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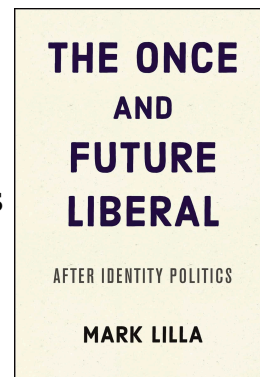
John Banville

The Once and Future Liberal; There Your Heart Lies; Angel Hill



Mark Lilla's **The Once and Future Liberal: After Identity Politics** (Harper) has annoyed a great many people in the US, though its message is nothing but common sense: in the age of Trumpery, nothing can be done for vulnerable minorities unless liberals

get themselves elected to positions of influence. An urgent and important book by one of the clearest and most inspired political thinkers of the day. **There Your Heart Lies** by Mary Gordon (Pantheon) takes us back to an earlier time of crisis, the 1930s and the Spanish civil war, and an American woman's experiences in it. A thoughtful, provocative and beautifully written novel. Michael



Longley's **Angel Hill** (Cape) is at once elegiac and celebratory, and achingly beautiful. Longley has honed his poetry to the bone, but how the bone does shine.

Nicola Barker

Becoming Myself; All Things Remembered; Wonder Beyond Belief

Becoming Myself: A Psychiatrist's Memoir (Piatkus) by Irvin D Yalom. When Yalom publishes something - anything - I buy it, and he never disappoints. He's an amazing storyteller, a gorgeous writer, a great, generous, compassionate thinker, and - quite rightly - one of the world's most influential mental healthcare practitioners. **All Things Remembered** (Faber) by Goldie. A fabulous, whirling kaleidoscope of music, memory and trauma. Top highlights: when Goldie's boa constrictor decides to try to eat him after he staggers home from the pub smelling like a kebab; and when his favourite piece of custom-made jewellery is stolen - right from