

HENRI LEFEBVRE • THE MISSING PIECES

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Murder, The Hope of Women, a twenty-five minute opera composed in 1919 by Paul Hindemith • The novel *Zender* by Robert Walser • The letters of Milena Jesenska to Franz Kafka • Heinrich von Kleist burns the manuscript of *Robert Guiscard, The Duke of the Normans* and attempts to enlist in Napoleon's army when the poet Wieland informs him of his admiration for this text • Missing, the poems of Robert Creeley, that littered the hardwood floor of Brautigan's house in Bolinas, on drunken nights; Brautigan would gather them in the morning and put them in a bowl on the piano, "for posterity," he'd say • The *Journal of Annemarie Schwarzenbach*, destroyed by her mother • *La Confusa*, a comedy by Miguel de Cervantes • In 1933 and from 1937 to 1938, Jean Giono shot fragments of poetic films without characters; none of the works exist any longer • The contents of a telephone conversation between Stalin and Pasternak after the arrest of Ossip Mandelstam • Pierre Guyotat's head of hair • Jerome David Salinger since 1959 • The "line" of Apelles • Because his editors refused to publish *Stephen Here*, James Joyce threw the manuscript into the fire in 1905; at the cost of some burns, his companion, Nora, saved a fifth of the text

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The Missing Pieces

By Henri Lefebvre, David L. Sweet

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