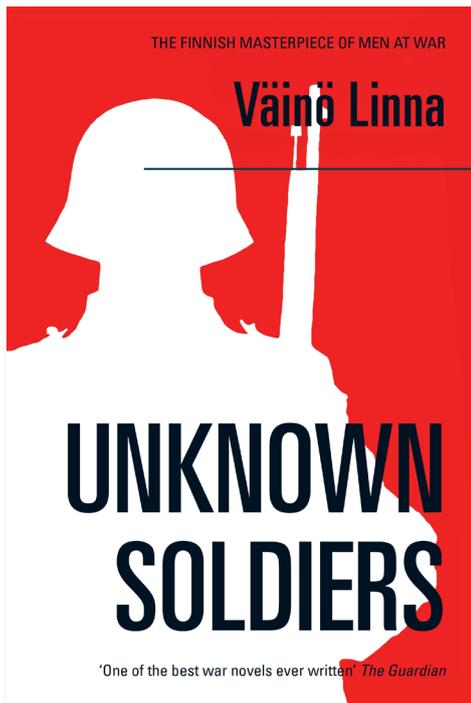




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Introducing Unknown Soldiers



Tuntemattoman sotilaan englanninkielisen painoksen kääntäjä Liesl Yamaguchi kertoo työstään **tiistaina, 28.4. klo 17:00-18:30 Kaisa-kirjaston auditoriossa** (Fabianinkatu 30, 7. krs).

Uudesta käännöksestä tulee ensimmäinen suomalainen kirja arvostetussa Penguin Classics -sarjassa, ja se ilmestyy 30.4.2015.

Liesl Yamaguchi (BA Columbia; MSt Oxford; PhD, *in progress*, Princeton) työskentelee Tampereen yliopistossa kieli-, käännös- ja kirjallisuustieteiden yksikössä yliopisto-opettajana ja opettaa muun muassa käännöstiedettä sekä kirjallisuustiedettä.

Tilaisuus on suomenkielinen.

Tervetuloa!

Welcome!

Earth Day April 22

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year. Environmental groups have sought to make Earth Day into a day of action which changes human behavior and provokes policy changes.

The first Earth Day family had participants and celebrants in two thousand colleges and universities, roughly ten thousand primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of communities across the United States. More importantly, it "brought 20 million Americans out into the spring sunshine for peaceful demonstrations in favor of environmental reform."

Find out more from <http://www.earthday.org/>



Source: Wikipedia

WebPicks

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American Life

The Civil War Convulsion by Andrew Delbanco. The New York Review of Books, March 19, 2015.

"The real war will never get in the books." This may be the most famous sentence ever written about the Civil War, at least by a writer of literary consequence. But what kind of reality did Walt Whitman have in mind when he made that claim more than 130 years ago? And considering the scores of thousands of Civil War books that have appeared since, how well has the prediction held up?

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2015/mar/19/civil-war-convulsion?insrc=hpma>

Frederick Douglass, Defender of the Liberal Arts by E. Thomas Finan. The Atlantic, April 7, 2015.

Though he believed vocational education was key to empowerment, the former slave's writings offer a reminder that subjects like literature and philosophy are still integral to social mobility.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/04/frederick-douglass-defender-of-the-liberal-arts/389904/>

Hissing Cousins by Marc Peyser and Timothy Dwyer. Washingtonian, March 2015.

While FDR was fighting for the New Deal, his wife waged her own family battle: The First Lady, a liberal icon, had to contend with her tart-tongued, very Republican cousin Alice—a DC fixture who happened to be Teddy Roosevelt's daughter. The rivalry played out in social slights, awkward correspondence, and an infamous newspaper duel.

<http://www.washingtonian.com/articles/people/eleanor-roosevelts-worst-enemy-was-her-cousin/>

In Praise of Meaningless Work by Joe Keohane. The New Republic, March/April 2015.

Mindfulness mantras are the latest tool of corporate control. <http://www.newrepublic.com/article/121171/praise-meaningless-work>

The Shape of Things to Come by Ian Parker. The New Yorker, February 23 & March 2, 2015.

How an industrial designer became Apple's greatest product. Jonathan Ive and Apple's design vision. "So much of our manufactured environment testifies to carelessness," Ive says. Things are "developed to be different, not better."

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/02/23/shape-things-come>

The Sojourner by Hilton Als. The New Yorker, February 23 & March 2, 2015.

The elusive Langston Hughes. Langston Hughes's genial, generous, and guarded persona was self-protective.

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/02/23/sojourner>

Economy & Politics

Among the Hillary Haters by Hanna Rosin. The Atlantic, March 2015.

Two decades ago, a motley group of conspiracy theorists peppered the Clinton White House with tabloid accusations: of drug smuggling, secret mistresses, even murder. Now, as 2016 approaches, a new generation of reporters and opposition researchers is preparing to take up the offensive. Can a more professionalized and disciplined brand of anti-Clintonism reach the mainstream - without activating the crazies or triggering a backlash?

<http://www.theatlantic.com/features/archive/2015/02/among-the-hillary-haters/384976/>

The Bush Restoration by Sam Tanenhaus. The National Interest, March/April 2015.

George W. Bush portrayed himself as both his father's son and his opposite. Jeb may be able to do something similar—present himself as both the next Bush and the new, improved Bush. <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/the-bush-restoration-12290>

The Fed's Reckless Gamble by Christopher Whalen. The National Interest, March/April 2015.

The combination of decades of deficit spending and more recent experiments in radical monetary policy has contributed to a slow but steady increase in the cost of living for all Americans.

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/the-fed%E2%80%99s-dangerous-gamble-12292>

How Robots & Algorithms Are Taking Over by Sue Halpern. The New York Review of Books, April 2, 2015.

A book review of "The Glass Cage: Automation and Us" by Nicholas Carr. In September 2013, about a year before Nicholas Carr published his book, a pair of Oxford researchers issued a report predicting that nearly half of all jobs in the United States could be lost to machines within the next twenty years.

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2015/apr/02/how-robots-algorithms-are-taking-over/>

Today's GOP: The Party of Jefferson Davis -- Not Lincoln by Harold Meyerson. The American Prospect, April 10, 2015.

If you think the Civil War is over, think again.

<https://prospect.org/article/todays-gop-party-jefferson-davis-not-lincoln>

New York State of Mind Travel Night at the ARC



Guests at the New York State of Mind travel night caught a serious travel bug after the tour de force of the Big Apple at Helsinki University Library on March 31. Speakers included travel bloggers from the [50 State Puzzle](#) Kirsi Rutonen and Ulla Alakangas, and Katja Tammela-Kohi. The audience heard first-hand recommendations: NYC's largest outdoor rooftop garden at 230 Fifth, the Museum of the Moving Image, and Columbia University. For more NYC tips visit Ulla Alakangas' blog post "[20 New Yorkin parasta elämystä](#)" or the [official guide to the city](#).



Did You Know?

April is both the National Poetry Month and the Jazz Appreciation Month!

[National Poetry Month](#) is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives.

[JazzApril](#) is a shorthand way to say "April is Jazz Month" and to tie together the Smithsonian's annual celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month in April and International Jazz Day on April 30.



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