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Adult Reading Guide

May- August 2025

the coolest books of the summer!



Hot off the Press

the biggest new titles to add to your TBR list this season



Atmosphere
Taylor Jenkins Reid

Set against the backdrop of the 1980s Space Shuttle program, *Atmosphere* is about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits...Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, *Atmosphere* is Taylor Jenkins Reid at her best.

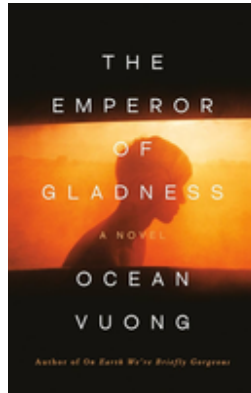
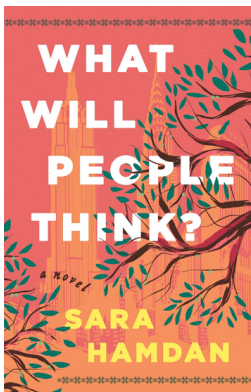
Katabasis
R.F. Kuang

Two graduate students must set aside their rivalry and journey to Hell to save their professor's soul...But Hell is not like the storybooks say, Magick isn't always the answer, and there's something in Alice and Peter's past that could forge them into the perfect allies...or lead to their doom.



What Will People Think?
Sara Hamdan

Mia's secret comedy career, forbidden office crush, and a long-guarded family secret take center stage, threatening her newfound confidence and her one shot at fame in this hilarious, heartfelt coming-of-age story.



The Emperor of Gladness
Ocean Vuong

A bighearted novel about chosen family, unexpected friendship, and the stories we tell ourselves in order to survive... The *Emperor of Gladness* shows the profound ways in which love, labor, and loneliness form the bedrock of American life.

Dinner with King Tut
Sam Kean

Dinner with King Tut sheds light on days long past and the intrepid experts resurrecting them today, with startling, lifelike detail and more than a few laughs along the way.



Make Me Famous
Maud Ventura

Taking place between New York, Paris, Los Angeles, and the South Pacific, this novel dives intoxicatingly deep into the machinations of one woman's complicated mind, and her relentless pursuit of fame.



Shopgirls
Jessica Anya Blau

A new novel of found family, growing up, and the best and worst of the 1980s, revolving around San Francisco's most exclusive department store, I. Magnin...Zippy may not be in school, but she's about to get an education that will stick with her for decades.

Aftertaste
Daria Lavelle

Kostya's father died when he was ten, and ghosts have been hovering around him ever since. He can't see the ghosts, but he can taste their favorite foods. He thinks his life's purpose might be to offer closure to grieving strangers...by entering a particularly fiery ring of Hell: the New York culinary scene.



With a Vengeance
Riley Sager

In 1942, six people destroyed Anna Matheson's family. Twelve years later, she's ready for retribution. In order to destroy her enemies, she must first save them—even though it means putting her own life at risk.



Typewriter Beach
Meg Waite Clayton

Set in Hollywood and Carmel-by-the-Sea, an unforgettable story of the unlikely friendship between an Oscar-nominated screenwriter and a young actress hoping to be Alfred Hitchcock's new star.

Never Flinch
Stephen King

An extraordinary new novel with intertwining storylines—one about a killer on a diabolical revenge mission, and another about a vigilante targeting a feminist celebrity speaker—featuring the beloved Holly Gibney.



The Love Haters
Katherine Center

It's a thin line between love and love-hating. Katie has been burned by love—now she may be lighting her career on fire. She has two choices: wait to get laid off from her job or take a career-making gig profiling Tom "Hutch" Hutcheson.



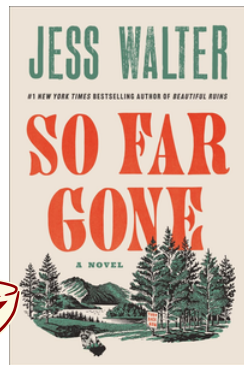
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Mocktails & Must-Reads: panel picks

Readers' Services Most Anticipated New Releases

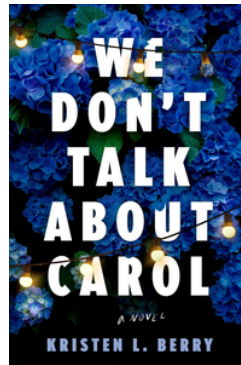
Kristy's Picks



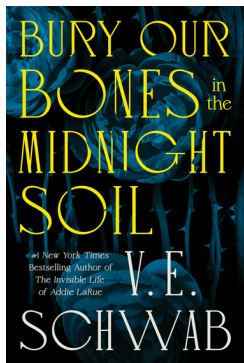
So Far Gone
Jess Walter



Palm Meridian
Grace Flahive



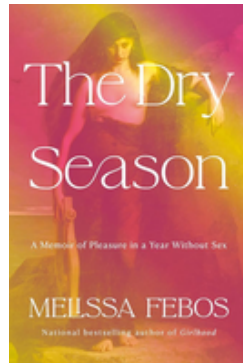
We Don't Talk About Carol
Kristen L. Berry



Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil
V.E. Schwab



Immaculate Conception
Author

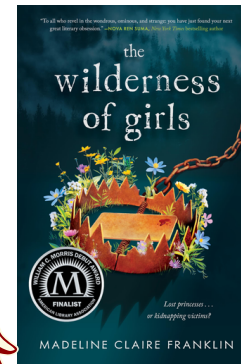


The Dry Season
Melissa Febos

Julia's Picks



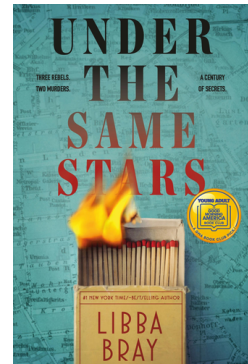
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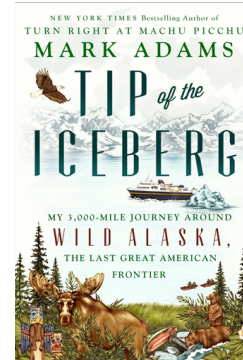
The Wilderness of Girls
Madeline Claire Franklin



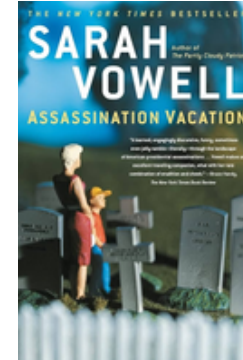
The Someday Daughter
Ellen O'Clover



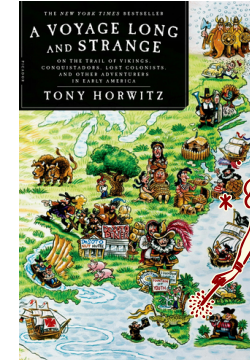
Under the Same Stars
Libba Bray



Tip of the Iceberg
Mark Adams



Assassination Vacation
Sarah Vowell



A Voyage Long and Strange
Tony Horwitz

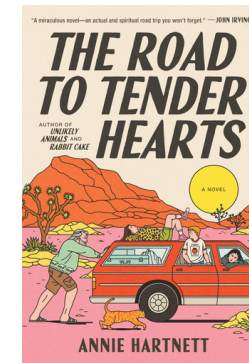
Vicki's Picks



Lizzy's Picks



The Compound
Aisling Rawle



The Road to Tender Hearts
Annie Hartnett



Don't Let Him In
Lisa Jewell

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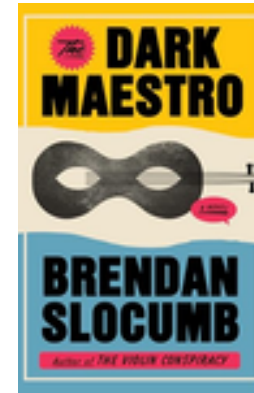
The Last Great Dream Dennis McNally

...
A history of everything that led to the 1960s counterculture, when long-simmering resistance to American mainstream values birthed the hippie.



Old School Indian Aaron John Curtis

...
An astonishing coming-of-middle-age debut about an Ahkwesáhsne man's reluctant return home, *Old School Indian* is a striking exploration of the resonance of love and family, culture and history.



The Dark Maestro Brendan Slocumb

...
A mesmerizing page-turner about a young Black musical virtuoso at the peak of his career who's forced into hiding when his family runs afoul of a ruthless international cartel—and uses his music to fight back.



The Names Florence Knapp

...
In the wake of a catastrophic storm, Cora sets off with her nine-year-old daughter, Maia, to register her son's birth. Spanning thirty-five years, what follows are three alternate and alternating versions of Cora's and her young son's lives, shaped by her choice of name.

My Name is Emilia Del Valle Isabel Allende

...
A young writer journeys to South America to uncover the truth about her estranged father—and herself...A riveting tale of self-discovery and love from one of the most masterful storytellers of our time.



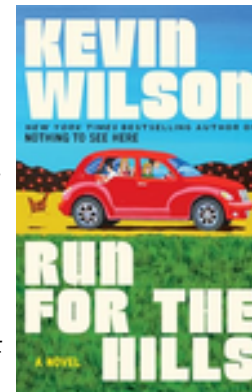
Disco Witches of Fire Island Blair Fell

...
Hit the dance floor with a coven of queer witches on 1980s Fire Island in this gay fantasy romance about finding magic, love, and family in the face of tragedy. Fans of spicy queer romances with a dash of fantasy will fall in love with this stunning novel.



Run for the Hills Kevin Wilson

...
An unexpected road trip across America brings a family together. Ever since her dad left them twenty years ago, it's just been Madeline Hill and her mom on their farm. Then one day Reuben Hill pulls up and informs Madeline that he believes she's his half sister.



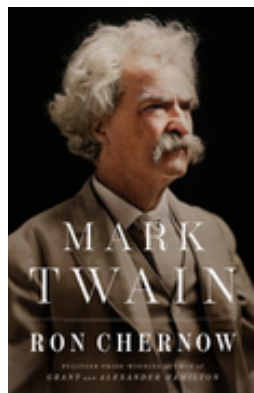
We Can Do Hard Things Glennon Doyle

...
When you travel through a new country, you need a guidebook. When you travel through love, heartbreak, joy, parenting, friendship, uncertainty, aging, grief, new beginnings—life—you need a guidebook, too. *We Can Do Hard Things* is the guidebook for being alive.



Harmattan Season Tochi Onyebuchi

...
Trouble always seems to find veteran and private eye Boubacar. When a bleeding woman stumbles onto his doorway, only to vanish just as quickly, Boubacar reluctantly finds himself enmeshed in the secrets of a city boiling on the brink of violence.



Mark Twain Ron Chernow

...
Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Ron Chernow illuminates the full, fascinating, and complex life of the writer long celebrated as the father of American literature, Mark Twain.



Can't Get Enough Kennedy Ryan

...
Hendrix Barry lives a fabulous life. She's a woman with goals, dreams, ambitions and doesn't have time for romance. That is until Maverick gives chase—pursuing her, spoiling her, understanding her—is it time to let herself have something more?



The Art Spy Michelle Young

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A riveting and stylish saga set in Paris during World War II, *The Art Spy* uncovers how an unlikely heroine infiltrated the Nazi leadership to save the world's most treasured masterpieces.

New Releases

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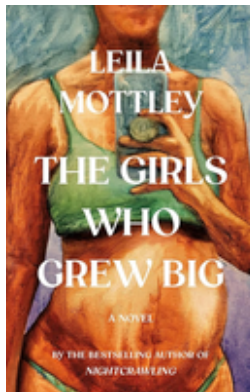


The Poppy fields Nikki Erlick

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A high-concept speculative novel about heartache, hope, and human resilience, posing the questions: How do we heal in the wake of great loss? And how far are we willing to go in order to be healed?

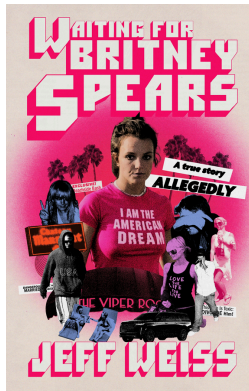
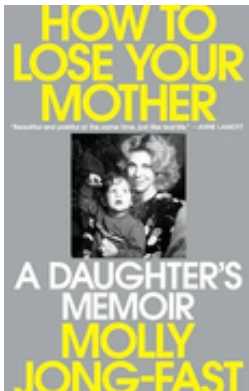
The Girls Who Grew Big Leila Mottley

...
An astonishing new novel about the joys and entanglements of a fierce group of teenage mothers in a small town on the Florida panhandle...An uplifting novel, full of heart and life and hope, set against the shifting sands of these friends' secrets and betrayals.



How to Lose Your Mother Molly Jong-Fast

...
Molly Jong-Fast is the only child of Erica Jong, author of the feminist autobiographical novel *Fear of Flying* that catapulted Erica into fame. Molly grew up with her mother everywhere – on television, in the crossword puzzle, in the newspaper. But rarely at home.



Waiting for Britney Spears Jeff Weiss

...
A gonzo account of Britney Spears's meteoric rise and almost equally iconic fall...Weiss goes for broke in a descent into a neon hall of mirrors reflecting our obsession with fame, morality, and the mystery of what really happened to the last great pop star.

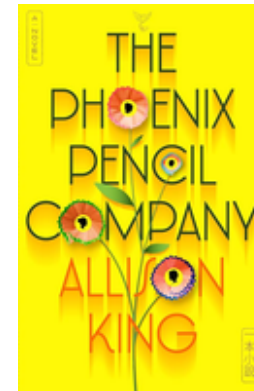
What Kind of Paradise Janelle Brown

...
A teenage girl breaks free from her father's world of isolation in this exhilarating novel of family, identity, and the power we have to shape our own destinies... It is a bold and unforgettable story about parents and children; nature and technology; innocence and knowledge.



So Gay For You Leisha Hailey & Kate Moennig

...
A intimate, hilarious memoir of art, friendship, queerness, and found family by Kate Moennig and Leisha Hailey, stars of *The L Word*—including never-before-shared stories and photos from behind the scenes of the show and their personal lives.



The Phoenix Pencil Company Allison King

...
A hidden and nearly forgotten magic—of reforging pencils, bringing the memories they contain back to life—holds the power to transform a young woman's relationship with her grandmother, and to mend long-lost connections across time and space.

Great Black Hope Rob Franklin

...
A gripping, elegant debut novel about a young Black man caught between worlds of race and class, glamour and tragedy, a friend's mysterious death and his own arrest, from an electrifying new voice.



Kings of Ashes S.A. Cosby

...
When eldest son Roman Carruthers is summoned home after his father's car accident, he finds his younger brother, Dante, in debt to dangerous criminals and his sister, Neveah, exhausted from holding the family—and the family business—together.



A Family Matter Claire Lynch

...
A Family Matter is a heartbreaking and hopeful exploration of love and loss, intimacy and injustice, custody and care, and whether it is possible to heal from the wounds of the past in the changed world of today.

Park Avenue Renee Ahdieh

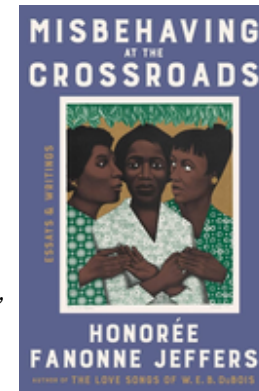
...
A young lawyer who gets pulled in to manage a crisis with her firm's biggest client, a family whose Korean beauty brand is worth a billion dollars...can she hold on to what's most important, even if it means admitting that what she's always wanted isn't what she actually needs?



Misbehaving at the Crossroads Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

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Jeffers' makes her nonfiction debut with this personal and thought-provoking work that explores the journeys and possibilities of Black women throughout American history and in contemporary times.



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The Bewitching Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Three women in three different eras encounter danger and witchcraft in this eerie multigenerational horror saga...Minerva suspects that the same shadow that darkened the lives of her great-grandmother and Beatrice Tremblay is now threatening her own in 1990s Massachusetts.

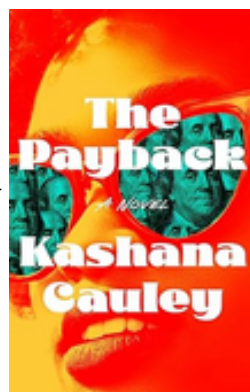


The View from Lake Como Adriana Trigiani

A bighearted, hilarious novel of the the story of one woman's determination to live a creative life that matters, with enough room left over for love. With a one-way ticket to Italy, Jess is determined to write a new story on her own terms--this time, in stone.

The Payback Kashana Cauley

When Jada Williams is relentlessly pursued by the Debt Police, she is left with no choice but to take down her student loan company with the help of two mall coworkers...a razor-sharp dissection of race, power, and the daily grind, from one of the most original and exciting writers at work today.



Vera, or Faith Gary Shteyngart

A poignant, sharp-eyed, and bitterly funny tale of a family struggling to stay together in a country that's rapidly coming apart, told through the eyes of their wondrous ten-year-old daughter.



The Art of Vanishing Morgan Page

Night after night, Claire moves through the gallery where Jean's painting hangs, mopping the floors, talking softly to herself, until she realizes she can step through the frame of a painting and begin a seemingly impossible affair with the man in the painting.



New Releases



Maggie; Or, A Man and A Woman Walk Into a Bar Katie Yee

A woman finds out her husband is having an affair with a woman named Maggie. Later, she walks into an examination room, where she finds out the pain in her breast isn't just heartbreak—it's cancer. She decides to call the tumor Maggie.

The Convenience Store by the Sea Sonoko Machida

An international bestseller with over half a million copies sold between Japan and South Korea, *The Convenience Store by the Sea* tells the delightfully quirky and heartfelt stories of the store's customers and employees, offering us all a unique recipe for a good, fulfilling life.



The List Steve Berry

After a ten-year self-imposed exile, Brent Walker is returning home to Concord, a quaint town in central Georgia nestled close to the Savannah River. Two years ago, his father died, and now Brent, hired by Southern Republic Pulp and Paper Company as its assistant general counsel, is returning to care for his ailing mother.



Beasts of Carnaval Rosalia Rodrigo

Set in a lush, Puerto Rico-inspired world, this sweeping historical fantasy combines Caribbean carnival culture and the mythology of the Taíno in a gripping exploration of community, reclamation, and healing in defiance of a violent past.

The Summer Storms Sarah MacLean

A story about the transformative power of grief, love, and family, this luscious novel is at once deliciously clever and surprisingly tender, exploring past secrets, present truths, and futures forged in the wake of wild summer storms.



The Unraveling of Julia Lisa Scottoline

A sweeping gothic tale in which a young widow, emotionally distraught after the shocking death of her husband, inherits a Tuscan estate from a mysterious benefactor and finds herself thrust into the crosshairs of a dangerous conspiracy.

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The Rewrite Lizzie Damilola Blackburn

Temi and Wale meet, flirt, date, then break up. Wale goes on a reality dating show. Temi throws herself into her dream: writing. When the opportunity to ghost-write a celebrity memoir arises, Temi accepts. And, of course, the celebrity turns out to be Wale...

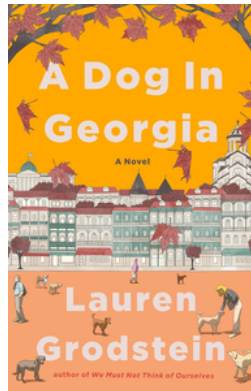
The Magician of Tiger Castle Louis Sachar

The beloved author of *Holes* presents his first adult novel, a modern fantasy classic of forbidden love, a crumbling kingdom, and the unexpected magic all around us.



Baldwin: A Love Story Nicholas Boggs

Drawing on new archival material, original research, and interviews, this spellbinding book is the first major biography of James Baldwin in three decades, revealing how profoundly his personal relationships shaped his life and work.



A Dog in Georgia Lauren Grodstein

In this beautiful story of connection and self-reflection, a missing dog in Georgia sets Amy Webb on an adventure away from her tumultuous marriage and lackluster personal life and towards a journey of self-discovery and joy.

A New New Me Helen Oyeyemi

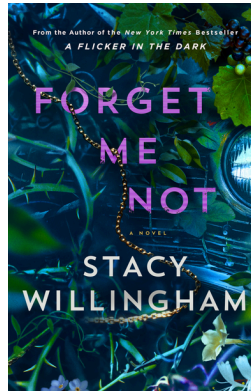
There's a Kinga for every day: On Mondays, you can catch Kinga-A deleting food delivery apps. By Friday, Kinga-E is happy to spend the days soaking, wine-drunk, in the bath. A masterful story that asks: what if the sides of your personality had trust issues with each other?

A NEW NEW ME



Forget Me Not Stacy Willingham

A pulse-pounding new Southern thriller...Claire has attempted to forget her traumatic past by moving to the city and climbing the ranks as an investigative journalist... until an unexpected call from her father forces her to come back home and face it all anew.



New Releases



Could Should Might Don't: How We Think About the Future Nick Foster

An invaluable guide for how to think - and not to think - about the future, from one of the leading futurists of our time.

People Like Us Jason Mott

Two Black writers are trying to find peace and belonging in a world that is riven with gun violence. One is on a global book tour after a big prize win; the other is set to give a speech at a school that has suffered a shooting. And as their two storylines merge, truths and antics abound in equal measure



Loved One Aisha Muharrar

From an Emmy Award-winning writer comes a funny, wise, heartbreaking story about a woman journeying into the unknown in the wake of sudden loss... How do we reconcile various—and sometimes contradictory—truths about those closest to us?

Tantrum Rachel Eve Moulton

An exhausted mother thinks her newborn might be a monster. She's right... Crackling with originality and dark humor, *Tantrum* is a provocative exploration of familial debt, duty, and the darker side of motherhood.



Too Old For This Samantha Downing

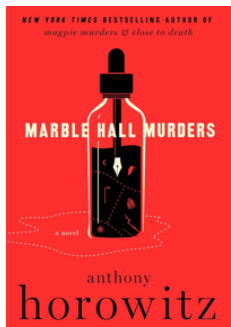
A retired serial killer's quiet life is upended by an unexpected visitor. To protect her secret, there's only one option left—what's another murder? But when Lottie receives another annoying knock on the door, she realizes this crime might just be the death of her...



The Witch's Orchard Archer Sullivan

In the shadow of the Blue Ridge, Annie begins to track the truth, navigating a decade's worth of secrets, folklore of witches and crows, and a whole town that prefers to forget. But while the case may have been buried, echoes of the past linger.

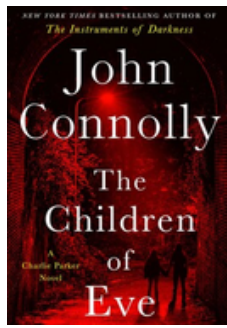
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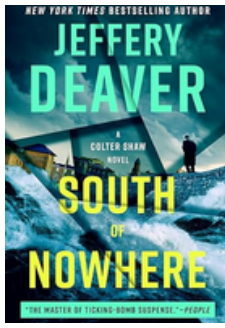
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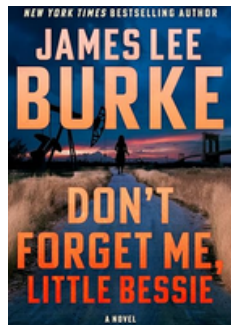
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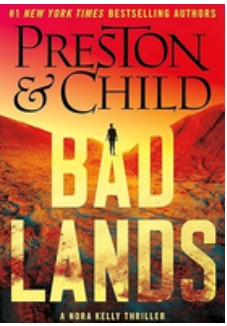
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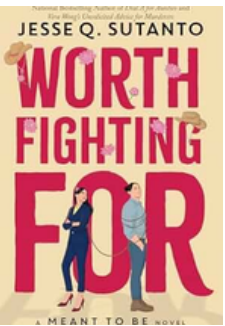
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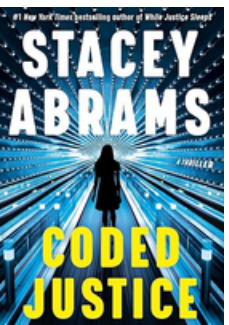
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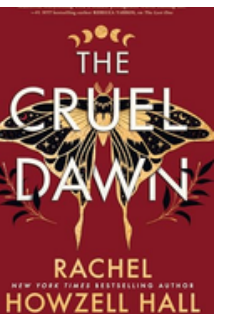
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Reading Road Map

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They Found a Body

A mystery, thriller, or anything involving a murder!



Hit the Road!

Any story with a road trip in it.



Truth is Stranger than Fiction

A nonfiction book about something unique, extraordinary, or surprising.



Isn't it Romantic?

Need we say more? Read something swoon-worthy!



And You Thought your Family was Bad?

A book, fiction or non-fiction, featuring a dysfunctional family



Thrills and Chills

A spooky book or a story you can't look away from!