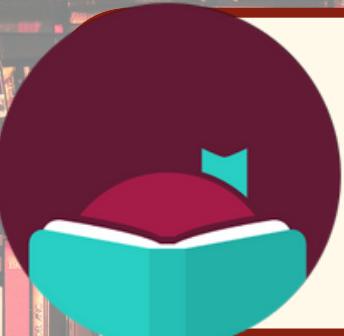


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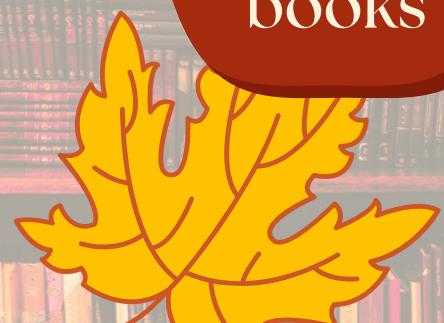
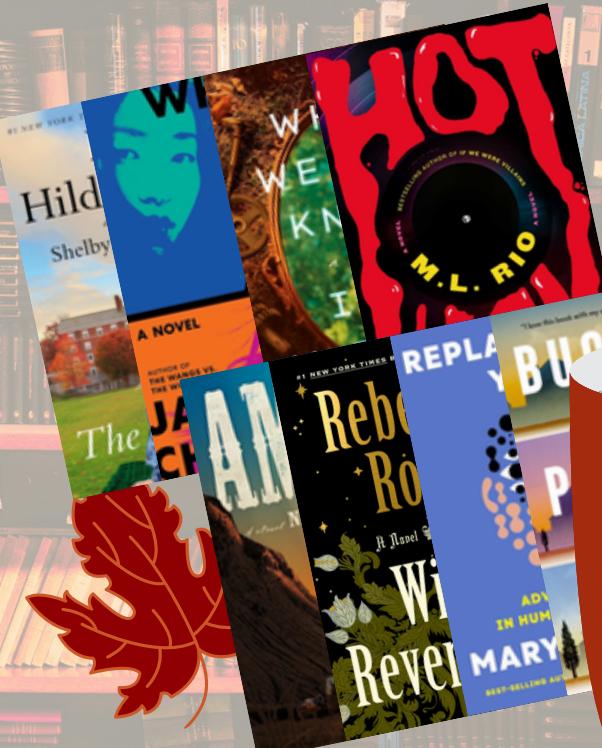


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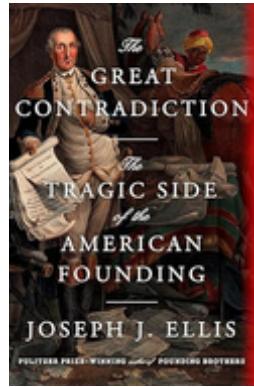
# Adult Reading Guide

September- December 2025

Books to Fall For!



# Big Names, New Books



**The Great Contradiction**  
Joseph J. Ellis

A daring and important work that ultimately reckons with the two great failures of America's founding: the failure to end slavery and the failure to avoid Indian removal.

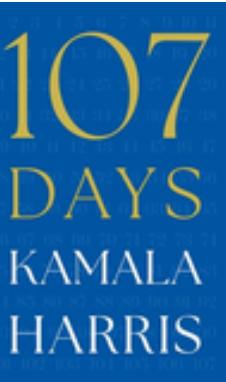
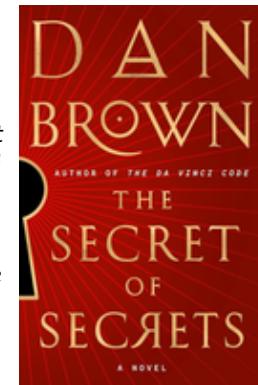
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**The Secret of Secrets**  
Dan Brown

The return of Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon, this time pitting his wits against a conspiracy which will test even his considerable brainpower and take him to the edge of losing all that he holds dear

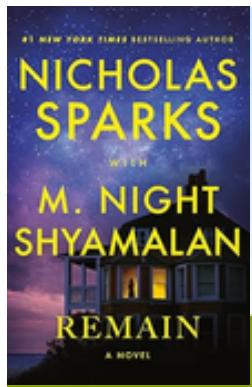
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**107 Days**  
Kamala Harris

For the first time, and with surprising and revealing insights, Kamala Harris tells the story of one of the wildest and most consequential presidential campaigns in American history.

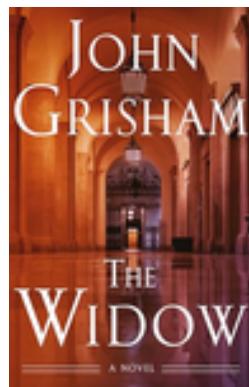
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**Remain**  
Nicholas Sparks

A story about the power of transcendent emotion, *Remain* asks us all: Can love set us free not only from our greatest sorrows, but even from the boundaries of life and death?

Oct. 14



**The Widow**  
John Grisham

Simon knows he's innocent. But he also knows the circumstantial evidence is against him, and he could spend the rest of his life behind bars. To save himself, he must find the real killer.

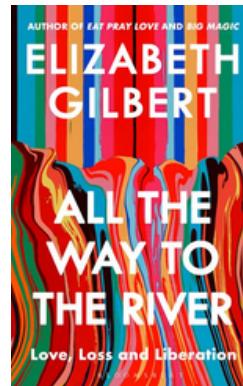
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**Queen Esther**  
John Irving

John Irving returns to the orphanage in St. Cloud's, Maine, where Dr. Wilbur Larch takes in Esther—a Jew whose life is shaped by anti-Semitism. A story of survival and an exploration of identity and belonging.

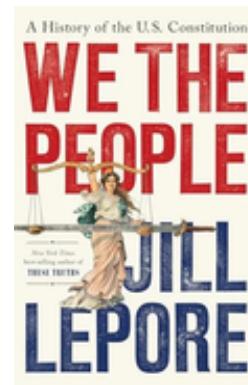
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**All the Way to the River**  
Elizabeth Gilbert

In 2000, Elizabeth met Rayya. They became friends, then best friends, then inseparable. When tragedy entered, the truth was finally laid bare: The two were in love.

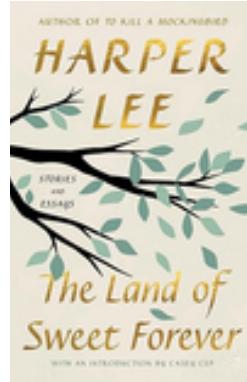
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**We the People**  
Jill Lepore

At a time when the Constitution's vulnerability is all too evident, and the risk of political violence all too real, *We the People* hints at the prospects for a better constitutional future, an amended America.

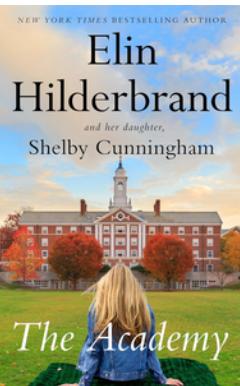
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**The Land of Sweet Forever**  
Harper Lee

Combining Lee's short fiction and nonfiction, *The Land of Sweet Forever* invites conversations about politics, equality, art, and what it means to lead an engaged and creative life.

Oct. 21



**The Academy**  
Elin Hilderbrand

From Elin Hilderbrand, and her daughter, Shelby Cunningham: the irresistible, scandalous story of one drama-filled year at a New England boarding school.

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**Gone Before Goodbye**  
Harlan Coben

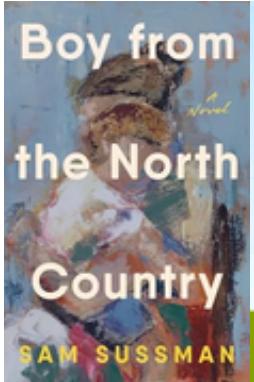
An unforgettable suspense novel, *Gone Before Goodbye* is the story of a woman trapped in a deadly conspiracy—where uncovering the truth could cost her everything.

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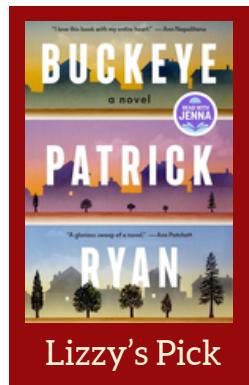
# Literary Fiction



**Boy from the North Country**  
Sam Sussman

“A son returns home to his dying mother to discover the astonishing truth of his origins and the secrets of a woman whose life and wisdom he is only beginning to understand.”

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Lizzy's Pick

**Buckeye**  
Patrick Ryan

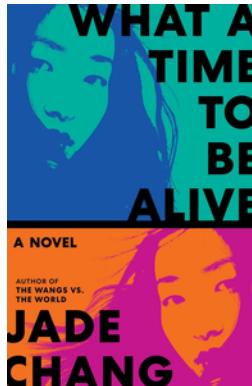
“One town. Two families. A secret that changes everything. The intimate lives of two midwestern families across generations, from World War II to the late twentieth century.”

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**What a Time to be Alive**  
Jade Chang

“A novel following a woman who becomes an internet hero in the most unexpected way, catapulting her into fame and influence just as she's finally beginning to reckon with her past.”

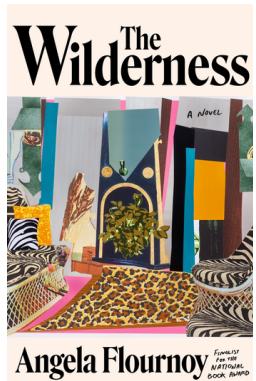
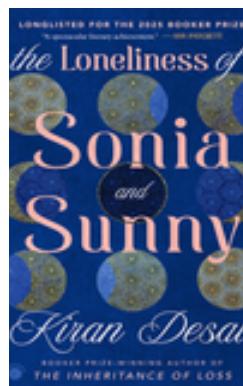
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**The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny**  
Kiran Desai

“The tale of two young people navigating the forces that shape their lives: country, class, race, history, and the bonds that link one generation to the next.”

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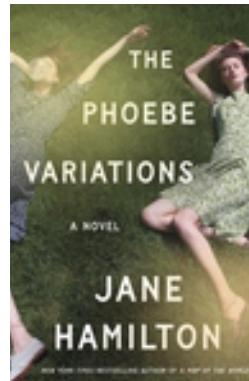


**The Wilderness**  
Angela Flournoy

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“An era-defining novel about five Black women over the course of their friendship, as they move through the dizzying period between young adulthood and midlife.”

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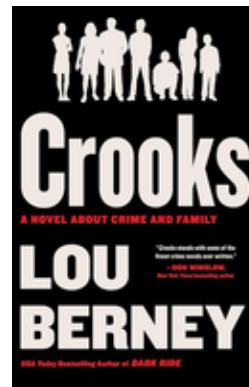


**The Phoebe Variations**  
Jane Hamilton

“Seventeen-year-old Phoebe was never interested in her birth family. But on the cusp of her high school graduation, her adoptive mother, Greta, insists on a visit to meet her biological parents and siblings.”

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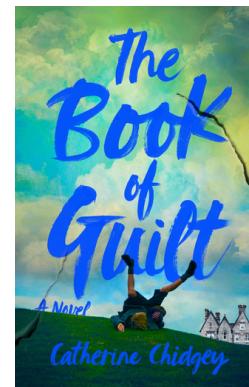
# Families, Dysfunctional & Otherwise



**Crooks**  
Lou Berney

“You've never met a family like the Mercurios. They say the American dream is going farther in life than your parents ever did. But how does that work if your parents are criminals?”

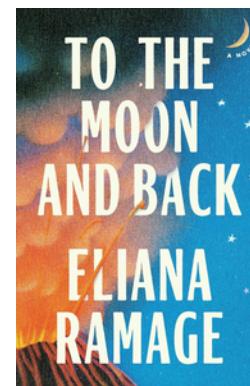
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**The Book of Guilt**  
Catherine Chidgey

“Three brothers are the only boys left in an orphanage whose dark secret is the reason for their existence—and the key to their survival.”

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**To the Moon and Back**  
Eliana Ramage

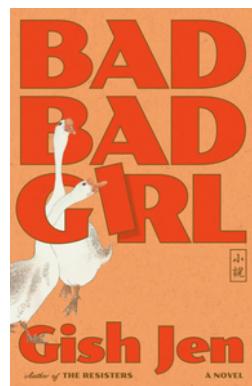
“In this powerful story of family, ambition and belonging, one young woman's quest to become the first Cherokee astronaut alters the fates of the people she loves most.”

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**Bad Bad Girl**  
Gish Jen

“Spanning continents, generations, and cultures, an engrossing, blisteringly funny-sad autobiographical novel tracing a tumultuous mother-daughter relationship.”

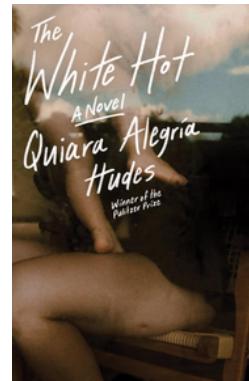
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**The Irish Goodbye**  
Heather Aimee O'Neill

“Three adult sisters grapple with a shared tragedy over a Thanksgiving weekend spent in their childhood home, navigating complex relationships and old tensions.”

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**The White Hot**  
Quiara Alegría Hudes

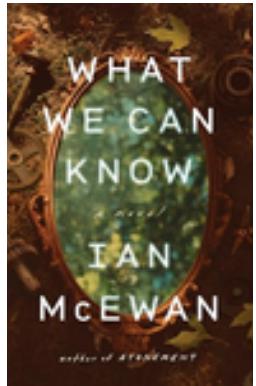
“The story of a runaway mother's ten days of freedom—and the pain, desire, longing, and wonder we find on the messy road to enlightenment.”

Nov. 11



Liz's Pick

# Fantasy & Science Fiction



**What We Can Know**  
Ian McEwan

A love story about both people and the words they leave behind, and a literary detective story which reclaims the present from our sense of looming catastrophe and imagines a future world where all is not quite lost.

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**All that we See or seem**  
Ken Liu

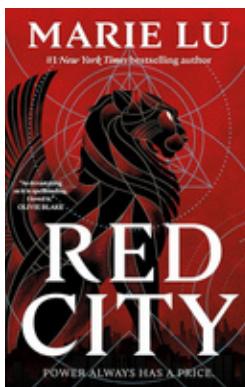
The first in a new series following former "orphan hacker" Julia Z as she is thrust into a high-stakes adventure where she must use her AI-whispering skills to unravel a virtual reality mystery.

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**Red City**  
Marie Lu

A dark and deadly contemporary fantasy of magical warfare, star-crossed ambition, and the pursuit of perfection at any cost, set in a glittering alternate Los Angeles.

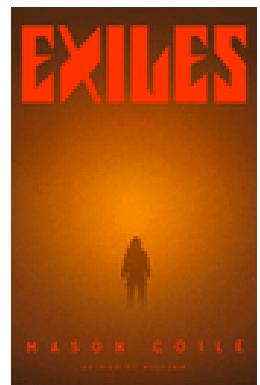
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**Exiles**  
Mason Coile

In this barren, hostile landscape, even machines have nightmares, and the line between human and artificial intelligence blurs. The astronauts will need to examine their own stories and wrestle their own demons before it's too late.

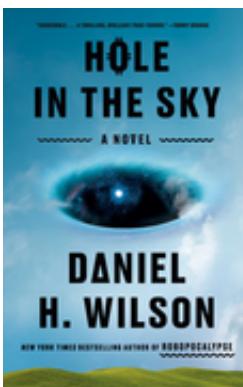
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**Hole in the Sky**  
Daniel H. Wilson

A Native American first contact story and gripping thriller. On the Great Plains of Oklahoma, in the heart of the Cherokee Nation, a strange atmospheric disturbance is noticed by Jim Hardgray.

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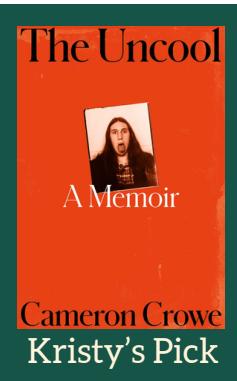
**King Sorrow**  
Joe Hill

A tale of modern-world dangers, dark academia, and the unexpected consequences of revenge as six friends dabble in the occult and are tragically, horrifyingly successful... calling forth an evil entity that demands regular human sacrifice.

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# Mysteries & Thrillers

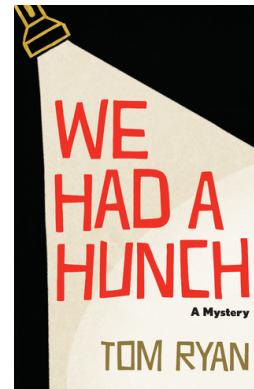


**The Uncool**  
Cameron Crowe  
Kristy's Pick

**The Wasp Trap**  
Mark Edwards

A dinner party in a beautiful Notting Hill townhouse turns into a sinister game, as six old friends are forced to spill their darkest secrets...or else.

Sept. 16



**WE HAD A HUNCH**  
A Mystery  
TOM RYAN

**We had a Hunch**  
Tom Ryan

A dark and suspenseful thriller from USA Today bestseller Tom Ryan that asks a simple question: what happens to your favorite teenage detectives when they grow up?

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**The Bone Thief**  
Vanessa Lillie

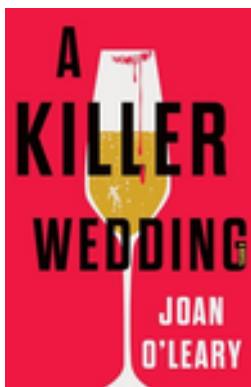
When a Native teenager vanishes from her small town—a place with dark ties to an elite historical society—archaeologist Syd Walker is called to investigate.

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**A Killer Wedding**  
Joan O'Leary

Wildly witty and wickedly fun, A Killer Wedding is a juicy debut whodunit about toxic family dynamics hidden beneath the surface of billionaire-level wealth

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**Hot Wax**  
M.L. Rio

A vivid and immersive tale of one woman's reckless mission to make sense of the events that shattered her childhood, and made her who she is.

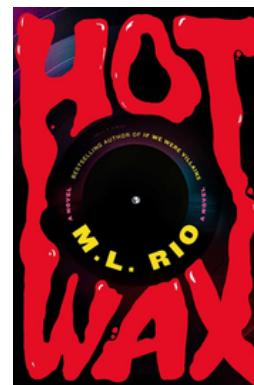
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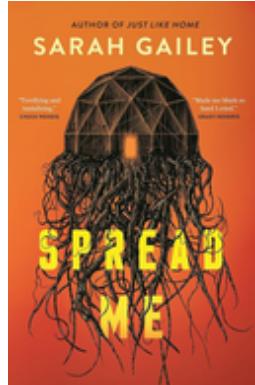
**Boom Town**  
Nic Stone

Nic Stone's adult thriller debut about two missing erotic dancers from Atlanta's most notorious gentlemen's club and the woman committed to finding them.

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# Horror

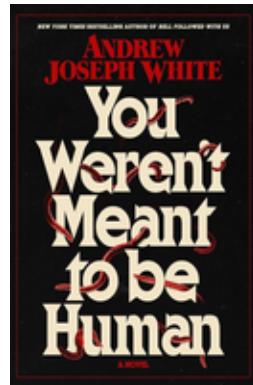


## Spread Me

Sarah Gailey

After a routine probe at a research station, things turn deadly when the team discovers a strange specimen in search of a warm place to stay.

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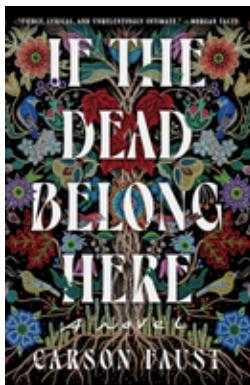


## You Weren't Meant to be Human

Andrew Joseph White

Festerings masses of worms and flies have taken root in dark corners across Appalachia. In exchange for loyalty these hives offer a few struggling humans salvation.

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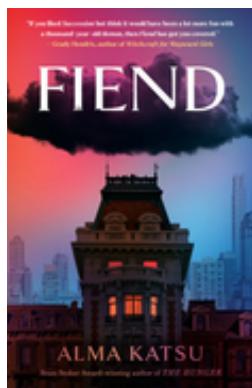


## If the Dead Belong Here

Carson Faust

When a young girl goes missing, the ghosts of the past collide with her family's secrets in a mesmerizing Native American Southern Gothic.

Oct. 7



## Fiend

Alma Katsu

Historical horror maven Alma Katsu turns her talents to the modern world for the first time, in this terrifying tale about an all-powerful family with an ancient evil under its thumb.

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## The Autumn Springs Retirement Home Massacre

Philip Fracassi

Rose DuBois, age 70, is not your average final girl. A blood-soaked slasher sure to keep readers guessing until the very last page.

Sept. 30

# Love Stories



## Hot Desk

Laura Dickerman

A funny, sexy, unexpectedly moving novel that weaves a contemporary workplace romance with a gripping historical narrative in the NYC publishing industry.

Sept. 7



## Next Time Will be Our Turn

Jesse Q. Sutanto

A grandmother tells her granddaughter about her twisty, often surprising, journey to who she is now in this sweeping love story.

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## Overdue

Stephanie Perkins

Is it time to renew love or start a new chapter? Overdue is a beautiful, slow-burn romance full of lust and longing about new beginnings and finding your way.

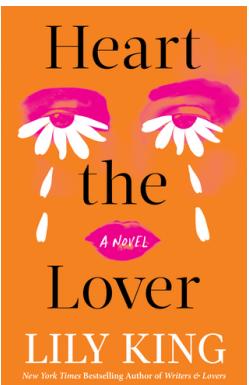
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## Heart the Lover

Lily King

Our narrator understands good love stories—their secrets and subtext, their highs and their free falls. But her greatest love story, the one she lived, never followed the simple rules.

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## Wild Reverence

Rebecca Ross

Set in the world of Divine Rivals, this tender book tells the love story of a goddess and a mortal who meet in dreams. A beautiful adult novel filled with tension, romance, and dark secrets.

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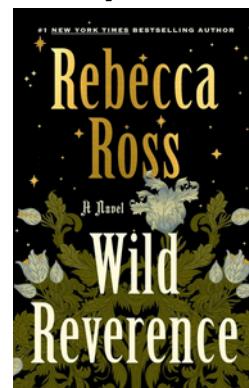


## The Everlasting

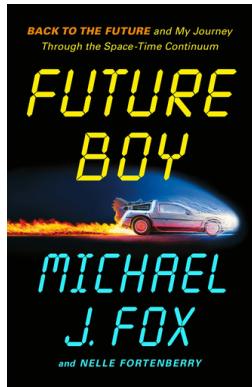
Alix E. Harrow

An adventure through time—as a reluctant lady knight and a not-so-heroic historian will fight through time and space to rewrite their tragic fates...and finally reveal the truths hidden beneath the greatest legend ever told.

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# Biographies & Memoirs

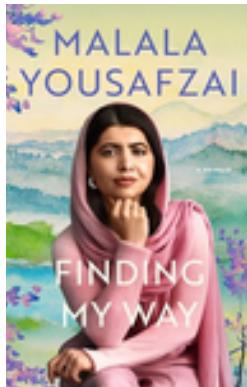


## Future Boy

Michael J. Fox

A poignant, heartfelt, and funny memoir about how, in 1985, Michael J. Fox brought to life two iconic roles simultaneously—Alex P. Keaton in *Family Ties* and Marty McFly in *Back to the Future*. An amazing true story.

Oct. 14



## Finding my Way

Malala Yousafzai

In this astonishing memoir, Malala reintroduces herself to the world, sharing how she navigated life as someone whose darkest moments threatened to define her—while seeking the freedom to find out who she truly is.

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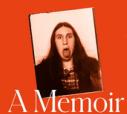
## The Uncool

Cameron Crowe

The long-awaited memoir by Cameron Crowe, revealing his formative years in rock and roll and bringing to life stories that shaped a generation

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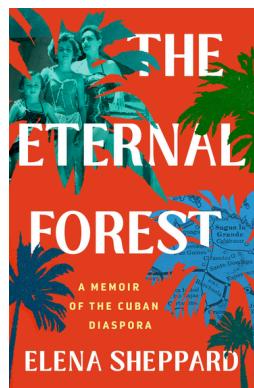
## Vagabond

Tim Curry

This memoir is a celebration of Tim Curry's life's work, and a testament to his profound impact on the entertainment industry as we know it today.

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## Tim Curry Vagabond

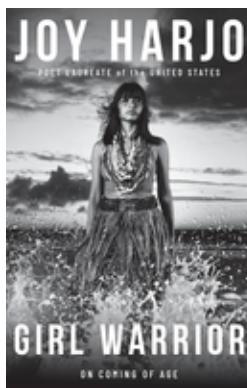


## The Eternal Forest

Elena Sheppard

"The Eternal Forest" is a memoir of the Cuban diaspora that follows one family's exile from the island, through a lyrical exploration of memory, cultural mythology, and the history of Cuban-American relations.

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## Girl Warrior

Joy Harjo

To know ourselves is the most profound and difficult endeavor. An inspirational work of wisdom, warmth, and generosity from a three-term US poet laureate.

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# Hey, Did You Know?

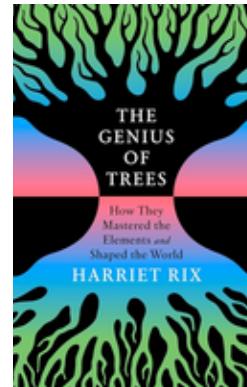


## The Tragedy of True Crime

John J. Lennon

In 2001, John J. Lennon killed a man on a Brooklyn Street. Now he's a journalist, working from behind bars, trying to make sense of it all.

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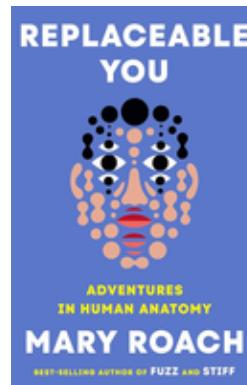


## The Genius of Trees

Harriet Rix

A mind-expanding exploration of how trees learned to shape our world by manipulating the elements, plants, animals, and even humankind, possessing agency beyond anything we might have imagined.

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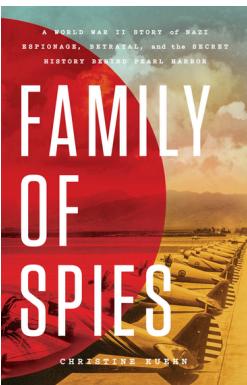


## Replaceable You

Mary Roach

A rollicking exploration of the quest to re-create the impossible complexities of human anatomy. Replaceable You immerses readers in the wondrous, improbable, and surreal quest to build a new you.

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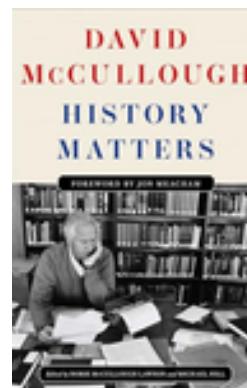


## Family of Spies

Christine Kuehn

A propulsive, never-before-told story of one family's shocking involvement as Nazi and Japanese spies during WWII and the pivotal role they played in the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

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## History Matters

David McCullough

In this posthumous collection of thought-provoking essays, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and bestselling author David McCullough affirms the value of history, how we can be guided by its lessons, and the enduring legacy of American ideals.

Sept. 16



## IF ANYONE BUILDS IT, EVERYONE DIES

Eliezer Yudkowsky & Nate Soares

The scramble to create superhuman AI has put us on the path to extinction—but it's not too late to change course, as two researchers explain in this call for humanity.

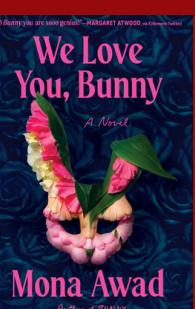
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# A Little Bit of Magic

## We Love You, Bunny

Mona Awad

A wickedly intoxicating journey into the heart of dark academia: a fairy tale slasher that explores the wonder and horror of creation itself. Not to mention the transformative powers of love and friendship, Bunny.



Julia's Pick

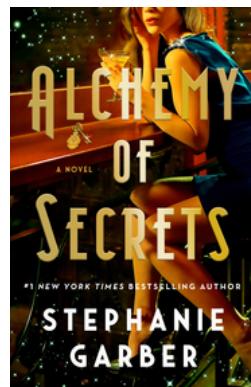
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## Alchemy of Secrets

Stephanie Garber

In this glamorous, lore-filled tale, a grad student searches for a priceless object in LA's magical underbelly.

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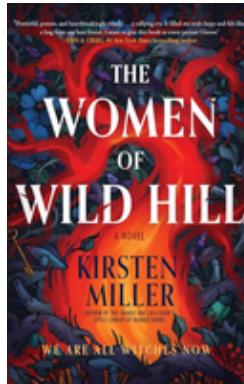
## The Last Spirits of Manhattan

John A. McDermott

Based on a true story, this sparkling and witty novel whisks you to 1956 Manhattan, where famed director Alfred Hitchcock is hosting a star-studded party in an allegedly haunted house...only for the soiree to be interrupted by a ghostly party crasher.



Oct. 14



## The Women of Wild Hill

Kirsten Miller

A witty, spectacular, and timely tale of modern-day witches waging war on the patriarchy. Five generations of Sadie's descendants called Wild Hill home, each generation more powerful than the last.

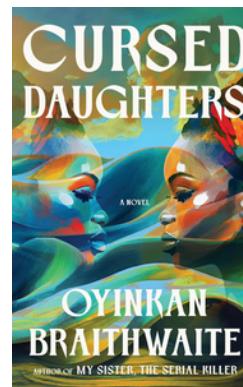
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## Cursed Daughters

Oyinkan Braithwaite

A young woman must shake off a family curse and the widely held belief that she is the reincarnation of her dead cousin in this wickedly funny, brilliantly perceptive novel about love, female rivalry, and superstition

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## Slayers of Old

Jim C. Hines

Three former Chosen Ones have joined together to spend their retirement in peace and quiet. These ex-heroes may have thought they were done...but if they want to finish their retirement in peace, they'll have to join together to save the world one last time.

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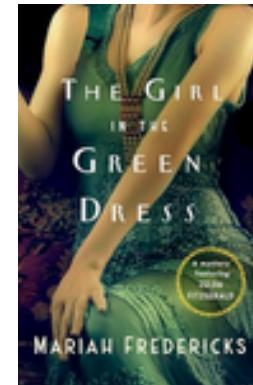
# Historical Fiction

## The Girl in the Green Dress

Mariah Fredericks

An evocative mystery about the 1920 murder of the gambler Joseph Elwell, featuring New Yorker writer Morris Markey and Zelda Fitzgerald.

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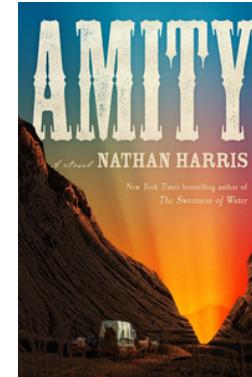


## Amity

Nathan Harris

A gripping story about a brother and sister, emancipated from slavery but still searching for true freedom, and their odyssey across the deserts of Mexico to finally reunite, all while escaping a former master still intent on their bondage

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## The Lost Story of Eva Fuentes

Chanel Cleeton

A mysterious book with a legacy spanning from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present day unites three women.

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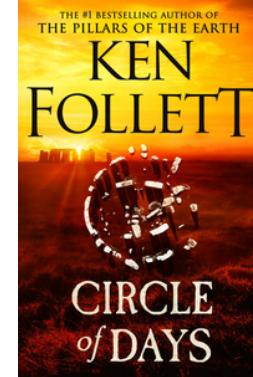


## Circle of Days

Ken Follett

From a bestselling author of epic fiction comes the deeply human story of one of the world's greatest mysteries: the building of Stonehenge.

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## Bog Queen

Anna North

When a body is found in a bog in northwest England, Agnes, an American forensic anthropologist, is called to investigate. But this body is not like any she has ever seen: Although its bones prove it was buried more than two thousand years ago, it is almost completely preserved.

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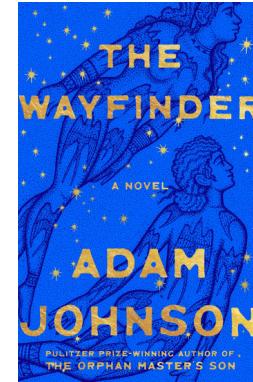


## The Wayfinder

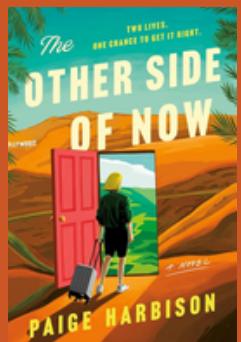
Adam Johnson

A historical epic, set in the Polynesian islands of the South Pacific during the height of the Tu'i Tonga Empire, about a girl from a remote Tongan island who becomes her people's queen.

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# The Best Books we Read this Summer



**The Other Side of Now**  
Paige Harbison

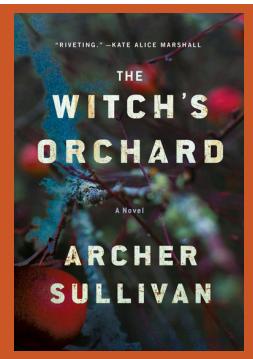
In this magic tale of second chances, an actress discovers her long-dead best friend still alive in another timeline. A hilarious and heartfelt novel about how loves and lives are never truly lost

Kristy's Pick



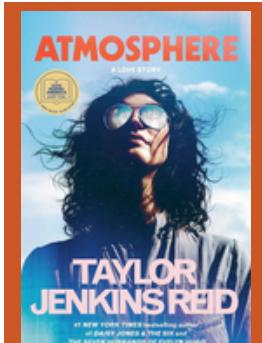
Lizzy's Pick

**The Witch's Orchard**  
Archer Sullivan



Caroline's Pick

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..



Liz's Pick

**Atmosphere**  
Taylor Jenkins-Reid

An epic new novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s space shuttle program about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits.

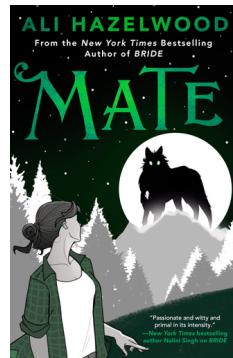
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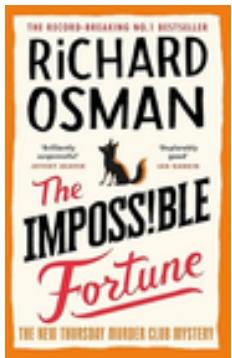
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# Next in the Series

Popular series with new installments coming out this season



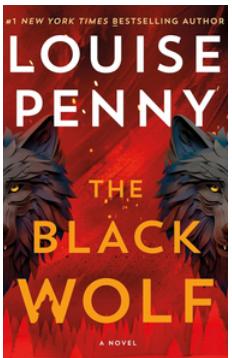
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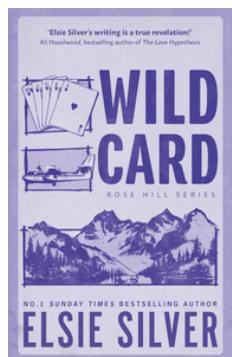
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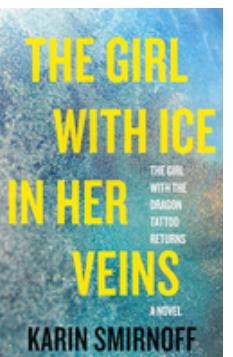
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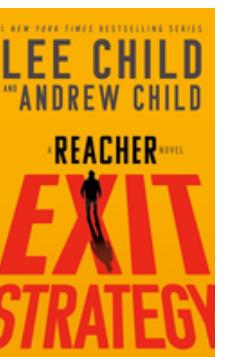
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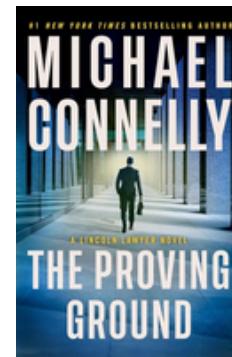
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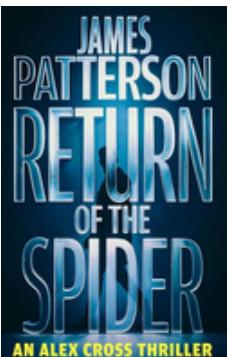
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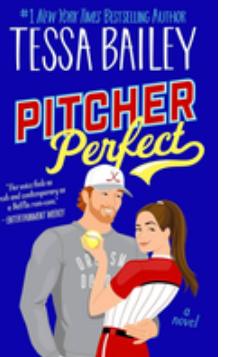
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