

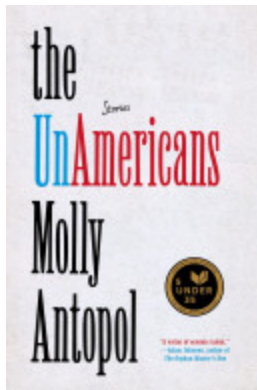


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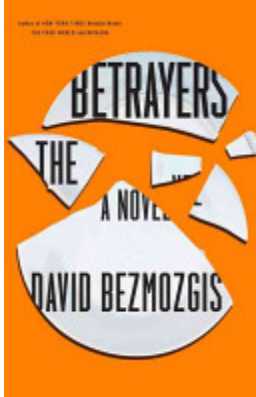
## **Literary Treasures From Russian Émigré Writers**

This year has seen the publication of at least half a dozen novels by Russian-Jewish authors who now live in North America. It is an explosion of literary creativity, which we invite you to sample from the collection of the Stettenheim Library.



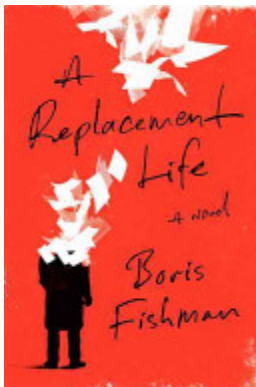
***The UnAmericans: Stories*** by Molly Antopol  
(New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company, 2014)

**Summary:** Traces the experiences of protagonists from a range of cultures, including a blacklisted Hollywood actor who struggles to connect with his son and a dissenting gallery worker who begins smuggling and curating underground art.



***The Betrayers: A Novel*** by David Bezmozgis  
(New York, NY: Little, Brown and Co., 2014)

**Summary:** A day in the life of Baruch Kotler, a Soviet Jewish dissident who finds himself a disgraced Israeli politician... In 24 hours he must face the reckoning, both with those who have betrayed him and those whom he has betrayed, including a teenage daughter, a son facing his own moral dilemma in the Israeli army, and those who once campaigned to secure his freedom.



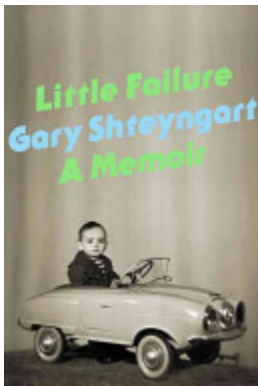
***A Replacement Life: A Novel*** by Boris Fishman  
(New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2014)

**Summary:** Fishman makes his literary debut with the story of a failed journalist asked to do the unthinkable: forge Holocaust-restitution claims for old Russian Jews in Brooklyn. Yevgeny Gelman, grandfather of Slava Gelman, “didn’t suffer in the exact way” he needs to have suffered to qualify for the restitution the German government has been paying out to Holocaust survivors. Slava steps in to help.



***Mannequin Girl: A Novel*** by Ellen Litman  
(New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company, 2014)

**Summary:** Growing up in Soviet Russia, Kat Knopman worships her parents, Jewish intellectuals who teach literature at a Moscow school, run a drama club and dabble in political radicalism. When Kat is diagnosed with rapidly progressing scoliosis, the trajectory of her life changes. Kat embarks on a quest to prove that she can be as exceptional as her parents despite her physical limitations, her Jewishness and her suspicion that her beloved parents are in fact flawed.



***Little Failure: A Memoir*** by Gary Shteyngart  
(New York, NY: Random House Inc., 2014)

**Summary:** Traces the author's experiences as a young, bullied Jewish-Russian immigrant in Queens, his haphazard college pursuits and his initial forays into a literary career.