rock s quartet no one writes more compellingly than anita shreve about marriage family the depths of our strength and resolve and the supreme courage that it takes to love enthusiastically embraced by critics readers and booksellers across the country this powerful novel of obsession and betrayal is now available in paperback when a photographer researches a legendary crime that took place a century earlier she immerses herself in the details of the case and finds herself caught in the grip of an uncontrollable emotion atonement with just the tiniest dash of downton abbey red magazine gripping and moving sunday times hauled in a cart to a field hospital in northern france in march 1916 an american woman wakes from unconsciousness to the smell of gas gangrene the sounds of men in pain and an almost complete loss of memory she knows only that she can drive an ambulance she can draw and her name is stella bain a stateless woman in a lawless country stella embarks on a journey to reconstruct her life suffering an agonising and inexplicable array of symptoms she finds her way to london there dr august bridge a cranial surgeon turned psychologist is drawn to tracking her amnesia to its source what brutality was she fleeing when she left the tranquil seclusion of a new england college campus to serve on the front for what crime did she need to atone and whom did she leave behind vivid intense and gripping packed with secrets and revelations the lives of stella bain is at once a ravishing love story and an intense psychological mystery in a summer community on the coast of new hampshire at the turn of the last century a girl is drawn into a passionate affair with a man nearly three times her age from the author of the pilot s wife and now available in paperback fortune s rocks explores reckless love and its consequences the sensual education of a young woman and how unconscious choices can shape an entire life a masterwork of american literature from the pulitzer prize winning author of the age of innocence a marked departure from edith wharton s usual ironic contemplation of the fashionable new york society to which she belonged ethan frome is a sharply etched portrait of the simple inhabitants of a nineteenth century new england village the protagonist ethan frome is a man

tormented by a passionate love for his ailing wife's young cousin trapped by the bonds of marriage and the fear of public condemnation he is ultimately destroyed by that which offers him the greatest chance at happiness like the house of mirth and many of Edith Wharton's other novels Ethan Frome centers on the power of local convention to smother the growth of the individual written with stark simplicity this powerful and tragic novel has long been considered one of Wharton's greatest works a novel in which Andrew an advertising executive returns to his hometown in upstate New York to attend his mother's funeral he renews friendship with a blind girl from his youth and is drawn to save her from the cruel neglect she has endured for 17 sightless years without him an epic story set against the backdrop of World War I from bestselling author Anita Shreve when an American woman Stella Bain is found suffering from severe shell shock in an exclusive garden in London surgeon August Bridge and his wife selflessly agree to take her in a gesture of goodwill turns into something more as Bridge quickly develops a clinical interest in his houseguest Stella had been working as a nurse's aide near the front but she can't remember anything prior to four months earlier when she was found wounded on a French battlefield in a narrative that takes us from London to America and back again Shreve has created an engrossing and wrenching tale about love and the meaning of memory set against the haunting backdrop of a war that destroyed an entire generation

Where Or When 2014-11-27 when charles callahan chances on a newspaper photograph of sian richards a woman he loved when they were both only thirteen he is hardly in a position to do anything about it he has been faithfully married for years and his rhode island real estate business has been hit hard by the recession he is scrambling to stave off bankruptcy and save his house but charles cannot resist the hand of fate he writes to sian now a poet living with a family of her own on a farm in upstate new york three decades after they last saw each other the two lovers meet powerfully drawn together once again charles and sian are forced to come to terms with the nature of erotic love and betrayal moral quandaries in an age of shifting values and the elusive nature of time struggling to reclaim what once they lost they set in motion a passionate and tumultuous series of events that moves to a shocking conclusion

Strange Fits Of Passion 2014-11-27 a young and successful journalist working in new york maureen english appears to have the perfect life and family but maureen s husband a highly respected fellow reporter has in private a tendency towards alcohol and violent abuse when the situation at home becomes intolerable maureen takes her baby daughter and flees in a maine fishing town she assumes a new identity and spends six weeks battling sub zero temperatures the intrusive glare of the townsfolk and her fears of discovery against the force of the wintry sea the cawing of the gulls the lobstermen hauling their catch the press of waves against the rocks maureen settles into the rhythms of a new life two married men pursue her and one captures her heart but this calming respite ends suddenly leaving in its wake a murder a rape charge a suicide and a helpless child nearly nineteen years later a cache of documents regarding maureen english abused accused and imprisoned are given to her daughter by the journalist who made her name reporting the case the truth should lie within them but the papers raise far more questions than they answer

Sea Glass 2014-11-27 the year is 1929 and honora beecher and her husband sexton are just settling into a new marriage and a cottage on the coast of new hampshire while honora fixes up the derelict house and searches for bits of sea glass on the beach sexton risks everything they own to buy the house they both love along with millions of other americans he is blindsided by the stock market crash and finds himself penniless the only work he can find is at a nearby mill where a labour conflict is erupting into violence shaken by forces they scarcely understand honora and sexton try to build a marriage and home while overwhelmed by passions of every kind writing with the power and immediacy that have made her novels bestsellers shreve unfolds interlocking lives each with its own share of love loss and challenge this is another gripping and unforgettable story of the human heart from one of the most accomplished novelists of our time

All He Ever Wanted 2014-11-27 a man escaping from a hotel fire sees a woman standing beneath a tree he approaches her and sets in motion a series of events that will change his life forever years later traveling from new england to florida by train he reflects back on his obsession with this unknown and ultimately unknowable woman his courtship of her his marriage to her and the unforgivable act that ripped their family apart spanning three decades from 1899 to 1933 all he ever wanted gives us a tale of marriage betrayal and the search for redemption it has the unmatched attention to details of character place and emotion that have made anita shreve one of the world s best loved and bestselling novelists

Anita Shreve 3 Pack 2010-11-30 a rookie paramedic pulls a young woman alive from her totaled car a first rescue that begins a lifelong tangle of love and wreckage peter webster pulls a young woman out of a car wreck that should have killed her sheila arsenault haunts his thoughts and despite his misgivings peter is soon embroiled in an intense love affair and in sheila s troubled world eighteen years later sheila is long gone and peter is raising their daughter rowan alone but rowan is veering dangerously off course and for the first time in their quiet life together peter

fears for her future he seeks out the only person who may be able to help rowan although sheila's return is sure to unleash all the questions he has carefully been keeping at bay why did a mother leave her family how did the marriage of two people so deeply in love unravel a story about trespass and forgiveness secrets and the seismic force of the truth rescue is a masterful portrayal of a family trying to understand its fractured past and begin again

Rescue 2008-10-21 at a new england boarding school a sex scandal is about to break even more shocking than the sexual acts themselves is the fact that they were caught on videotape a pandora's box of revelations the tape triggers a chorus of voices those of the men women teenagers and parents involved in the scandal that details the ways in which lives can be derailed or destroyed in one foolish moment writing with a pace and intensity surpassing even her own greatest work anita shreve delivers in testimony a gripping emotional drama with the impact of a thriller no one more compellingly explores the dark impulses that sway the lives of seeming innocents the needs and fears that drive ordinary men and women into intolerable dilemmas and the ways in which our best intentions can lead to our worst transgressions

Testimony 2014-11-27 fortune's rocks transports the reader to the turn of the twentieth century to the world of a prominent boston family summering on the new hampshire coast no praise is too high for fortune's rocks the book will take hold of you and not let you go until the last word usa today exceptionally fine shreve writes with power and passion daily express fourteen year old olympic biddeford is spending the summer with her parents at their seasonal house at fortune's rocks her father handles her education himself and is in fact a publisher of mildly liberal literature one author he admires who also practises as a physician comes to visit the house forty years old married with four children he embarks on an affair with olympia they have a swift passionate summer torn apart when they are discovered together during olympic's fifteenth birthday party her parents are mortified and immediately take olympia back to boston when a baby boy is born nine months later he is taken from her and she finds herself in exile at a ladies college and then as a governess she decides she must get her child back which means returning to fortune's rocks

Fortune's Rocks 2017-04-18 instant new york times best seller from the new york times best selling author of the weight of water and the pilot's wife an oprah's book club selection an exquisitely suspenseful new novel about an extraordinary young woman tested by a catastrophic event and its devastating aftermath based on the true story of the largest fire in maine's history in october 1947 after a summer long drought fires break out all along the maine coast from bar harbor to kittery and are soon racing out of control from town to village five months pregnant grace holland is left alone to protect her two toddlers when her husband gene joins the volunteer firefighters along with her best friend rosie and rosie's two young children grace watches helplessly as their houses burn to the ground the flames finally forcing them all into the ocean as a last resort the women spend the night frantically protecting their children and in the morning find their lives forever changed homeless penniless awaiting news of their husbands fate and left to face an uncertain future in a town that no longer exists in the midst of this devastating loss grace discovers glorious new freedoms joys and triumphs she could never have expected her narrow life with gene could contain and her spirit soars and then the unthinkable happens and grace's bravery is tested as never before

The Stars Are Fire 2004 i wonder this if you take a woman and push her to the edge how will she behave the question is posed by jean a photographer who arrives on smuttynose island off the coast of new hampshire to research a century old crime as she immerses herself in the details of the case an outburst of passion that resulted in the deaths of two women jean herself enters precarious emotional territory the suspicion that her husband is having an affair

burgeons into jealousy and distrust and ultimately propels jean to the verge of actions she had not known herself capable of actions with horrific consequences everywhere hailed for its beauty and power the weight of water takes us on an unforgettable journey through the furthest extremes of emotion

The Weight of Water 2014-11-27 when linda fallon and thomas janes meet at a writers festival in toronto it is the first time they have seen each other for twenty six years theirs is a story bound by the irresistible pull of true passion a love which begins in massachusetts in the early 1960s is rekindled in kenya in the mid 1970s and which is about to play out its astonishing final episode written with reverse chronology anita shreve s new novel is a haunting story of mesmerising beauty with a strong narrative pull that inescapably draws the reader in and leaves its most stunning revelation until the very last pages brilliantly ambitious and powerfully written the last time they met is a tale not so much of life but of a life not lived

The Last Time They Met 2009-05-30 journeying to smuttynose island off the coast of new hampshire to shoot a photo essay about a century old double murder a photographer becomes absorbed by the crime and increasingly obsessed with jealousy over the idea that her husband is having an affair

The Weight of Water 2007-04-24 at the age of 29 sydney has already been once divorced and once widowed trying to regain her footing once again she has answered an ad to tutor the teenage daughter of a well to do couple as they spend a sultry summer in their oceanfront new hampshire cottage but when the edwards two grown sons ben and jeff arrive at the beach house sydney finds herself caught up in a destructive web of old tensions and bitter divisions as the brothers vie for her affections the fragile existence sydney has rebuilt for herself is threatened with the subtle wit lyrical language and brilliant insight into the human heart that has led her to be called an author at one with her métier miami herald shreve weaves a novel about marriage family and the supreme courage that it takes to love

Body Surfing 2014-11-27 andrew an advertising executive in his mid 30s returns to his hometown in upstate new york for his mother s funeral he does not intend to stay in the slow rural backwater he left seventeen years before but the dreams and memories persist and in the darkened farmhouse he relives that hot bloody night when eden close was blinded by the same gun that killed her father the enigmatic eden had been andrew s childhood companion together the two roamed summer cornfields smoked their first forbidden cigarettes skated fished and fought until the tomboy turned temptress then their friendship ended now despite warnings andrew is drawn again to this lost blind girl of his youth drawn to save her from the cruel neglect she has endured for seventeen sightless years without him but first he must discover the grisly truth about that night

Eden Close 2003 an oprah s book club selection this gripping and powerfully wrought novel from the bestselling author of the weight of water is a stunning meditation on grief betrayal and the ultimate unknowability of those closest to us daily telegraph who can guess what a woman will do when the unthinkable becomes her reality being married to a pilot has taught kathryn lyons to be ready for emergencies but nothing has prepared her for the late night knock on her door and the news of her husband s fatal crash as kathryn struggles through her grief she is forced to confront disturbing rumours about the man she loved and the life that she took for granted torn between her impulse to protect her husband s memory and her desire to know the truth kathryn sets off to find out if she ever really knew the man who was her husband in her determination to test the truth of her marriage she faces shocking revelations about the secrets a man can keep and the actions a woman is willing to take enthralling anita brookner author of the booker prize winning hotel du lac compellingly told brilliantly observed lyrically written and when you get to the last page

you simply want to run out and buy everything she's ever written

The First Anita Shreve Omnibus 2002-02-01 as the wife of a resistance member in German occupied Belgium Claire Daussois has grown used to hiding strange men in her attic by the end of 1943 the tiny room has housed dozens of allied airmen soldiers and other refugees whom Claire nurses and harbours from the perpetual threat of discovery by the Gestapo the B-17 bomber that crash lands outside Claire's village of Delahaut contains the man who will be both the last and the most significant of the attic's residents US Air Force pilot Ted Brice Ted is found severely wounded and semi-conscious by ten-year-old Jean Benoit minutes before the Germans begin their search for survivors knowing of Claire's connections with the resistance and desperate to atone for his father's shameful collaboration Jean realises that Claire is the pilot's only hope of survival the month that follows will stay with them both for the rest of their lives a few weeks only a handful of days it is a period in which the war recedes in the face of more powerful forces before imposing itself once more with shocking suddenness

Weight of Water B Special 2014-11-27 at the age of twenty-nine Sydney has already been once divorced and once widowed trying to regain her footing after this tragic double blow she answers the ad of a couple seeking a tutor for their teenage daughter and ends up spending the summer at the cottage of the Edwards family on the stunning New Hampshire coast no sooner does Sydney settle into the household routine than the Edwardses' two grown sons show up for a weekend and both seem completely enraptured by Sydney

The Pilot's Wife 2014-11-27 at an inn in the Berkshire mountains of western Massachusetts seven former schoolmates gather for a wedding Nora the owner of the inn has recently had to reinvent her life following the death of her husband Avery who still hears echoes from a horrific event at Kidd Academy twenty-six years ago has made a life for himself in Toronto with his wife and two sons Agnes now a history teacher at Kidd is a woman who longs to tell a secret she cannot reveal to the others a secret that would stun them all Bridget the mother of a fifteen-year-old boy has agreed to marry Bill an old high school lover whom she has recently re-met despite uncertainties about her health and future indeed it is Bill who passionately wants this wedding and who has brought everyone together for an astonishing weekend of revelation and recrimination forgiveness and redemption this is Anita Shreve's most ambitious and moving novel to date probing into human motivation with extraordinary grace and skill

Resistance 2007-10-05 Anita Shreve's hauntingly beautiful #1 bestseller and Oprah's book club selection about tragedy grief betrayal and the impossibility of knowing another person as a pilot's wife Kathryn has learned to expect both intense exhilaration and long periods alone but nothing has prepared her for a late night knock that lets her know her husband has died in a crash until now Kathryn Lyons's life has been peaceful if unextraordinary a satisfying job teaching high school in the New England mill town of her childhood a picture perfect home by the ocean a precocious independent minded fifteen-year-old daughter and a happy marriage whose occasional dull passages she attributes to the unavoidable deadening of time as Kathryn struggles with her grief she descends into a maelstrom of publicity stirred up by the modern hunger for the details of tragedy even before the plane is located in waters off the Irish coast the relentless scrutiny of her husband's life begins to bring a bizarre personal mystery into focus could there be any truth to the increasingly disturbing rumors that he had a secret life

Body Surfing 2010-04 strange fits of passion a successful journalist Maureen English appears to have the perfect life but her husband has a tendency towards alcohol and abuse and so Maureen takes her daughter and flees in a Maine fishing town she assumes a new identity and spends six weeks battling sub-zero temperatures intrusive townsfolk and fear of discovery she soon settles into the rhythms of a new life but this calming respite is about to come crashing

to an end where or when when charles callahan sees on a newspaper photograph of sian richards a woman he loved when they were both only thirteen he is in no position to do anything about it he has been faithfully married for years but charles cannot bear his curiosity and decides to get in touch the two meet and are forced to come to terms with the nature of erotic love and betrayal in an age of shifting values

Rescue 2014-11-27 a new england boarding school is rocked in the wake of a sex scandal in which participants were caught on videotape a situation that derails the innocence and best intentions of students parents and others in life shattering ways

A Wedding In December 2007-07-31 walking through snow near their home twelve year old nicky dillon and her father discover an abandoned infant

The Pilot's Wife 2010-05-06 margaret and patrick have been married just a few months when they set off on what they hope will be a great adventure a year living in kenya margaret quickly realizes there is a great deal she doesn't know about the complex mores of her new home and about her own husband a british couple invites the newlyweds to join on a climbing expedition to mount kenya and they eagerly agree but during their harrowing ascent a horrific accident occurs in the aftermath of the tragedy margaret struggles to understand what happened on the mountain and how these events have transformed her and her marriage perhaps forever a change in altitude illuminates the inner landscape of a couple the irrevocable impact of tragedy and the elusive nature of forgiveness with stunning language and striking emotional intensity anita shreve transports us to the exotic panoramas of africa and into the core of our most intimate relationships

Strange Fits of Passion; Where Or When 2008 this magnificent novel transports readers to the world of a prominent boston family summering on the new hampshire coast and to the social orbit of a spirited young woman who falls into a passionate illicit affair with an older man with cataclysmic results the fortune rock s quartet collects four of anita shreve s most beloved novels fortune s rocks the pilot s wife sea glass and body surfing for the first time the novels highlight shreve s ability to illuminate women s lives across different eras and share a delightful detail they are all set in the same coastal new england home one that has inspired shreve for over a decade any house with age to it can tell a million stories about the families who have lived there and shreve has been quoted as saying you could base an entire life s work on the people who come in and out of a house fortune s rocks depicts a spirited young woman at the turn of the 20th century who falls into a passionate illicit affair with an older man in sea glass a young couple s new marriage is rocked to the core by the 1929 stock market crash the pilot s wife brings us to the present day where kathryn is unprepared her for the late night knock that lets her know her husband has been killed in a plane crash sydney the heroine of body surfing has already been once divorced and once widowed by the age of 29 and finds the fragile existence she has rebuilt for herself threatened when two brothers vie for her affections there s something addictive about shreve s tales according to usa today and this quality is on full display in the critically acclaimed novels of the fortune rock s quartet no one writes more compellingly than anita shreve about marriage family the depths of our strength and resolve and the supreme courage that it takes to love

Testimony 2002 enthusiastically embraced by critics readers and booksellers across the country this powerful novel of obsession and betrayal is now available in paperback when a photographer researches a legendary crime that took place a century earlier she immerses herself in the details of the case and finds herself caught in the grip of an uncontrollable emotion

Im Herzen des Winters 2005 atonement with just the tiniest dash of downton abbey red magazine gripping and moving

sunday times hauled in a cart to a field hospital in northern france in march 1916 an american woman wakes from unconsciousness to the smell of gas gangrene the sounds of men in pain and an almost complete loss of memory she knows only that she can drive an ambulance she can draw and her name is stella bain a stateless woman in a lawless country stella embarks on a journey to reconstruct her life suffering an agonising and inexplicable array of symptoms she finds her way to london there dr august bridge a cranial surgeon turned psychologist is drawn to tracking her amnesia to its source what brutality was she fleeing when she left the tranquil seclusion of a new england college campus to serve on the front for what crime did she need to atone and whom did she leave behind vivid intense and gripping packed with secrets and revelations the lives of stella bain is at once a ravishing love story and an intense psychological mystery

Light on Snow 2009-09-22 in a summer community on the coast of new hampshire at the turn of the last century a girl is drawn into a passionate affair with a man nearly three times her age from the author of the pilot s wife and now available in paperback fortune s rocks explores reckless love and its consequences the sensual education of a young woman and how unconscious choices can shape an entire life

A Change in Altitude 2000-03-23 a masterwork of american literature from the pulitzer prize winning author of the age of innocence a marked departure from edith wharton s usual ironic contemplation of the fashionable new york society to which she belonged ethan frome is a sharply etched portrait of the simple inhabitants of a nineteenth century new england village the protagonist ethan frome is a man tormented by a passionate love for his ailing wife s young cousin trapped by the bonds of marriage and the fear of public condemnation he is ultimately destroyed by that which offers him the greatest chance at happiness like the house of mirth and many of edith wharton s other novels ethan frome centers on the power of local convention to smother the growth of the individual written with stark simplicity this powerful and tragic novel has long been considered one of wharton s greatest works

Shreve Radio 2001-10-01 a novel in which andrew an advertising executive returns to his hometown in upstate new york to attend his mother s funeral he renews friendship with a blind girl from his youth and is drawn to save her from the cruel neglect she has endured for 17 sightless years without him

Strange Fits of Passion B Special 2010-11-01 an epic story set against the backdrop of world war i from bestselling author anita shreve when an american woman stella bain is found suffering from severe shell shock in an exclusive garden in london surgeon august bridge and his wife selflessly agree to take her in a gesture of goodwill turns into something more as bridge quickly develops a clinical interest in his houseguest stella had been working as a nurse s aide near the front but she can t remember anything prior to four months earlier when she was found wounded on a french battlefield in a narrative that takes us from london to america and back again shreve has created an engrossing and wrenching tale about love and the meaning of memory set against the haunting backdrop of a war that destroyed an entire generation

The Fortune's Rocks Quartet 2001-10-01

Fortune's Rocks B Special 2001-01-01

Weight of Water 2013-11-12

The Lives of Stella Bain 1994-12-01

Where Or When B Special 2002

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Ethan Frome 1989

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Resistance : a Novel 2000-11-01

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