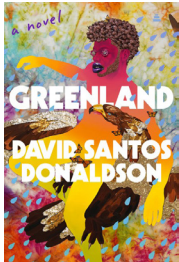




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## Grown Ups

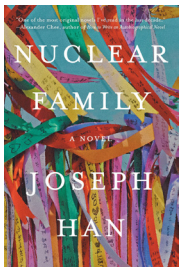
by Marie Aubert, Rosie Hedger (Transl.)

Pushkin Press, 9781782277088, Paperback Fiction, \$14.95.

On sale: 6/21/2022

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On sale: 7/5/2022

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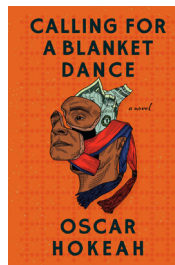
by Lars Horn

Graywolf Press, 9781644450895, Paperback Essays, \$16.

On Sale: 6/7/2022

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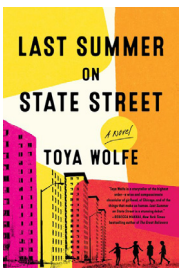
by Oscar Hokeah

Algonquin Books, 9781643751474, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.

On sale: 7/26/2022

"Far more than merely the story of family, this amazing novel uses words to evoke the power of being part of Tribe and the 'medicine' it can create. Hokeah writes from the depths of his peoples' history with a clear voice, imagining characters so beautifully formed that you may forget the book is fiction."

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## Last Summer on State Street

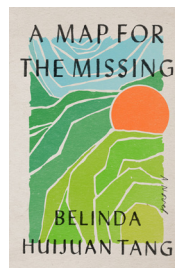
by Toya Wolfe

William Morrow, 9780063209749, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.99.

On sale: 6/14/2022

"The reader will be with twelve year old protagonist Fe Fe the summer of 1999 as she tries to manage life in building 4950 of Chicago's Robert Taylor Homes. This debut novel will stay with you long after you finish the last page. Well done, Toya Wolfe. Bravo."

—Anne Frey, Watermark Books & Cafe, Wichita, KS



## A Map for the Missing

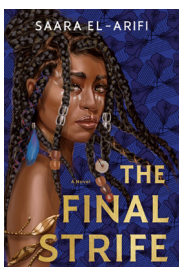
by Belinda Huijuan Tang

Penguin Press, 9780593300664, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.

On sale: 8/9/2022

"An urgent overseas phone call alerts university professor Tang Yitian that his estranged father is missing, forcing Yitian to return to his family's rural village in China and confront the past he's worked so hard to leave behind. A gripping debut from an author to watch!"

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Tordotcom, 9781250811189, Hardcover Science Fiction, \$27.99.

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by Jesmeen Kaur Deo

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## Hazel Hill is Gonna Win This One

by Maggie Horne

Clarion, 9780358664703, Hardcover Middle Grade, \$16.99.

On sale: 10/18/2022

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—Nicole Brinkley, Oblong Books, Rhinebeck, NY



## Star Knights

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Random House Graphic, 9780593303658/9780593303641, Hardcover/Paperback Middle Grade Graphic Novel, \$20.99/\$12.99.

On sale: 7/5/2022

"When Tad the frog finds a falling star, he wishes to become a Star Knight and help protect the other animals from the evil witch — but the stories he's been told his whole life may not be right. An absolutely charming woodland fantasy that will appeal to fans of the much beloved *Steven Universe*."

—Nicole Brinkley, Oblong Books, Rhinebeck, NY



## Henry Hamlet's Heart

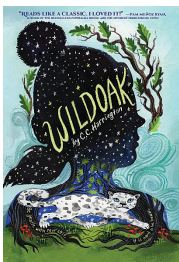
by Rhiannon Wilde

Charlesbridge Teen, 9781623543693, Hardcover Young Adult, \$18.99.

On sale: 10/18/2022

"This is the friends-to-lovers romance that my cold, cynical heart really needed. Henry and his first love feelings are a cuteness overload. Full of humor, sincerity, and excellent musical references, this is one of my new favorite coming-of-age stories."

—Melissa Taylor, E. Shaver, Bookseller, Savannah, GA



## Wildoak

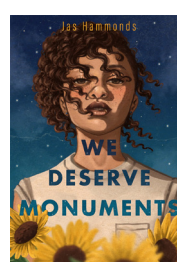
by C.C. Harrington

Scholastic Press, 9781338803860, Hardcover Middle Grade, \$18.99.

On sale: 9/20/2022

"Such a wonderful book of animals and the magic of nature. I was brought to tears too many times, remembering what it was like to struggle in a world that couldn't listen."

—Revati Kilaparti, Old Firehouse Books, Fort Collins, CO



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by Jas Hammonds

Roaring Brook Press, 9781250816559, Hardcover Young Adult, \$18.99.

On sale: 11/29/2022

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