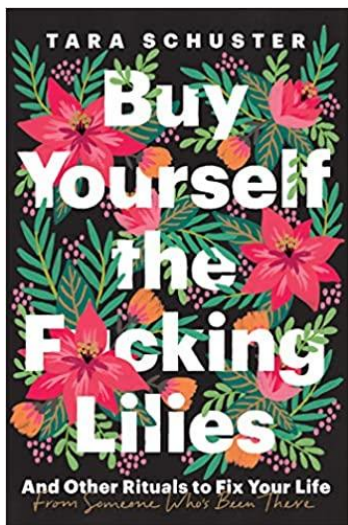


BEST BOOKS OF 2020

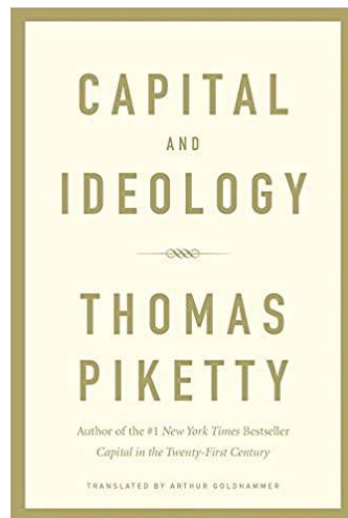
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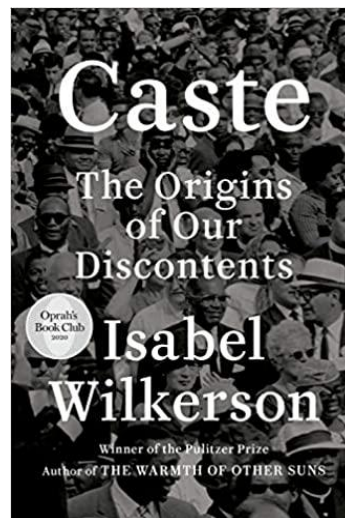
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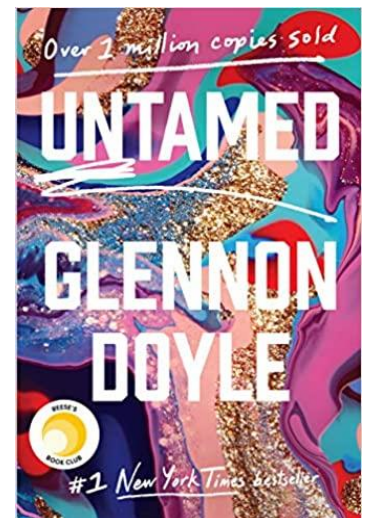
Brutally honest, often hilarious, hard-won lessons in learning to love and care for yourself from a former vice president at *Comedy Central* who was called “ahead of her time” by Jordan Peele.



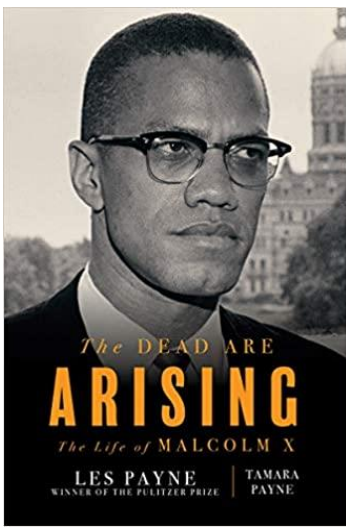
The epic successor to one of the most important books of the century: at once a retelling of global history, a scathing critique of contemporary politics, and a bold proposal for a new and fairer economic system.



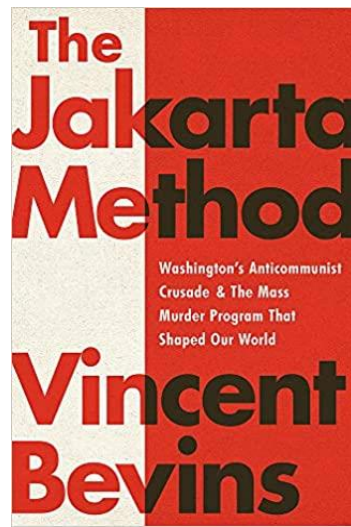
The Pulitzer Prize–winning, bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.



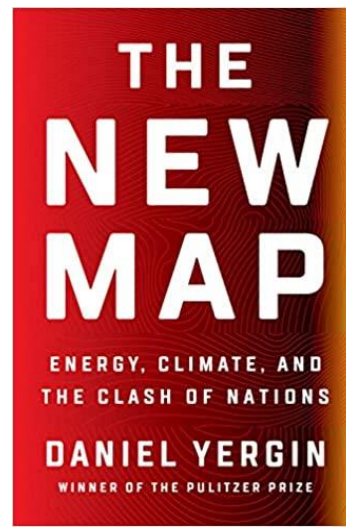
In her most revealing and powerful memoir yet, the activist, speaker, bestselling author, and “patron saint of female empowerment” (*People*) explores the joy and peace we discover when we stop striving to meet others’ expectations and start trusting the voice deep within us.



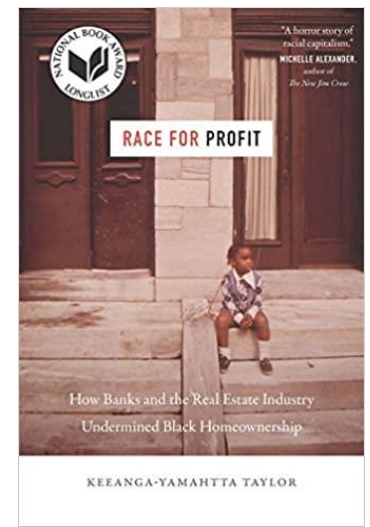
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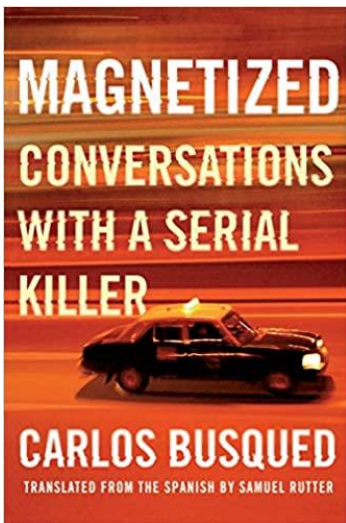
The hidden story of the wanton slaughter – in Indonesia, Latin America, and around the world – backed by the United States.



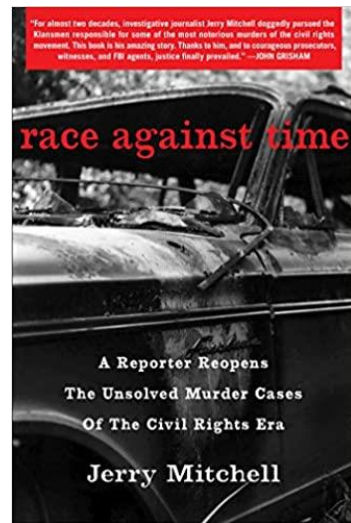
Pulitzer Prize-winning author and global energy expert, Daniel Yergin offers a revelatory new account of how energy revolutions, climate battles, and geopolitics are mapping our future.



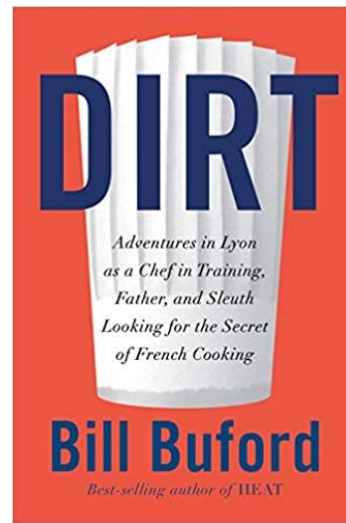
Narrating the story of a sea-change in housing policy and its dire impact on African Americans, *Race for Profit* reveals how the urban core was transformed into a new frontier of cynical extraction.



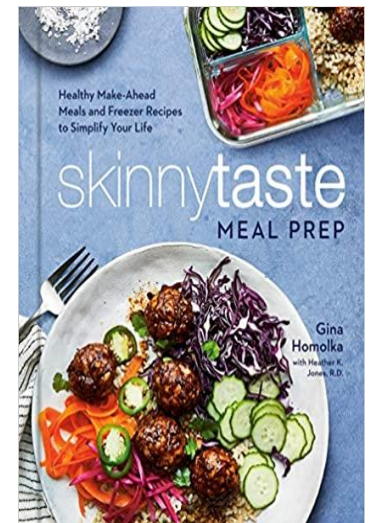
A riveting psychological portrait for readers of true crime classics such as *My Dark Places* and *The Stranger Beside Me*, one of Argentina's most innovative writers brings to life the story of a serial killer who, in 1982, murdered four taxi drivers without any apparent motive.



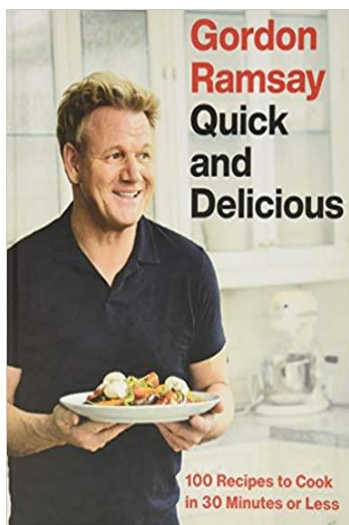
Race Against Time is an astonishing, courageous story capturing a historic race for justice, as the past is uncovered, clue by clue, and long-ignored evils are brought into the light.



A hilariously self-deprecating, highly obsessive account of the author's adventures, in the world of French haute cuisine, for anyone who's ever found joy in cooking and eating food with their family--from the author of the best-selling, widely acclaimed *Heat*.



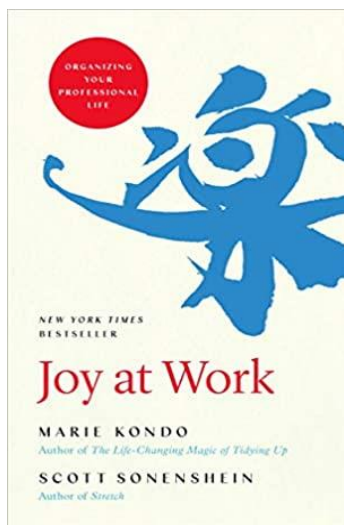
Save time, money, and calories with #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Gina Homolka's simple, smart solutions for healthy freezer meals, ready-to-serve dishes, grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches, ingenious "planned-overs," and more.



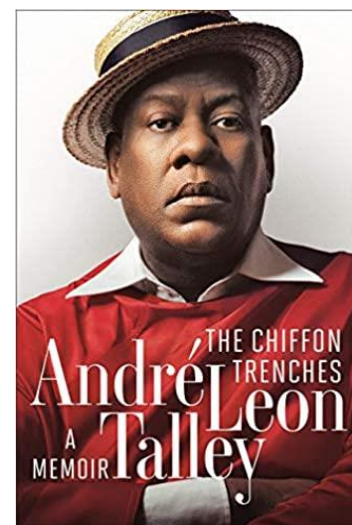
Create chef-quality food without spending hours in the kitchen -- these are the recipes and straightforward tips you need to make good food fast.



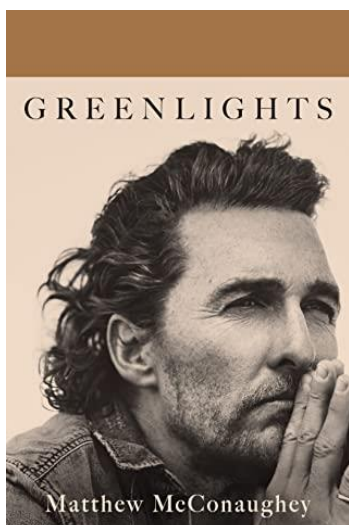
A go-to baking book featuring 100 recipes for cookies and bars, organized into seven chapters. This is the comprehensive-yet-charming cookbook every cookie lover (or those who love to bake cookies) needs.



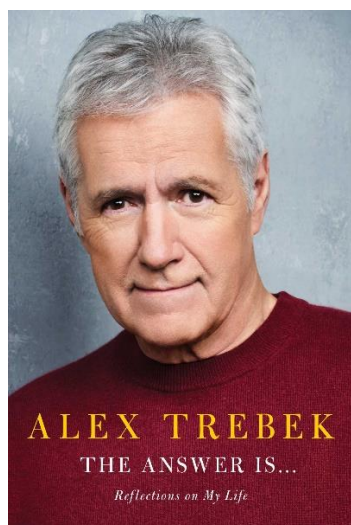
Declutter your desk and brighten up your business with this transformative guide from an organizational psychologist and the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*.



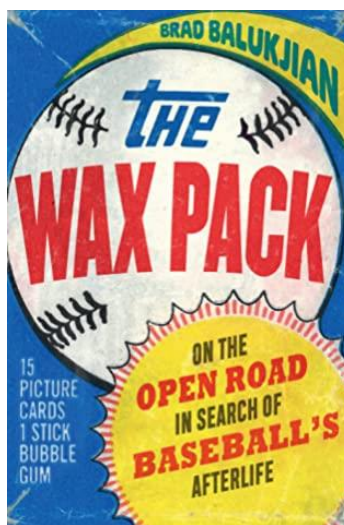
From the pages of *Vogue* to the runways of Paris, this “captivating” memoir by a legendary style icon captures the fashion world from the inside out, in its most glamorous and most cutthroat moments.



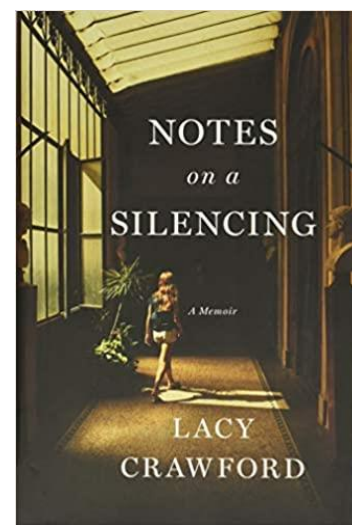
An unconventional memoir filled with raucous stories, outlaw wisdom, and lessons learned the hard way about living with greater satisfaction.



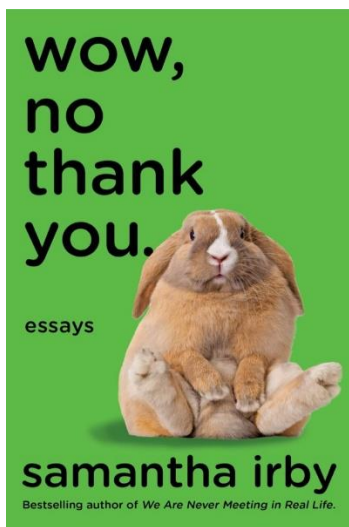
Longtime *Jeopardy!* Host and television icon Alex Trebek reflects on his life and career.



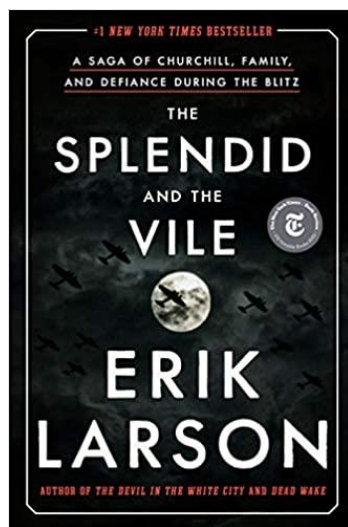
Is there life after baseball? Starting from this simple question, *The Wax Pack* ends up with something much bigger and unexpected—a meditation on the loss of innocence and the gift of impermanence, for both Brad Balukjian and the former ballplayers he tracked down.



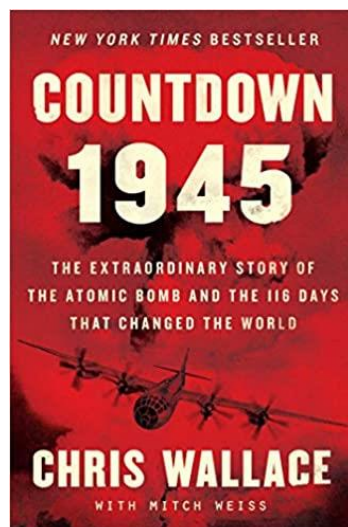
A riveting, lucid memoir of a young woman's struggle to regain her sense of self after trauma, and the efforts by a powerful New England boarding school to silence her--at any cost.



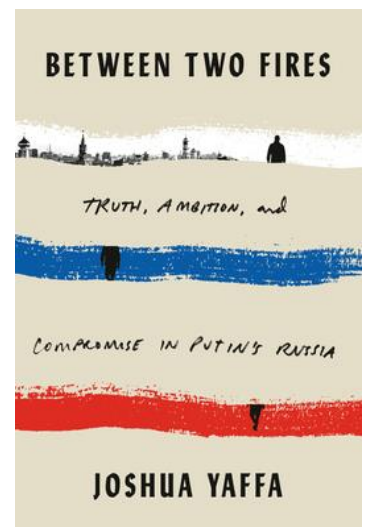
A new essay collection from Samantha Irby about aging, marriage, settling down with step-children in white, small-town America.



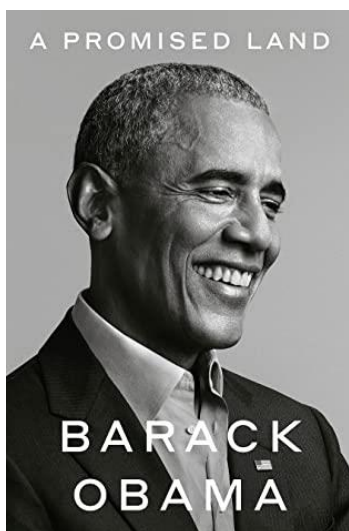
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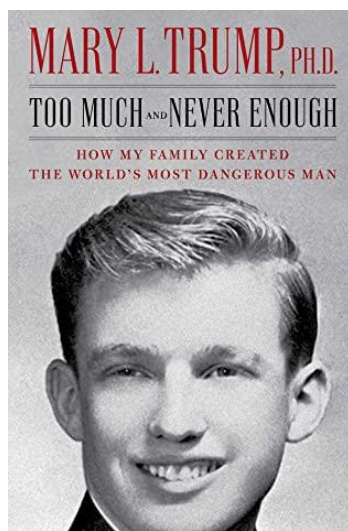
From Chris Wallace, the veteran journalist and anchor of Fox News Sunday, comes an electrifying behind-the-scenes account of the secret meetings and events across the globe during the 116 days leading up to the world's first use of the atomic bomb in wartime—the American attack on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.



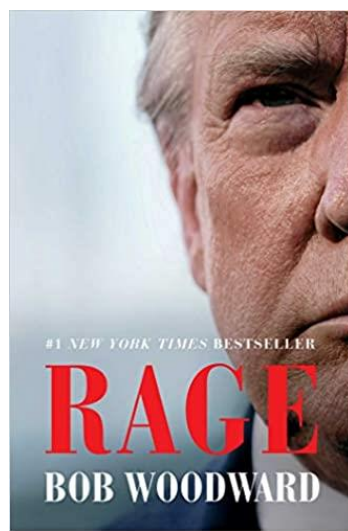
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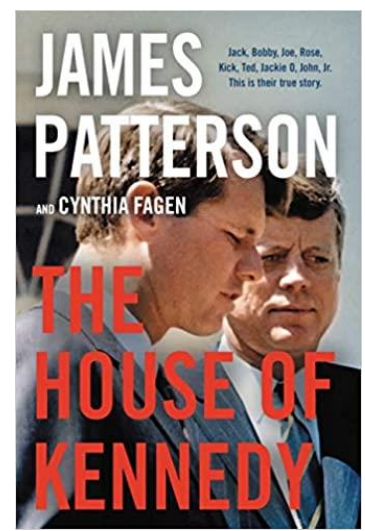
A riveting, deeply personal account of history in the making, from the president who inspired us to believe in the power of democracy.



A revelatory, authoritative portrait of Donald J. Trump and the toxic family that made him.

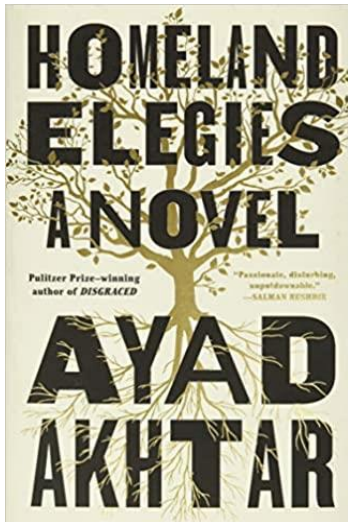


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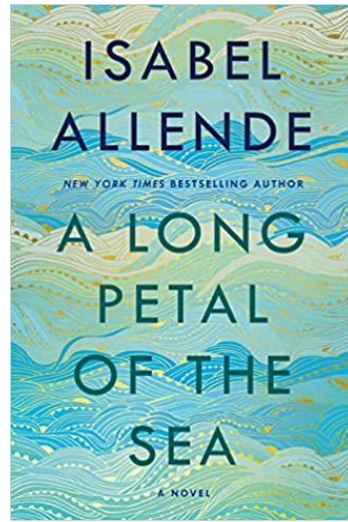


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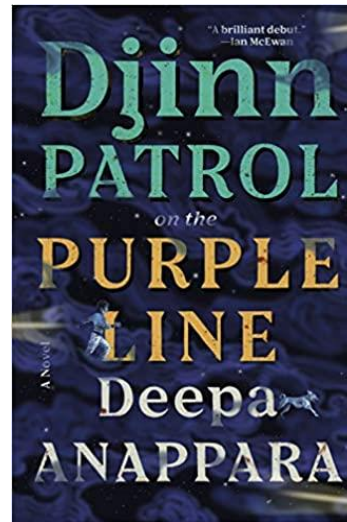
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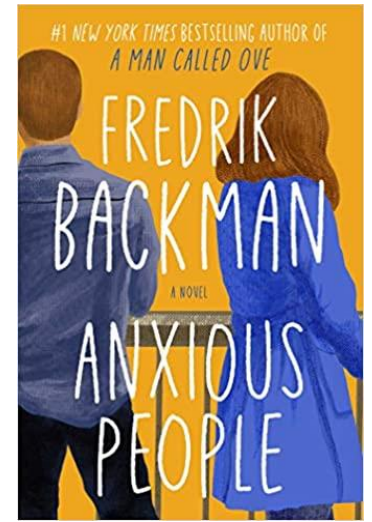
Part family drama, part social essay, part picaresque novel, at its heart it is the story of a father, a son, and the country they both call home.



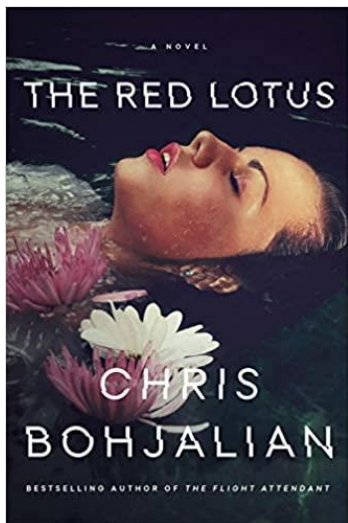
Epic novel spanning decades and crossing continents follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home.



In a sprawling Indian city, three friends venture into the most dangerous corners to find their missing classmate.



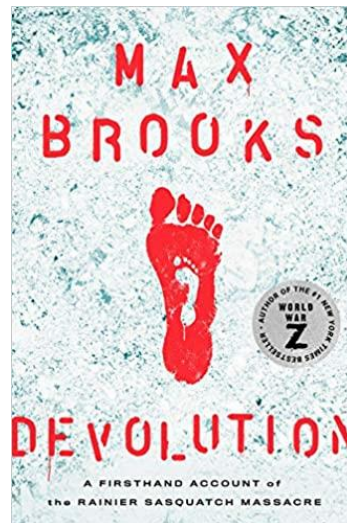
From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* comes a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.



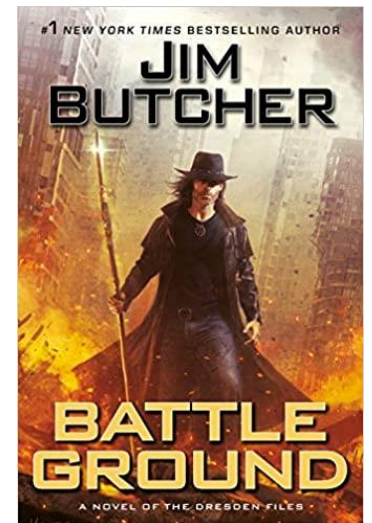
An American man vanishes on a rural road in Vietnam, and his girlfriend follows a path that leads her home to the very hospital where they met.



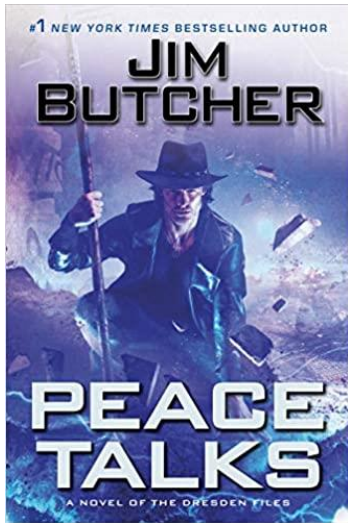
Mercy Thompson, car mechanic and shapeshifter, faces a threat unlike any other in this thrilling entry in the #1 New York Times bestselling series.



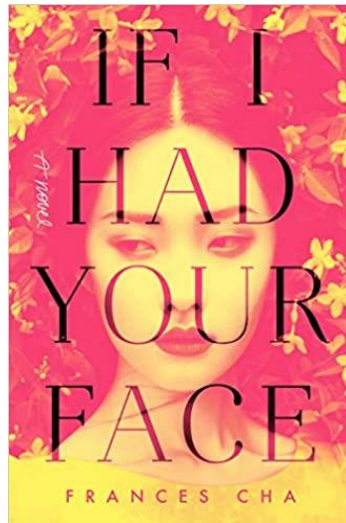
Part survival narrative, part bloody horror tale, part scientific journey into the boundaries between truth and fiction, this is a Bigfoot story as only Max Brooks could chronicle it—and like none you've ever read before.



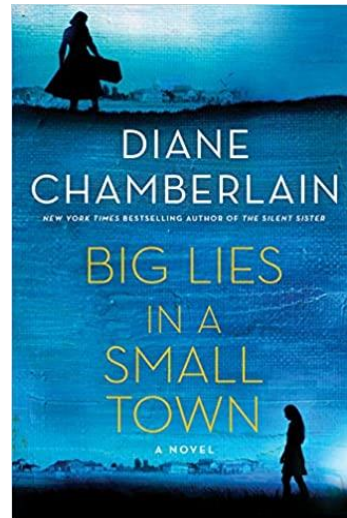
Things are about to get serious for Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard. Harry's mission is simple but impossible: Save the city by killing a Titan. And the attempt will change Harry's life, Chicago, and the mortal world forever.



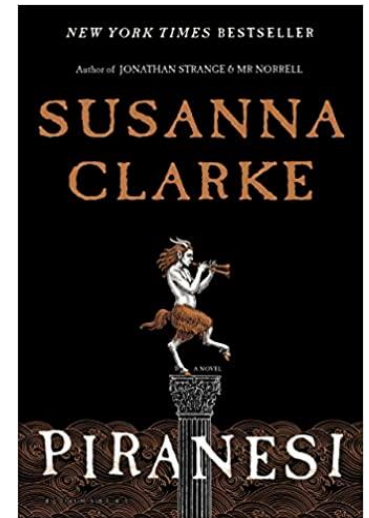
When the Supernatural nations of the world meet up to negotiate an end to ongoing hostilities, Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, joins the White Council's security team to make sure the talks stay civil.



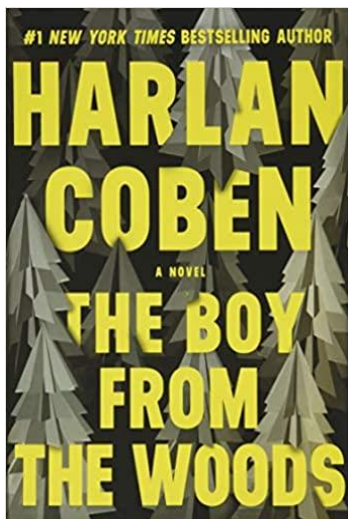
A riveting debut novel set in contemporary Seoul, Korea, about four young women making their way in a world defined by impossible standards of beauty, after-hours room salons catering to wealthy men, ruthless social hierarchies, and K-pop mania.



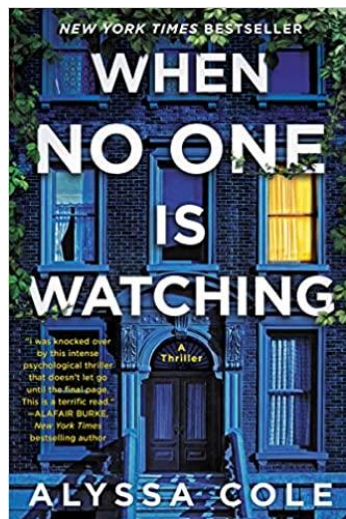
From New York Times bestselling author Diane Chamberlain comes a novel of chilling intrigue, a decades-old disappearance, and one woman's quest to find the truth...



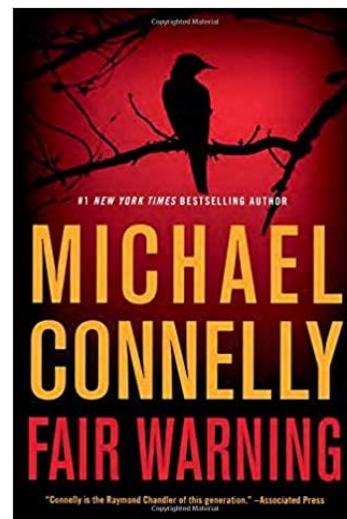
For readers of Neil Gaiman's *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* and fans of Madeline Miller's *Circe*, *Piranesi* introduces an astonishing new world, an infinite labyrinth, full of startling images and surreal beauty, haunted by the tides and the clouds.



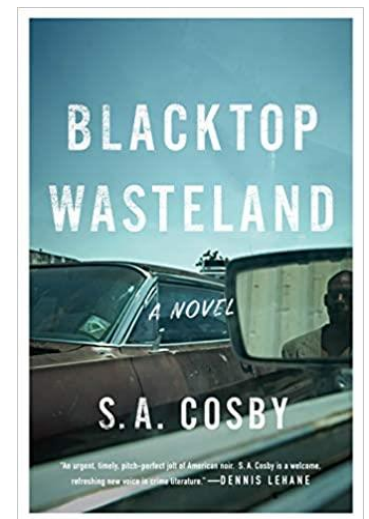
A man whose past is shrouded in mystery must find a missing teenage girl before her disappearance brings about disastrous consequences for her community . . . and the world.



The gentrification of a Brooklyn neighborhood takes on a sinister new meaning...



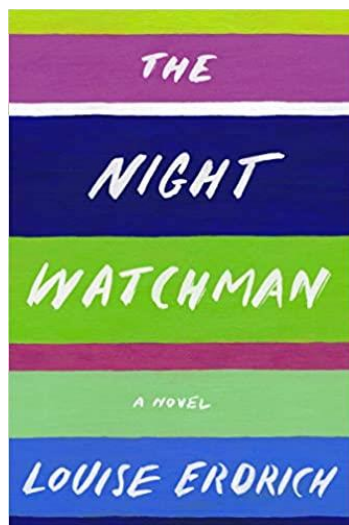
Jack McEvoy, the journalist who never backs down, tracks a serial killer who has been operating completely under the radar—until now.



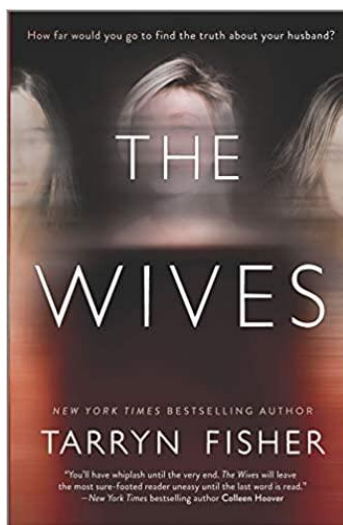
A searing, operatic story of a man pushed to his limits by poverty, race, and his own former life of crime.



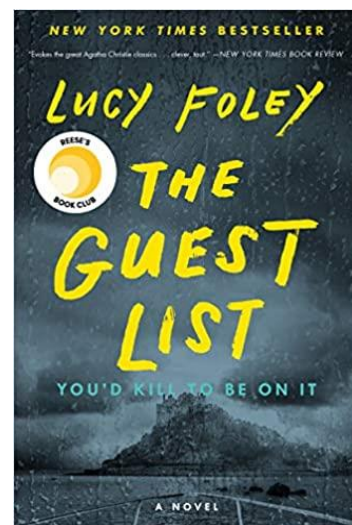
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Never look up your
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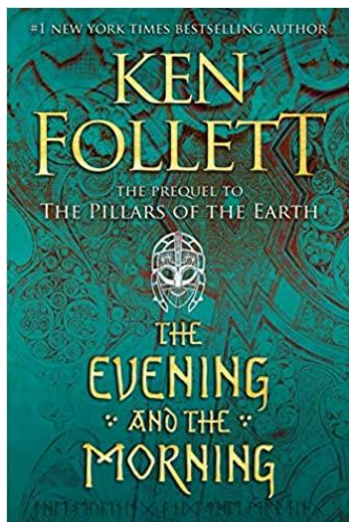
Based on the extraordinary
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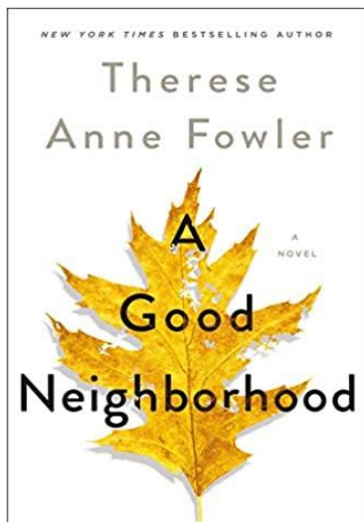
Thursday's husband has
two other wives, but she
doesn't mind because
she's so crazy about him.
Until one day,
she finds something.
Something that tells
a very different—and
horrifying—story about
the man she married.



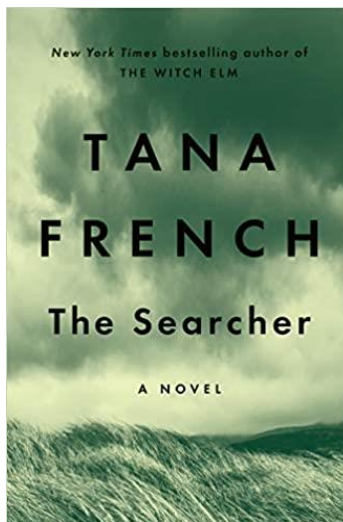
A wedding celebration
turns dark and deadly
in this deliciously wicked
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reminiscent of
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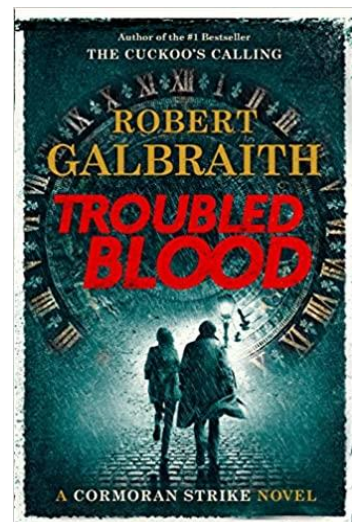
The Evening and the Morning takes us on
an epic journey into
a historical past rich
with ambition and rivalry,
death and birth, love
and hate, that will end
where *The Pillars of
the Earth* begins.



A Good Neighborhood asks
big questions about life in
America today—
what does it mean to be
a good neighbor? How do
we live alongside each other
when we don't see eye to
eye?—as it explores the
effects of class, race, and
heartrending love in a story
that's as provocative as
it is powerful.



Cal Hooper thought
a fixer-upper in a bucolic
Irish village would be
the perfect escape.
But he starts to realize
that even small towns
shelter dangerous secrets.



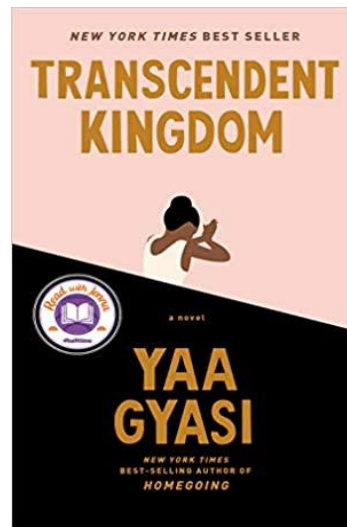
A breathtaking,
labyrinthine epic,
Troubled Blood is the fifth
Strike and Robin novel
and the most gripping
and satisfying yet.



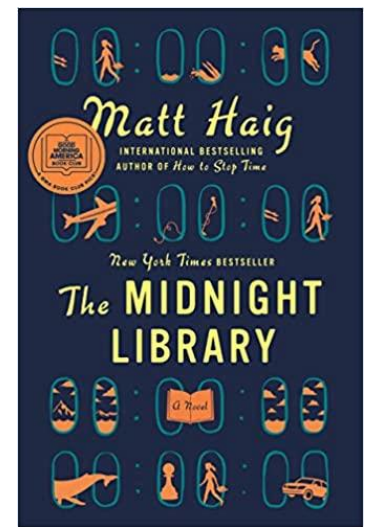
Provocative and thrilling, *Lakewood* is a breathtaking novel that takes an unflinching look at the moral dilemmas many working-class families face, and the horror that has been forced on black bodies in the name of science.



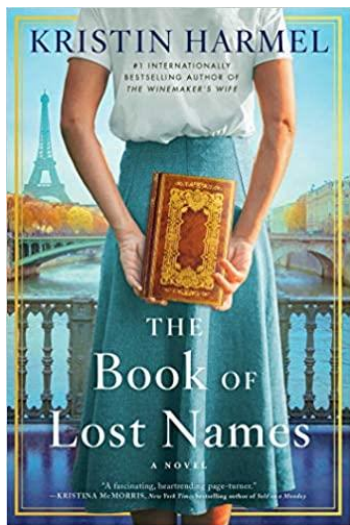
A chance meeting with a handsome stranger turns into a whirlwind affair that gets everyone talking in this *New York Times* bestseller.



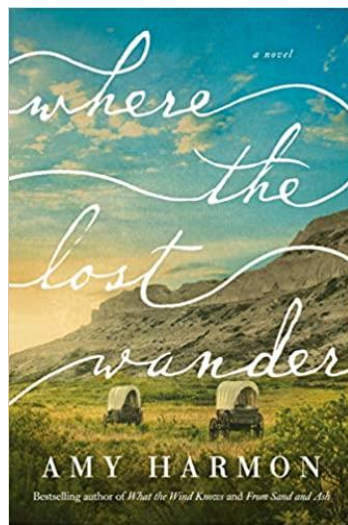
Yaa Gyasi's stunning follow-up to her acclaimed national best seller *Homegoing* is a powerful, raw, intimate, deeply layered novel about a Ghanaian family in Alabama.



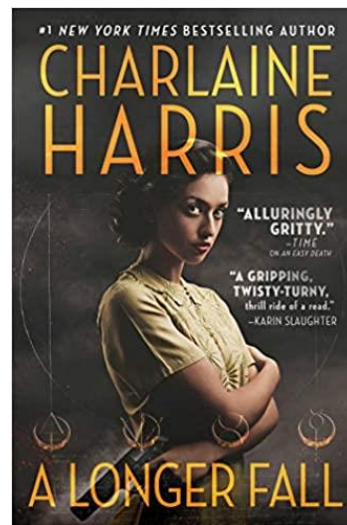
Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?



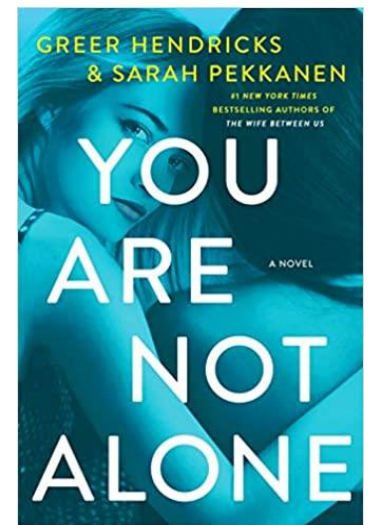
Inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis in this unforgettable historical novel.



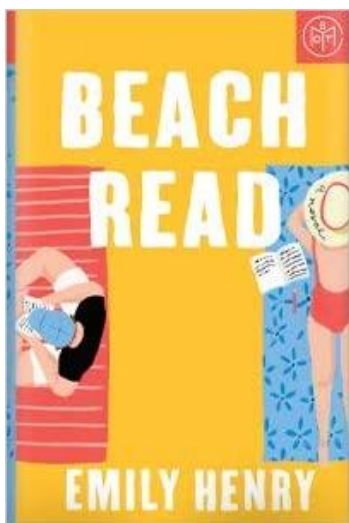
In this epic and haunting love story set on the Oregon Trail, a family and their unlikely protector find their way through peril, uncertainty, and loss.



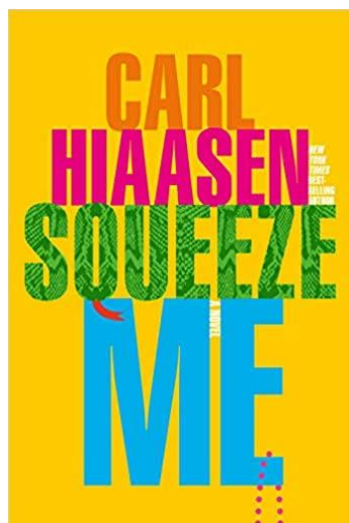
Lizbeth is hired onto a new crew, transporting a crate into Dixie, the self-exiled southeast territory of the former United States. What the crate contains is something so powerful, that forces from across three territories want to possess it.



Shay Miller has no job, no apartment, no love in her life. So why not align herself with the glamorous and seductive Moore sisters, Cassandra and Jane? Shay would die for them to like her. She may have to.



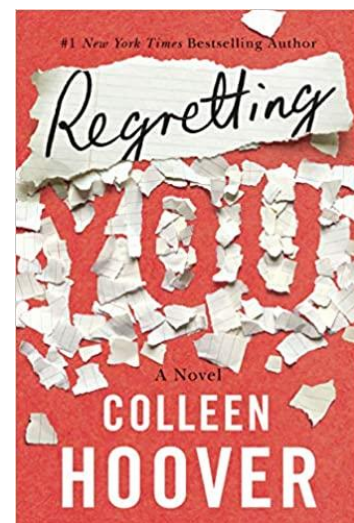
As authors she pens a happily ever after, he kills off his entire cast. They strike a deal designed to force them out of their creative ruts. Everyone will finish a book and no one will fall in love. Really.



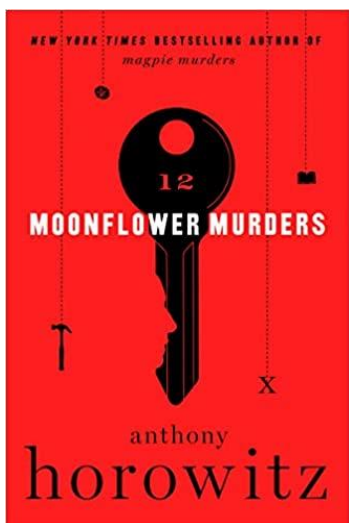
When a prominent high-society dowager suddenly vanishes during a swank gala, and is later found dead in a concrete grave, panic and chaos erupt.



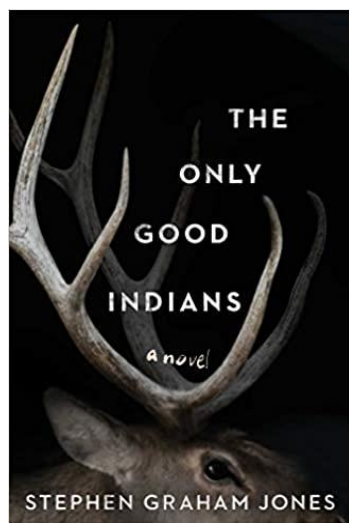
When your nemesis also happens to be your fiancé, happily ever after becomes a lot more complicated.



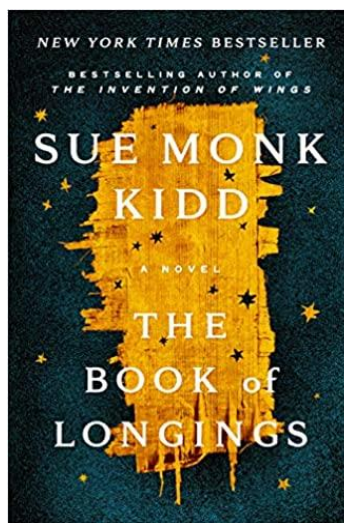
Morgan is determined to prevent her daughter from making the same mistakes she did. But with each passing day, new secrets, resentment, and misunderstandings make mother and daughter fall further apart. So far apart, it might be impossible for them to ever fall back together.



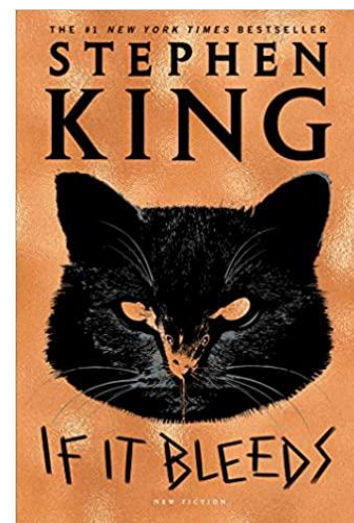
Brilliantly clever, relentlessly suspenseful, full of twists that will keep readers guessing with each revelation and clue, *Moonflower Murders* is a deviously dark take on vintage English crime fiction from one of its greatest masterminds, Anthony Horowitz.



Seamlessly blending classic horror and a dramatic narrative with sharp social commentary, *The Only Good Indians* follows four American Indian men after a disturbing event from their youth puts them in a desperate struggle for their lives.



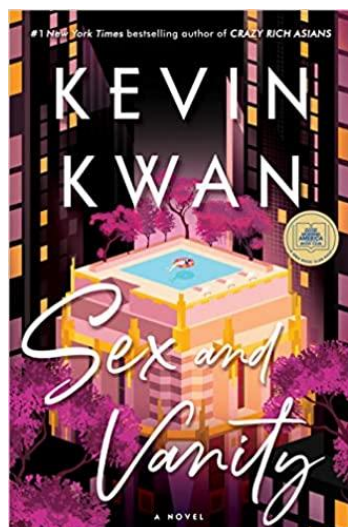
Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, Ana is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything.



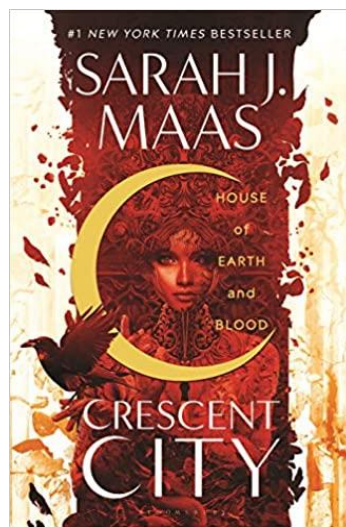
From #1 New York Times bestselling author, legendary storyteller, and master of short fiction Stephen King comes an extraordinary collection of four new and compelling novellas, each pulling you into intriguing and frightening places.



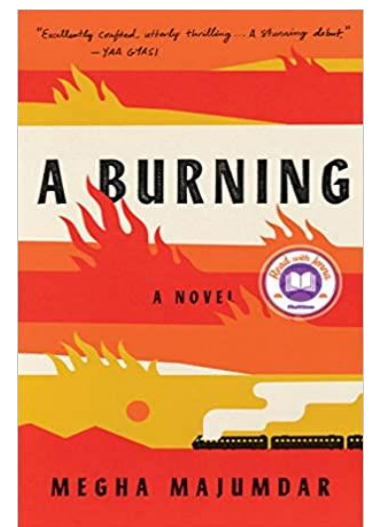
Missionaries is a window not only into modern war, but into the individual lives that go on long after the drones have left the skies.



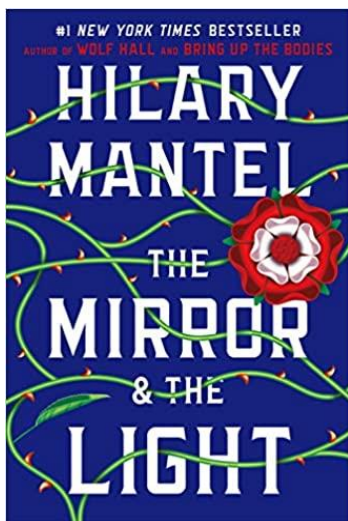
Glittering tale of a young woman who finds herself torn between two men: the WASPY fiancé of her family's dreams and George Zao, the man she is desperately trying to avoid falling in love with.



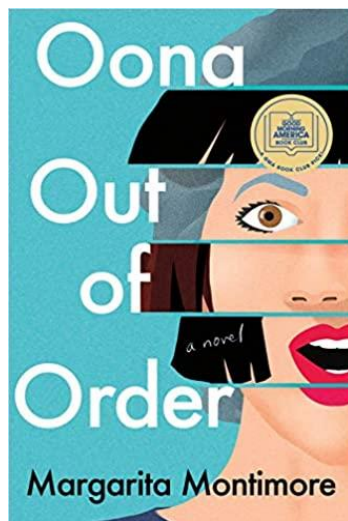
Half-Fae and half-human Bryce Quinlan seeks revenge in this contemporary fantasy world of magic, danger, and searing romance.



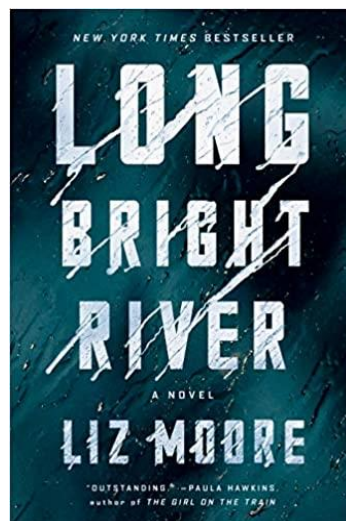
An electrifying debut novel about three unforgettable characters who seek to rise—to the middle class, to political power, to fame in the movies—and find their lives entangled in the wake of a catastrophe in contemporary India.



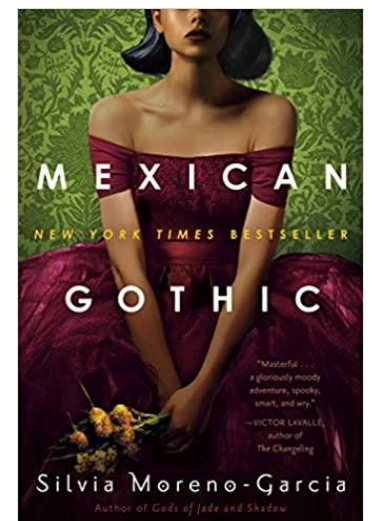
The final years of Thomas Cromwell, the boy from nowhere who climbs to the heights of power, offering a defining portrait of predator and prey, of a ferocious contest between present and past, between royal will and a common man's vision: of a modern nation making itself through conflict, passion and courage.



At the stroke of midnight she will turn nineteen, but Oona faints and awakens thirty-two years in the future in her fifty-one-year-old body. She learns that with each passing year she will leap to another age at random. And so begins Oona Out of Order...



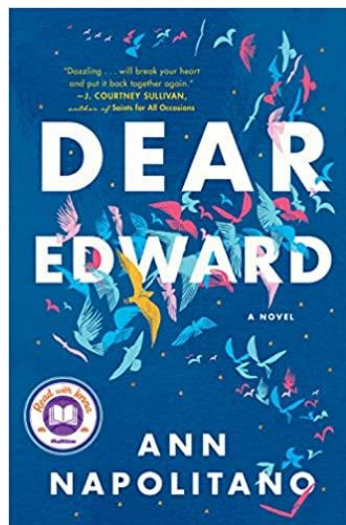
Two sisters travel the same streets, though their lives couldn't be more different. Then one of them goes missing. A gripping suspense novel that is also a moving story of sisters, addiction, and the formidable ties that persist between place, family, and fate.



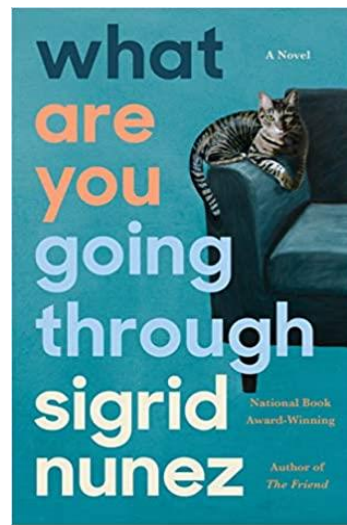
An isolated mansion. A chillingly charismatic aristocrat. And a brave socialite drawn to expose their treacherous secrets... a terrifying twist on classic gothic horror set in glamorous 1950s Mexico.



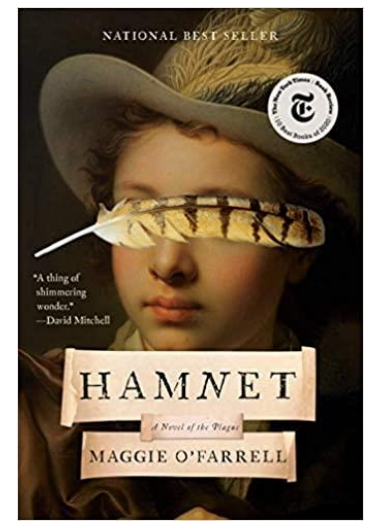
Sealed in the gothic gloom of the Emperor's Mithraeum with three unfriendly teachers, hunted by the mad ghost of a murdered planet, Harrow must confront two unwelcome questions: is somebody trying to kill her? And if they succeeded, would the universe be better off?



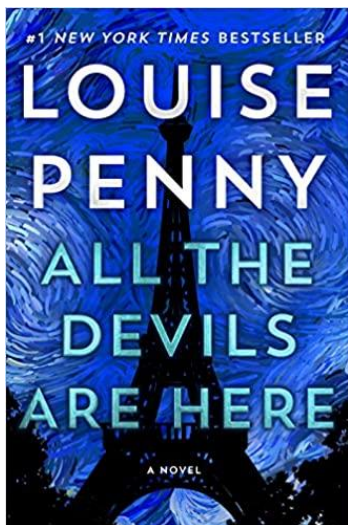
Being the sole survivor in a plane crash twelve-year-old Edward's story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place for himself in a world without his family.



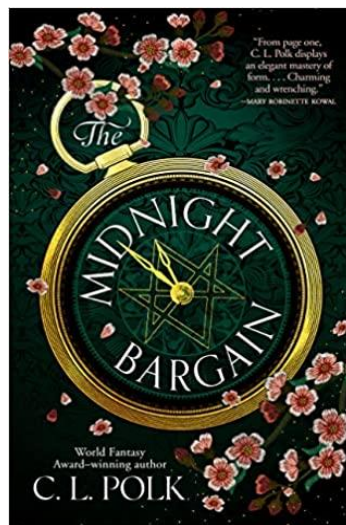
In *What Are You Going Through*, Nunez brings wisdom, humor, and insight to a novel about human connection and the changing nature of relationships in our times. A surprising story about empathy and the unusual ways one person can help another through hardship.



A luminous portrait of a marriage, a shattering evocation of a family ravaged by grief and loss, and a tender and unforgettable re-imagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, and whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays of all time.



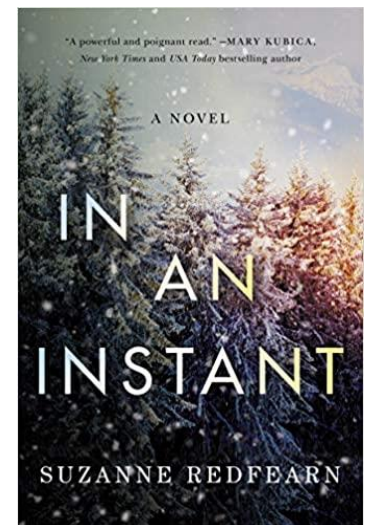
The 16th novel by #1 bestselling author Louise Penny finds Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec investigating a sinister plot in the City of Light.



A sweeping, romantic new fantasy set in a world reminiscent of Regency England, where women's magic is taken from them when they marry. A sorceress must balance her desire to become the first great female magician against her duty to her family.



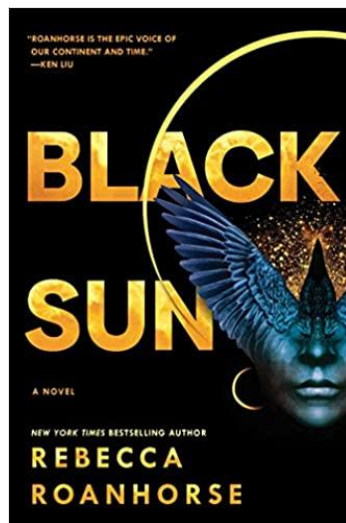
An adorable and profound universe in pink, blue, green, and purple, based on the phenomenally popular Instagram of the same name!



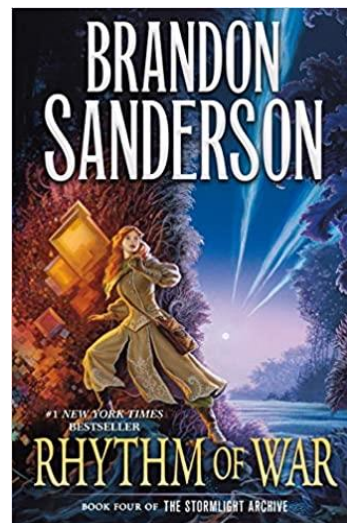
Life is over in an instant for sixteen-year-old Finn Miller when a devastating car accident tumbles her and ten others over the side of a mountain. Suspended between worlds, she watches helplessly as those she loves struggle to survive.



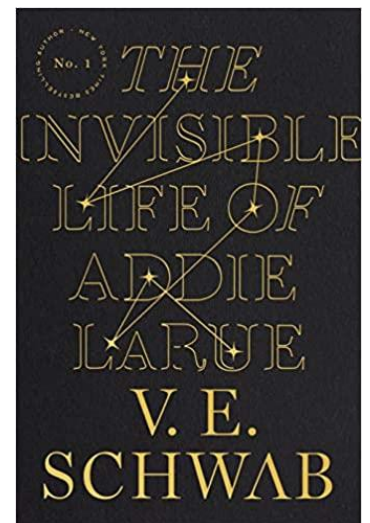
A page-turning and big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both.



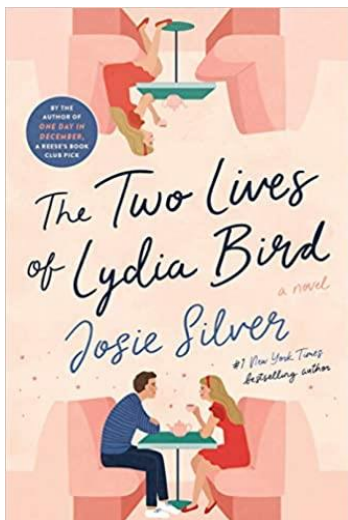
The first book in the *Between Earth and Sky* trilogy, inspired by the civilizations of the Pre-Columbian Americas and woven into a tale of celestial prophecies, political intrigue, and forbidden magic.



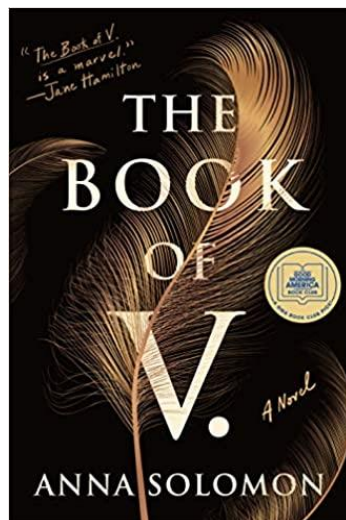
After forming a coalition of human resistance against the enemy invasion, Dalinar Kholin and his Knights Radiant have spent a year fighting a protracted, brutal war. Neither side has gained an advantage, and the threat of a betrayal by Dalinar's crafty ally Taravangian looms over every strategic move.



In a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.



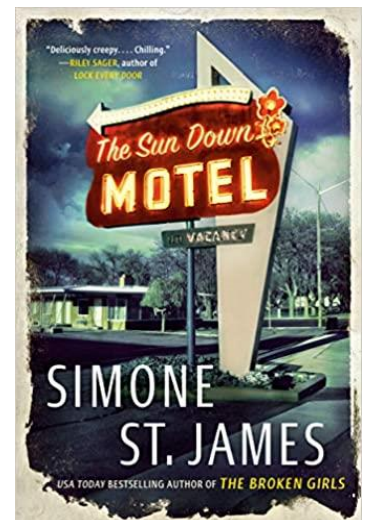
A powerful and thrilling love story about the what-ifs that arise at life's crossroads, and what happens when one woman is given a miraculous chance to answer them.



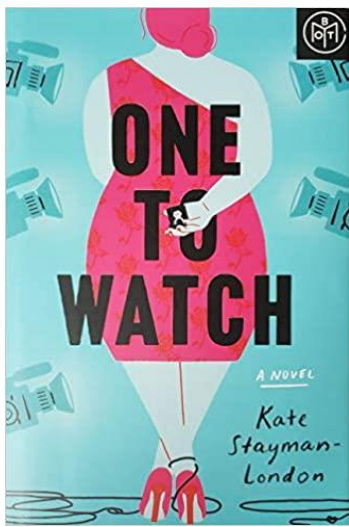
A bold, kaleidoscopic novel intertwining the lives of three women across three centuries as their stories of sex, power, and desire finally converge in the present day.



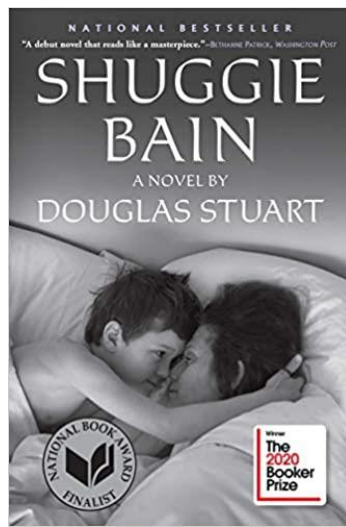
A wedding planner offered an opportunity that could change her life. There's just one hitch... she has to collaborate with the best (make that worst) man from her own failed nuptials.



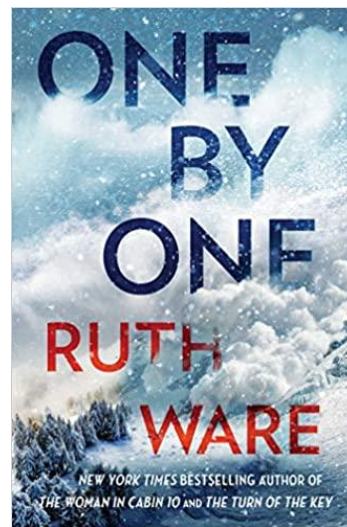
Something hasn't been right at the roadside Sun Down Motel for a very long time, and Carly Kirk is about to find out why in this chilling new novel from the *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of *The Broken Girls*.



In this witty, heartfelt debut, Kate Stayman-London shines a light on how the complex standards of female beauty affect how we define ourselves and who deserves to be seen...and loved



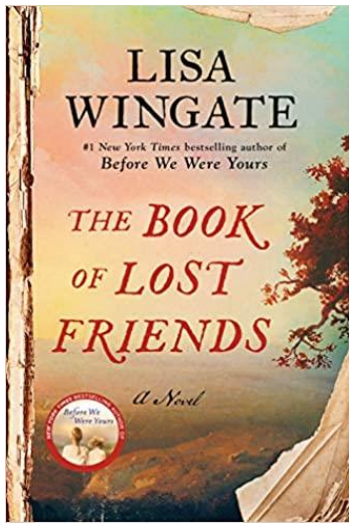
The unforgettable story of young Hugh “Shuggie” Bain, a sweet and lonely boy who spends his 1980s childhood in run-down public housing in Glasgow, Scotland. Thatcher’s policies have put husbands and sons out of work, and the city’s notorious drugs epidemic is waiting in the wings.



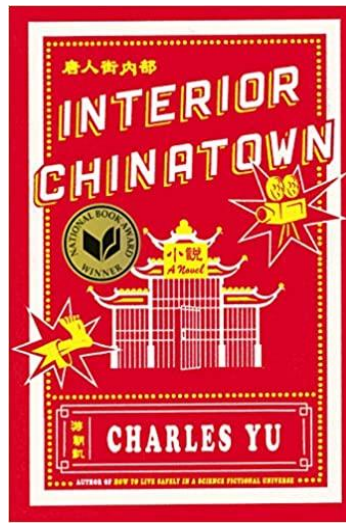
Getting snowed in at a luxurious, rustic ski chalet high in the French Alps doesn’t sound like the worst problem in the world. Unless if your company happens to be eight coworkers... each with something to gain, something to lose, and something to hide.



A deliciously funny, remarkably poignant, and simply unputdownable novel about the power of friendship, the lure of frenemies, and the importance of making peace with yourself through all life’s ups and down.



Dramatic story of three young women searching for family amid the destruction of the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who learns of their story and its vital connection to her students’ lives.



A deeply personal novel about race, pop culture, immigration, assimilation, and escaping the roles we are forced to play.