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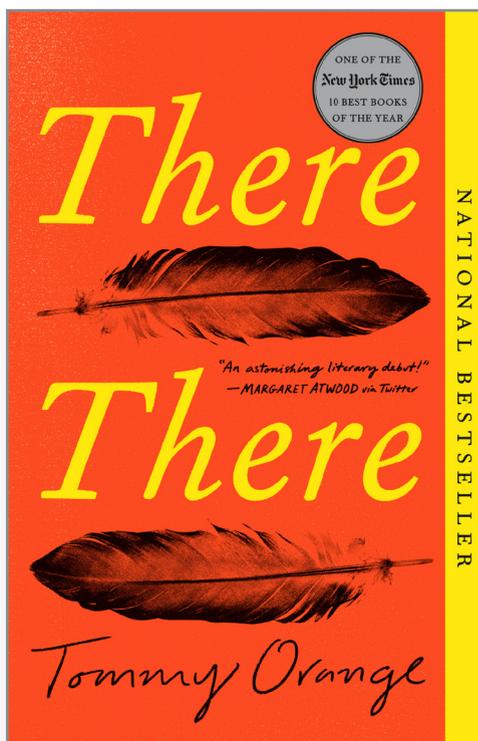
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By Tommy Orange

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Tommy Orange's shattering novel follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to each other in ways they may not yet realize. There is Jacquie Red Feather, newly sober and working to make it back to the family she left behind; Dene Oxendene, who is pulling his life back together after his uncle's death, has come to work at the powwow to honor his memory; fourteen-year-old Orvil has come to perform traditional dance for the very first time.

Together, this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American—grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism. **THERE THERE** captures a collection of unique voices and stories, expanding the literary representation of Native Americans.



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 —THE NEW YORK TIMES

“With a literary authority rare in a debut novel, [*There There*] places Native American voices front and center before readers’ eyes.”
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TOMMY ORANGE is a graduate of the MFA program at the Institute of American Indian Arts. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, he was born and raised in Oakland, California.



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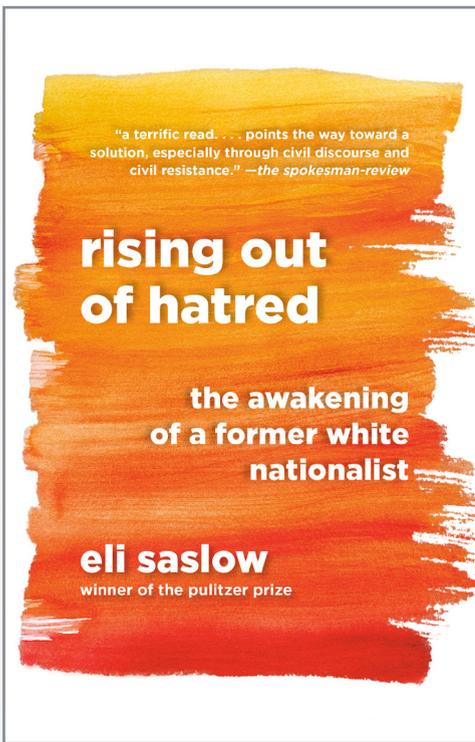
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RISING OUT OF HATRED

The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist

By Eli Saslow

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Growing up Derek Black never thought to question his family’s belief in white nationalism. It seemed as though white supremacy was an inherent truth. Then he went to college. At the New College of Florida, Derek lives a double-life: secretly broadcasting his views on his morning radio show, but never in the classroom. When a classmate uncovers his identity, Derek soon faces backlash from the campus, forcing him to face the ugliness of his beliefs for the first time. Derek’s classmates struggle to find the best way to handle the news, with many protesting his presence on campus. Other students find the courage to reach out to him, including an Orthodox Jew who invites Derek to attend weekly Shabbat dinners. Through those dinners—and the conversations shared at the table—Derek’s classmates help him understand new perspectives, giving hope that hatred can be unlearned.

ELI SASLOW is a staff writer for *The Washington Post* and a contributor to *ESPN The Magazine*. He has won a Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting and a George Polk Award for national reporting, and has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in feature writing. His works include *Ten Letters: The Stories Americans Tell Their President* and *American Hunger: The Pulitzer Prize-Winning Washington Post Series*. He lives in Oregon with his wife and two daughters.



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“Vivid. . . . During this period of deepening racial division, there is the possibility of redemption.” —**THE WASHINGTON POST**

“The story of Derek Black is the human being at his gutsy, self-reflecting, revolutionary best, told by one of America’s best storytellers at his very best. . . . If the successor to the white nationalist movement can forsake his ideological upbringing . . . then we can too.”

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Stories from My Grandmother's Time, My Mother's Time, and Mine

By Emily Bernard

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In these twelve deeply personal, connected essays, Bernard details the experience of growing up black in the south with a family name inherited from a white man, surviving a random stabbing at a New Haven coffee shop while taking graduate studies at Yale, marrying a white man from the north and bringing him home to her family, adopting two babies from Ethiopia, and living and teaching in a primarily white New England college town. Each of these essays goes beyond a narrative of black innocence and white guilt and sets out to discover a new way of telling the truth as the author has lived it.

BLACK IS THE BODY offers students an exquisitely written memoir that looks at race in a fearless, penetrating, honest way. *"Blackness is an art, not a science. It is a paradox: intangible and visceral; a situation and a story."*

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“*Black Is the Body* brings lucidity, honesty, and insight to the topics of race and interracial relationships.” —**PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE**

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EMILY BERNARD was born and grew up in Nashville, TN, and received her PhD in American studies from Yale University. She has been the recipient of grants from the Ford Foundation, the NEH, and a W. E. B. Du Bois Resident Fellowship at Harvard University. Her essays have been published in journals and anthologies, among them *The American Scholar* and *Best African American Essays*. She is the Julian Lindsay Green and Gold Professor of English at the University of Vermont.



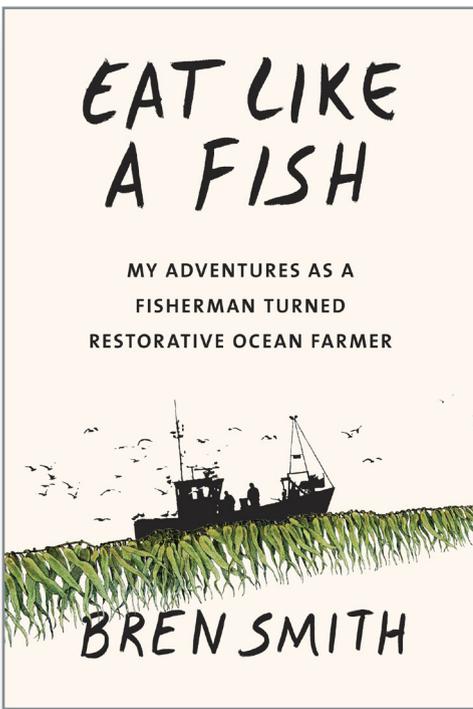
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EAT LIKE A FISH

My Adventures as a Fisherman Turned Restorative Ocean Farmer

By Bren Smith

NEW

Easy to grow, sustainable, and a solution to climate change, ocean vegetables are plentiful, nutritious, and delicious. In **EAT LIKE A FISH**, Bren Smith—former commercial fisherman turned restorative ocean farmer—shares a bold new vision for the future of food. He encourages students to reimagine their ideas about ocean eating, while taking them on a journey from his childhood in Newfoundland to his early years on the high seas, from pioneering new forms of ocean farming to surfing the frontiers of the food movement.

Written with the humor and swagger of a fisherman telling a late-night tale, this is a monumental work of memoir-turned-food policy that will change the way students think about what they eat, and inspire them to find creative ways to make their impact on the world.

BREN SMITH is a former commercial fisherman turned ocean farmer who pioneered the development of restorative 3D ocean farming. Born and raised in Newfoundland, he left high school at the age of 14 to work on fishing boats from the Grand Banks to the Bering Sea. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, and elsewhere; his ocean farm won the Buckminster Fuller Challenge for ecological design, and, in 2017, was named one of *Time* magazine’s Best Inventions. He is the owner of Thimble Island Ocean Farm, and Executive Director of the non-profit Greenwave.



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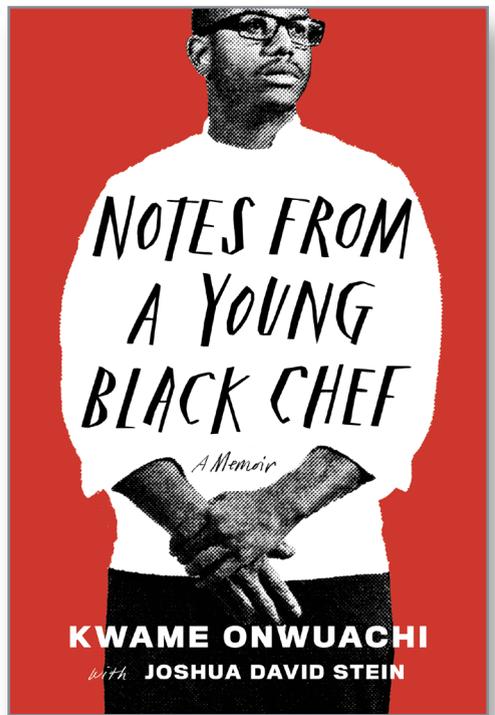
NOTES FROM A YOUNG BLACK CHEF

By Kwame Onwuachi
with Joshua David Stein

NEW

By the time he was twenty-seven years old, Kwame Onwuachi had opened—and closed—one of the most talked about restaurants in America. He had launched his own catering company with twenty thousand dollars that he made from selling candy on the subway, yet he'd been told he would never make it on television because his cooking wasn't "Southern" enough. In this inspiring memoir about the intersection of race, fame, and food, he shares the remarkable story of his culinary coming-of-age.

From the Bronx to Nigeria to fine dining restaurants in Manhattan, Onwuachi's love of food and cooking remained a constant in his life. But as a young chef, he was forced to grapple with just how unwelcoming the world of fine dining can be for people of color. **NOTES FROM A YOUNG BLACK CHEF**, is the inspiring tale of one man's pursuit of his passions, despite the odds.



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“Chef Kwame Onwuachi is a living example of bouncing back when hit with challenges and obstacles. . . . Inspiring.”

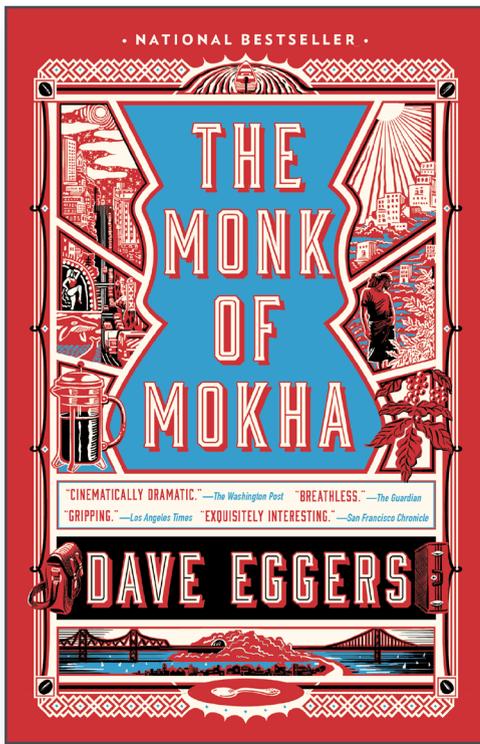
—**EDUARDO JORDAN, CHEF/OWNER OF SALARE,
JUNEBABY, AND LUCINDA GRAIN BAR**

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KWAME ONWUACHI is the James Beard Award-winning executive chef at Kith and Kin and owner of the Philly Wing Fry franchise in Washington, D.C. He was born on Long Island and raised in New York City, Nigeria, and Louisiana. Onwuachi was first exposed to cooking by his mother, in the family’s modest Bronx apartment. From toiling in the bowels of oil cleanup ships to working at some of the best restaurants in the world, he has seen and lived his fair share of diversity. Onwuachi trained at the Culinary Institute of America and has opened five restaurants before turning thirty. A former *Top Chef* contestant, he has been named one of *Food & Wine*’s Best New Chefs and a 30-Under-30 honoree by both *Zagat* and *Forbes*.



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THE MONK OF MOKHA

By Dave Eggers

THE MONK OF MOKHA is a heart-pounding true story of a young man struggling to find a balance between his family heritage and his pursuit of the American dream.

Mokhtar Alkhanshali grew up in San Francisco, one of seven siblings brought up by Yemeni immigrants in a tiny apartment. At twenty-four, unable to pay for college, he works as a doorman until a chance encounter awakens his interest in coffee and its rich history in Yemen. He leaves San Francisco and travels deep into his ancestral homeland to tour terraced farms high in the country's rugged mountains and meet beleaguered but determined farmers. But when war engulfs the country and Saudi bombs rain down, Mokhtar has to find a way out of Yemen without sacrificing his dreams or abandoning his people.

DAVE EGGERS is the author of twelve books, including *A Hologram for the King*, finalist for the National Book Award; and *What Is the What*, finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and winner of France's Prix Médicis Étranger. He is the founder of *McSweeney's* and the co-founder of 826 Valencia, a youth writing center that has inspired similar programs around the world, and of Scholar-Match, which connects donors with students to make college accessible. He is the winner of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize and is the co-founder of *Voice of Witness*, a book series that illuminates human rights crises through oral history.



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“Exquisitely interesting. . . . This is about the human capacity to dream—here, there, everywhere.” —**SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE**

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“*The Monk of Mokha* is not merely about ‘coming to America,’ it is a thrilling chronicle of one man’s coming-and-going between two beloved homelands—a brilliant mirror on the global community we have become.” —**MARIE ARANA, AUTHOR OF AMERICAN CHICA**

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CALL ME AMERICAN

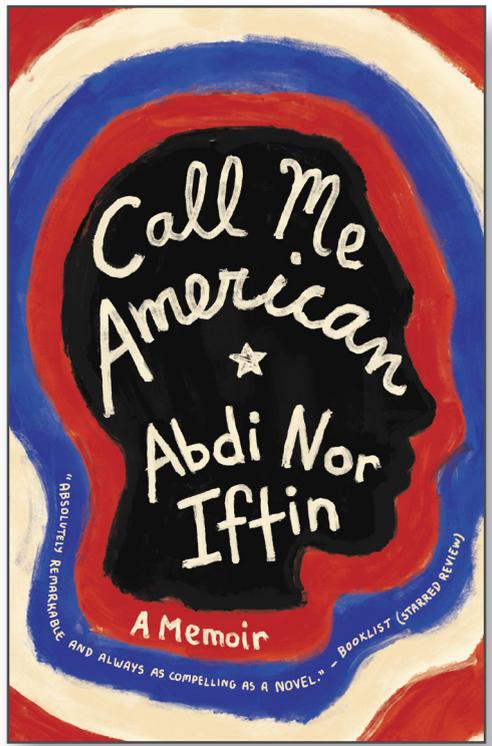
By Abdi Nor Iftin

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Growing up in Somalia, Abdi Nor Iftin first fell in love with America from afar. As a child, he learned English by listening to American pop and watching action films starring Arnold Schwarzenegger—hoping for the day the Americans would come and defeat the warlords like the heroes in his favorite movies.

Sporting American clothes and dance moves, he became known around Mogadishu as Abdi American. But when the radical Islamist group al-Shabaab rose to power in 2006, it became dangerous to celebrate Western culture. Desperate to make a living, Abdi used his language skills to post secret dispatches, which found an audience of worldwide listeners on NPR and the BBC.

In an amazing stroke of luck, Abdi won entrance to the U.S. in the annual visa lottery, though his route to America did not come easily. In Abdi's memoir **CALL ME AMERICAN**, his stories serve as a vivid reminder of why America still beckons to those looking to make a better life.



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“Iftin’s extraordinary saga is not just a journey of self-advancement but a quest to break free from ethnic and sectarian hatreds.” —**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW)**

ABDI NOR IFTIN currently lives in Maine. He studies political science at the University of Southern Maine, and plays soccer every Saturday in a melting-pot league of Americans and immigrants from around the world.



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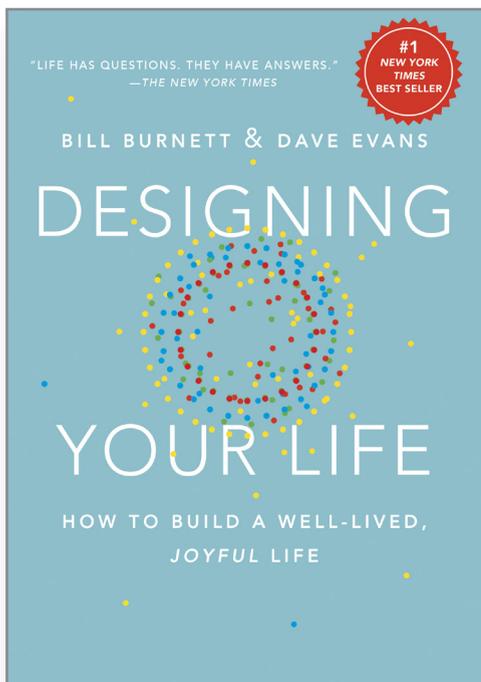


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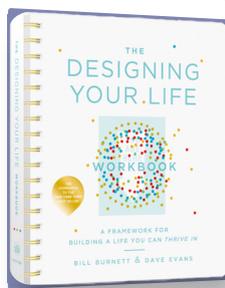
By Bill Burnett and Dave Evans

In *DESIGNING YOUR LIFE*, Bill Burnett and Dave Evans show students how design thinking can help them create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling. The same design thinking responsible for amazing technology, products, and spaces can be used to design and build a career and life that always holds the possibility of surprise.

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131 Ways to Spark Creativity, Find Inspiration, and Discover Joy in the Everyday

By Rob Walker

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Welcome to the era of white noise. Our lives are in constant tether to phones, to email, and to social media. In this age of distraction, the ability to experience and be present is often lost: to think and to see and to listen.

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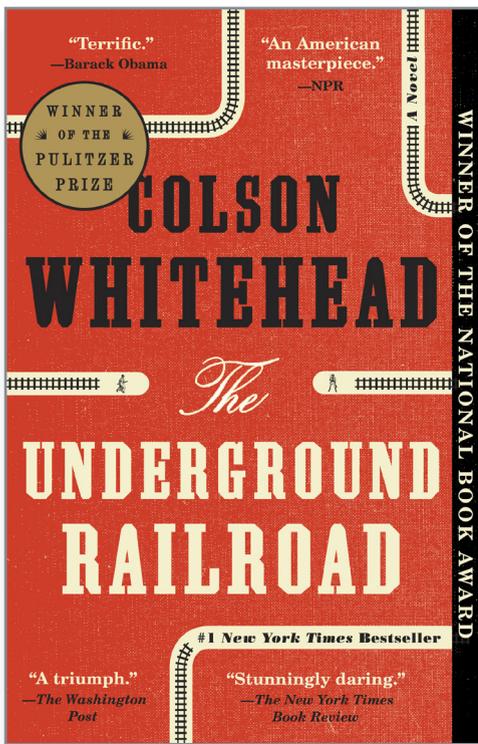
ROB WALKER is a journalist who writes about design, technology, business, and the arts, among other subjects. He writes “The Workologist” for the Sunday Business section of *The New York Times*, and contributes to wide range of publications, including: *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Bloomberg Businessweek*. His previous books include *Buying In* and *Significant Objects: 100 Extraordinary Stories About Ordinary Things*, coauthored with Joshua Glenn. He is on the faculty of the Products of Design MFA program at the School of Visual Arts.



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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

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Cora is a young slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood—where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him. But the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora embarks on a harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop.

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COLSON WHITEHEAD is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Underground Railroad*, which in 2016 won the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction and the National Book Award. He is also a Pulitzer Prize finalist and a recipient of the MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships. He lives in New York City.



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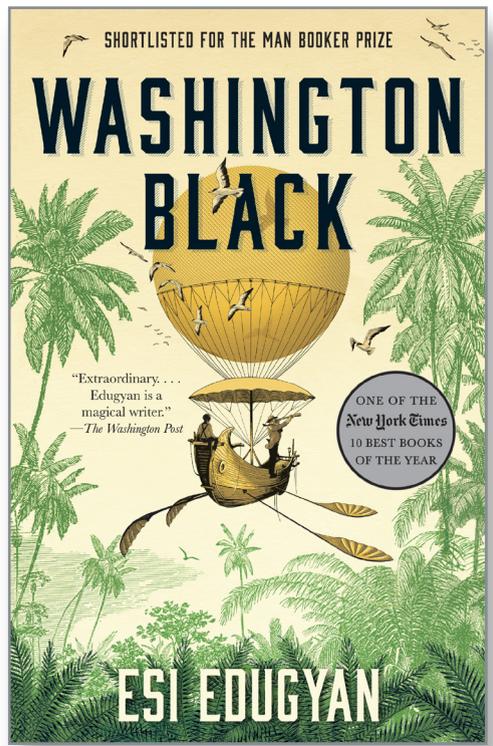
By Esi Edugyan

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George Washington Black, or “Wash,” an eleven-year-old field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is terrified to be chosen by his master’s brother as his manservant. To his surprise, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning.

But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash’s head, Christopher and Wash must abandon everything. What follows is their flight along the eastern coast of America, and, finally, to a remote outpost in the Arctic.

What brings Christopher and Wash together will tear them apart, propelling Wash even further across the globe in search of his true self. **WASHINGTON BLACK** tells a story of self-invention and betrayal, and asks the question, *what is true freedom?*



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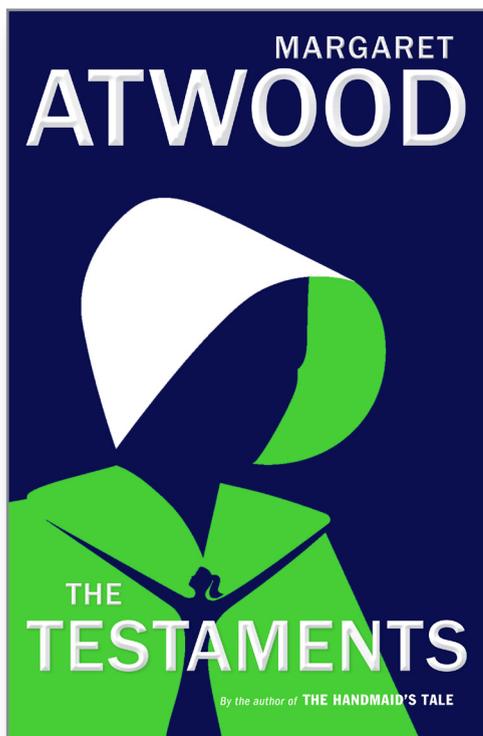
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ESI EDUGYAN is author of the novels *The Second Life of Samuel Tyne* and *Half-Blood Blues*, which won the Scotiabank Giller Prize and was a finalist for the Man Booker Prize, the Governor General’s Literary Award, the Rogers Writers’ Trust Fiction Prize and the Orange Prize. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.



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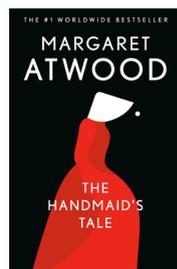
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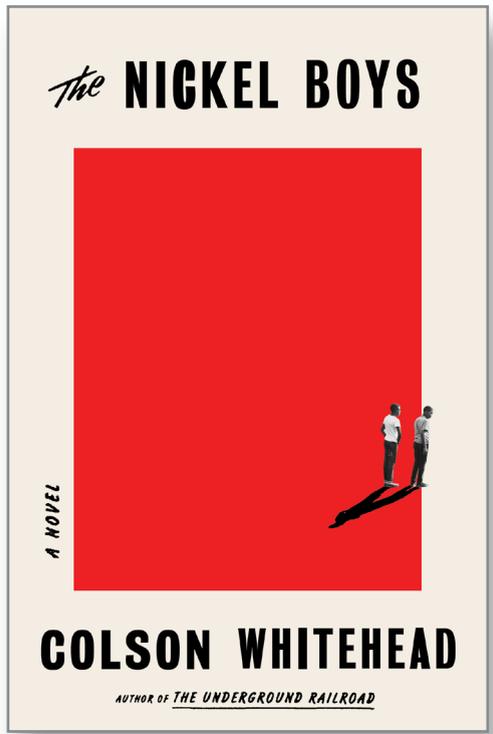
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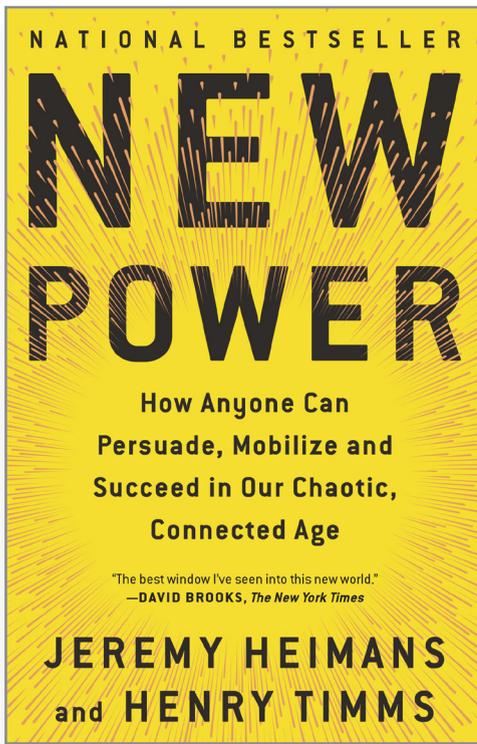


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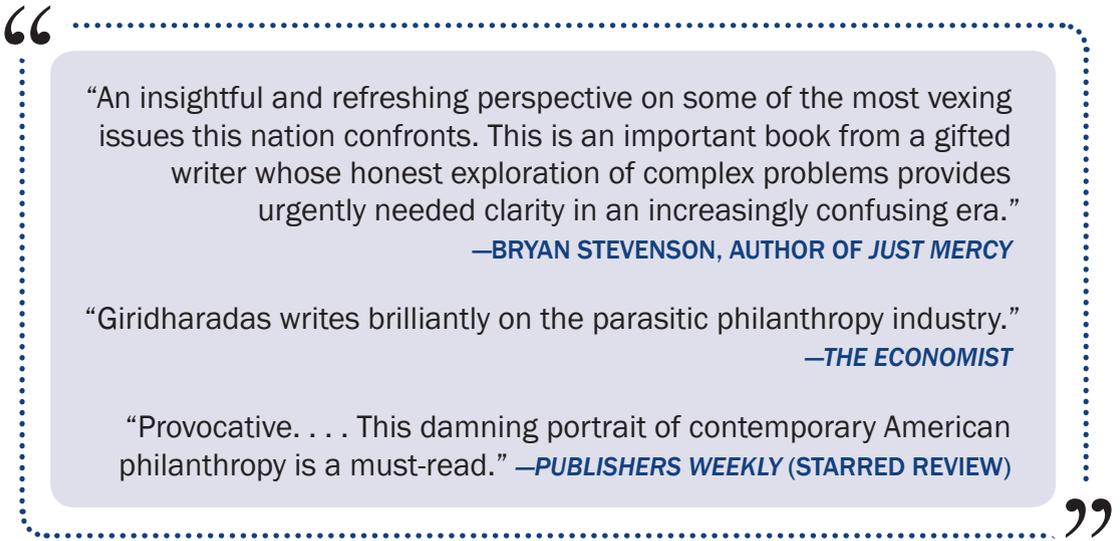
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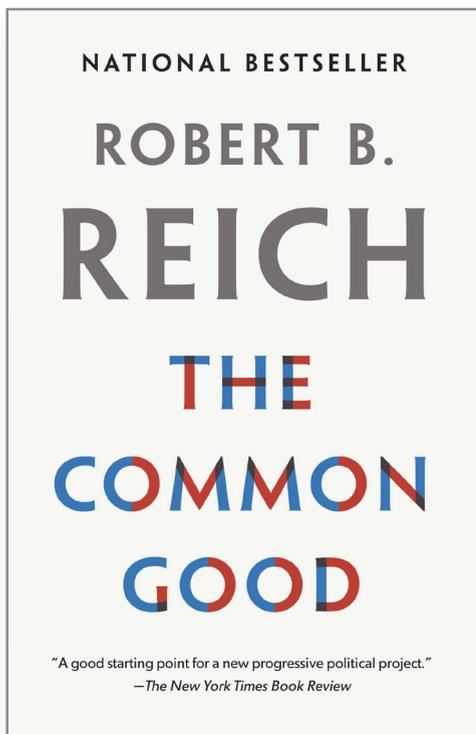
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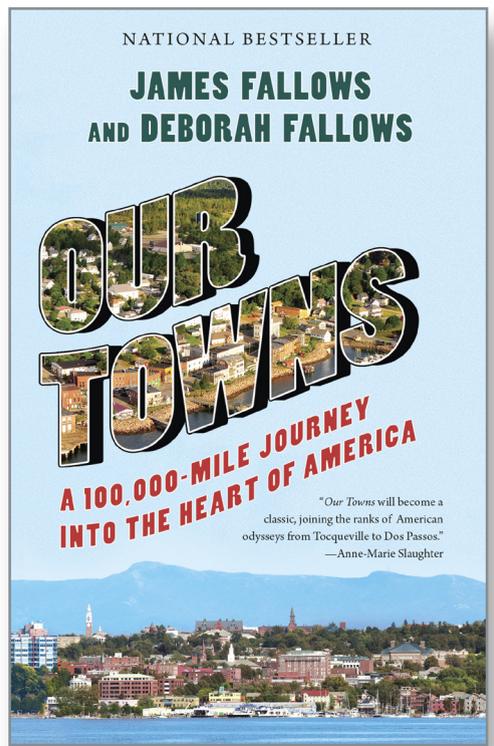
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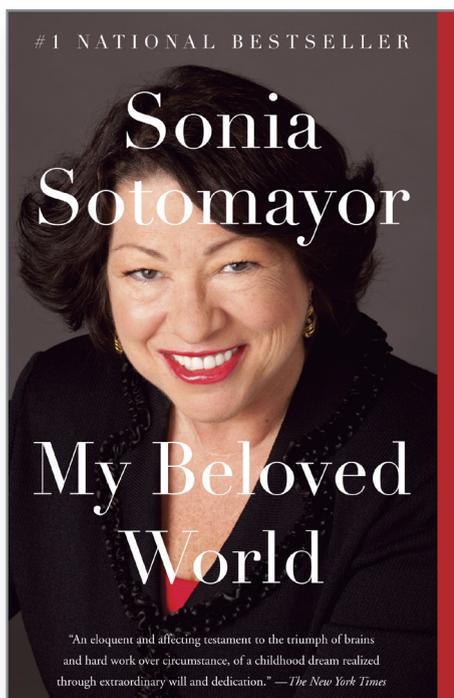
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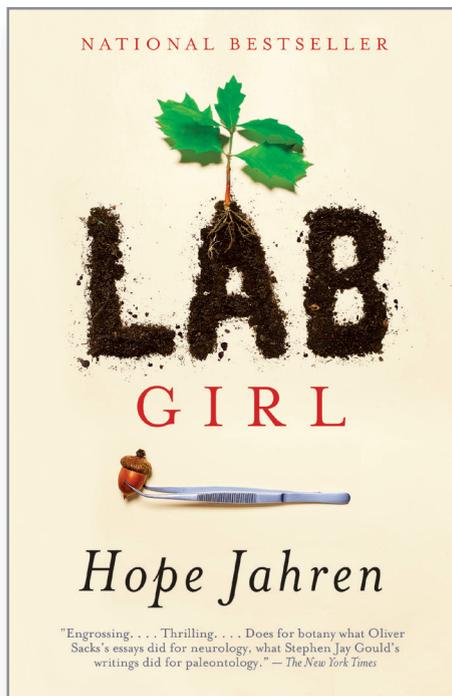
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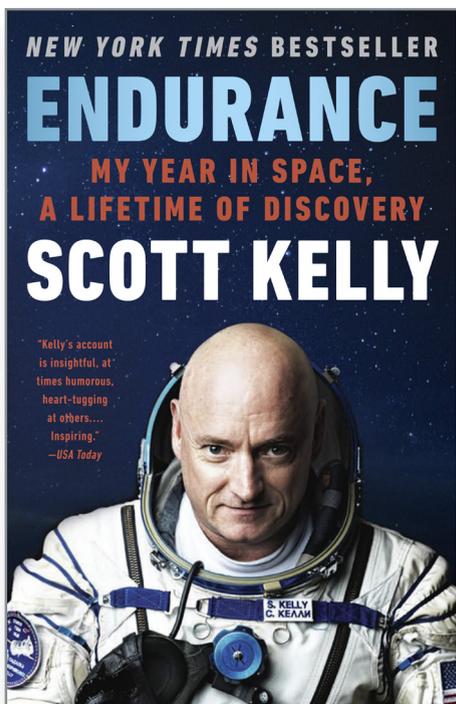
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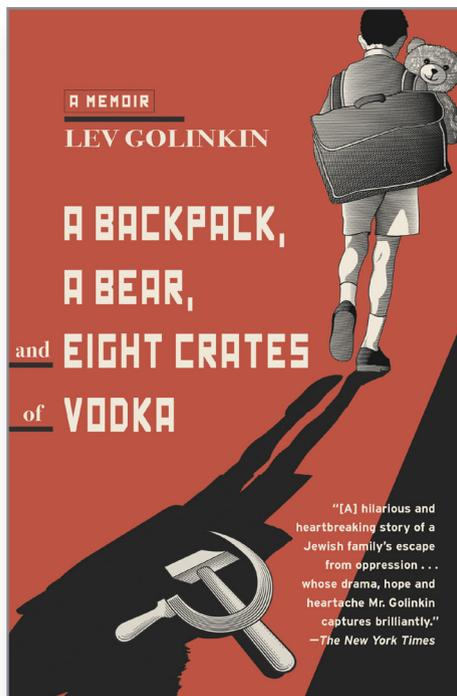
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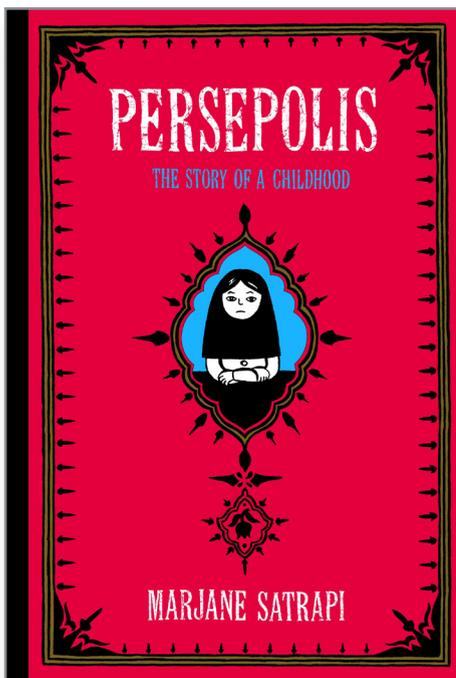
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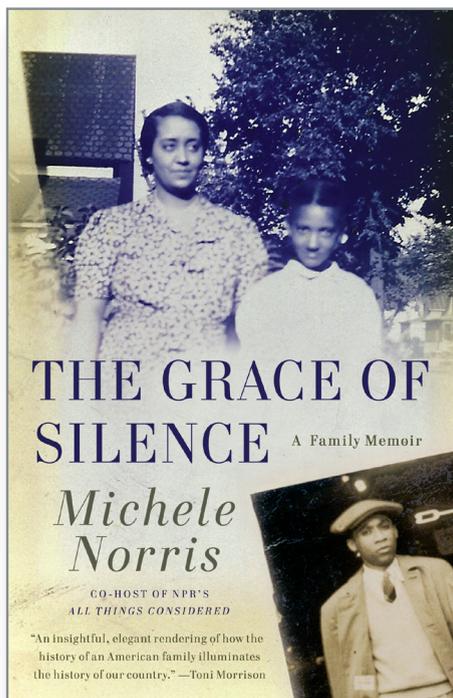
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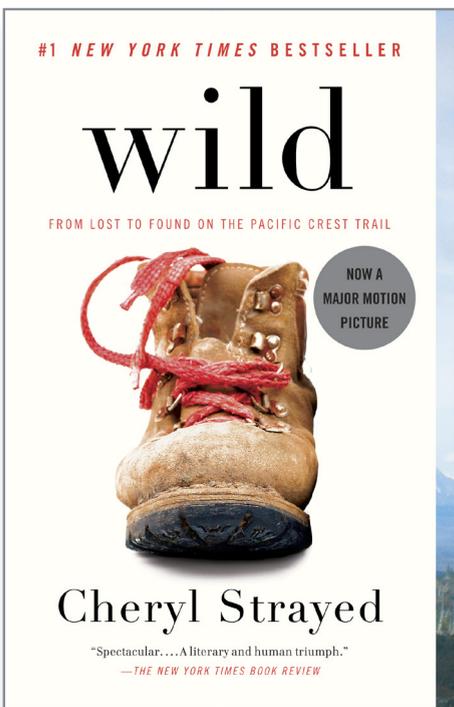
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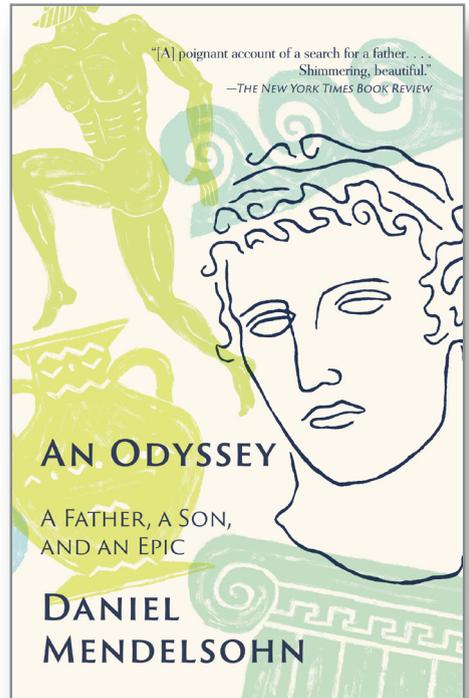
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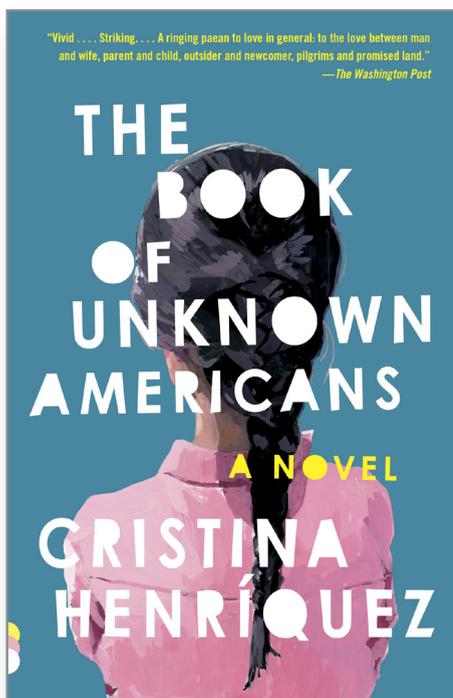
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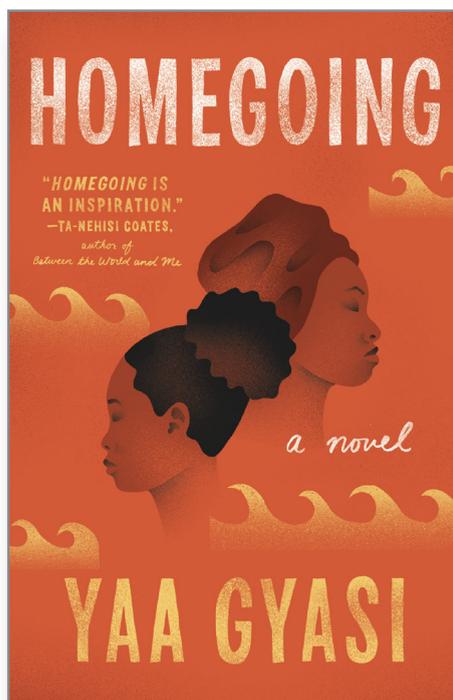
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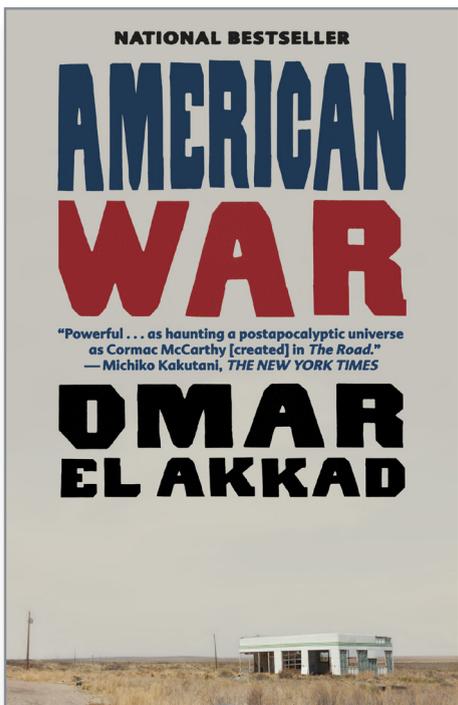


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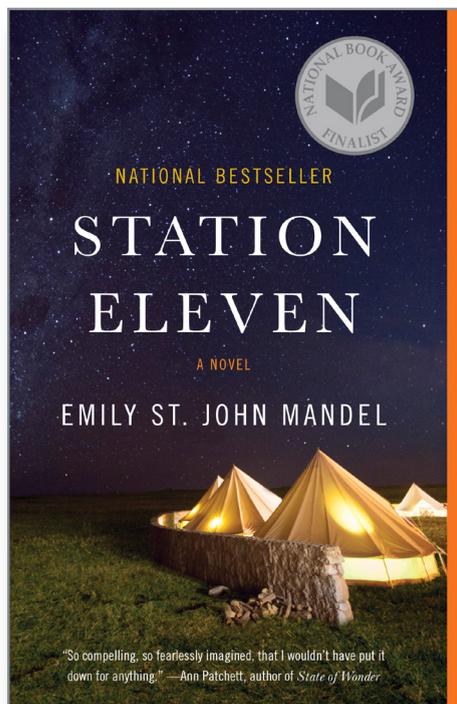
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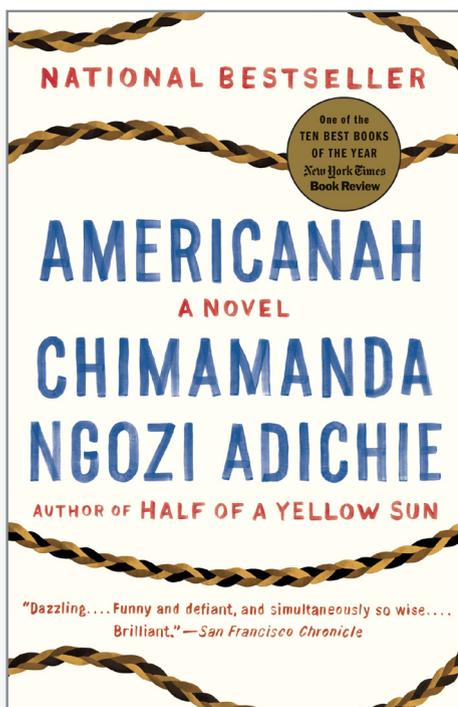
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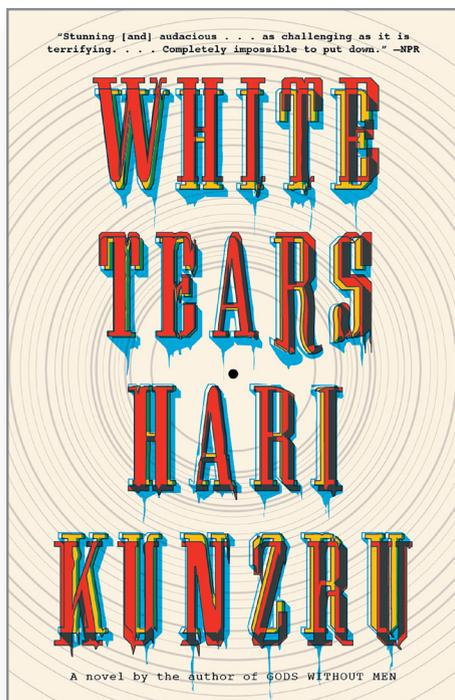
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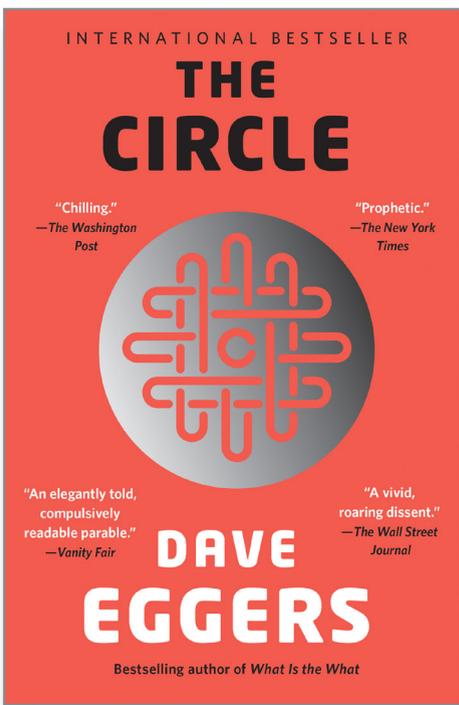
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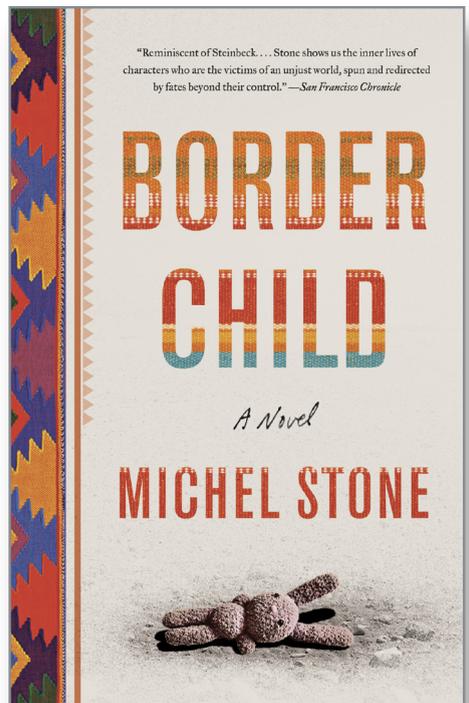
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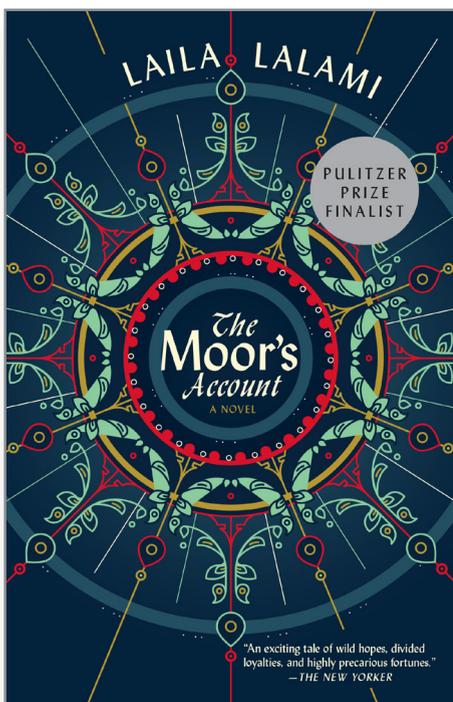
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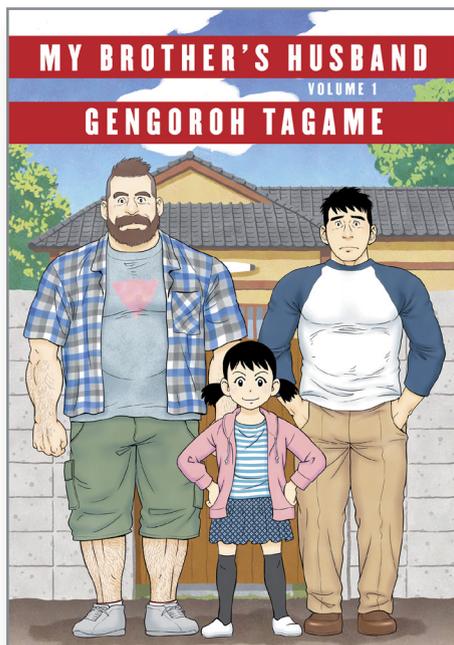
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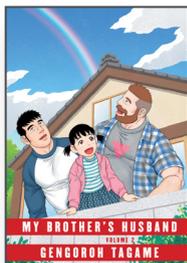
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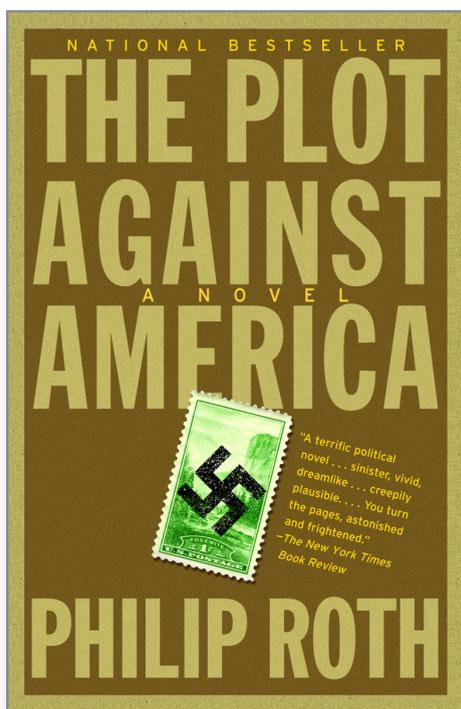
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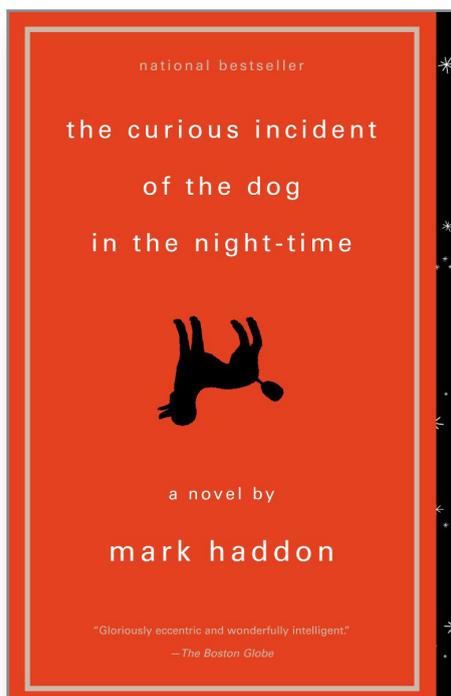
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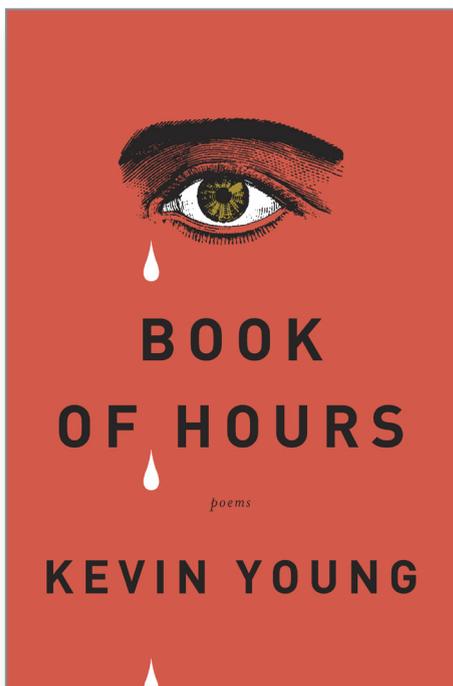
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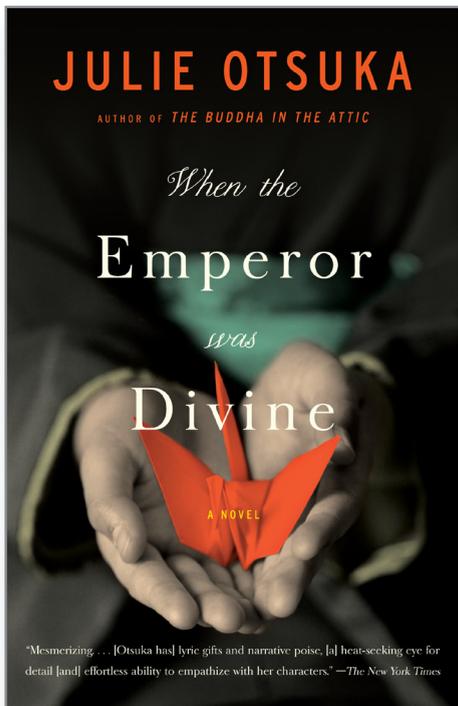
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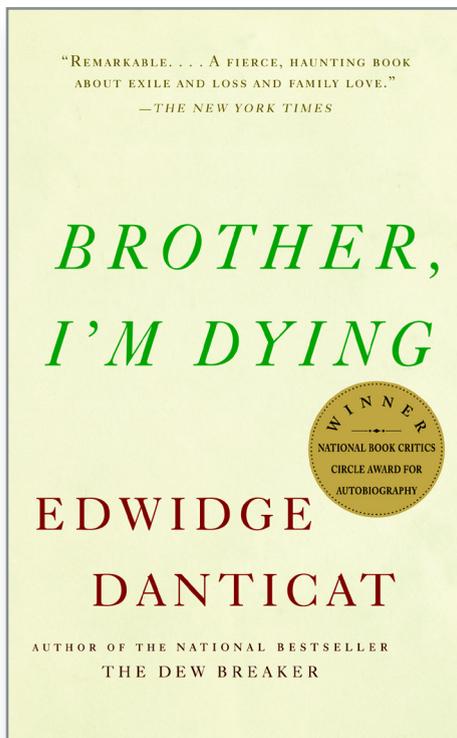
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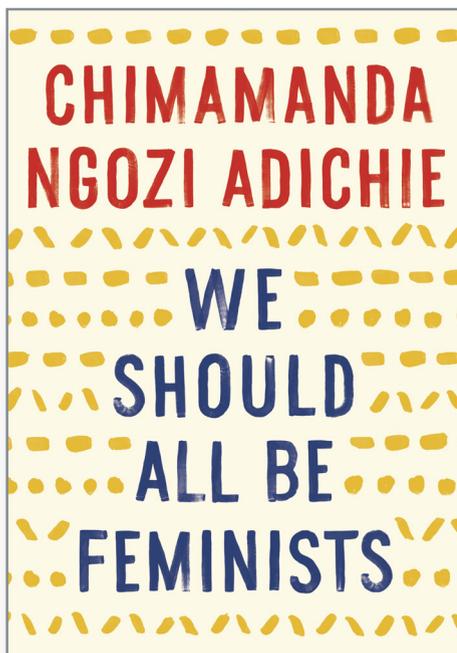
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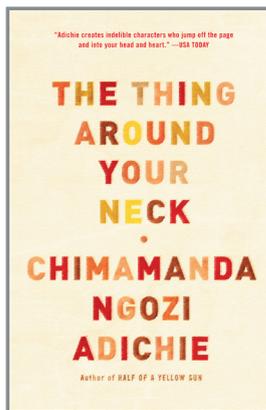


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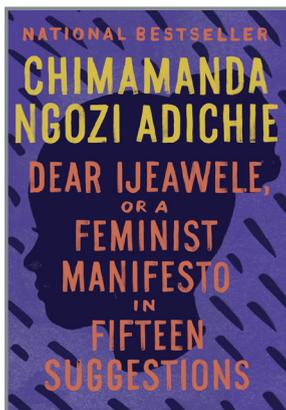
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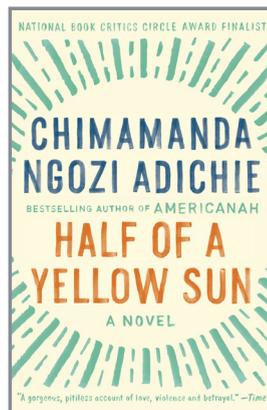
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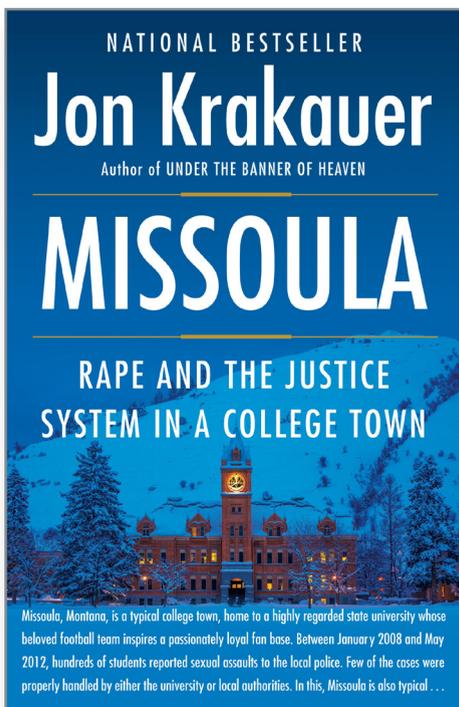
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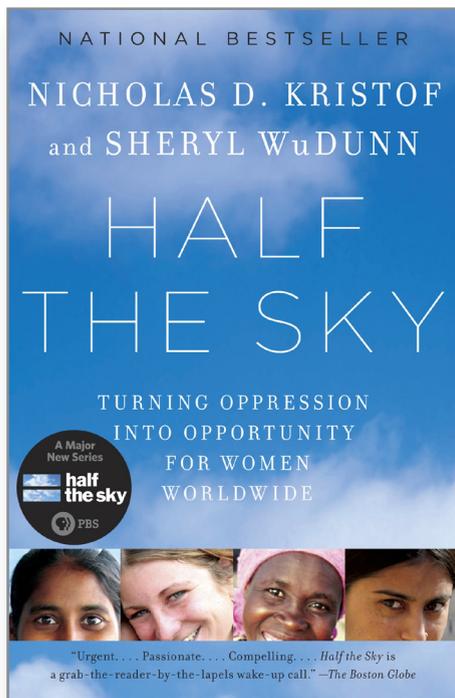
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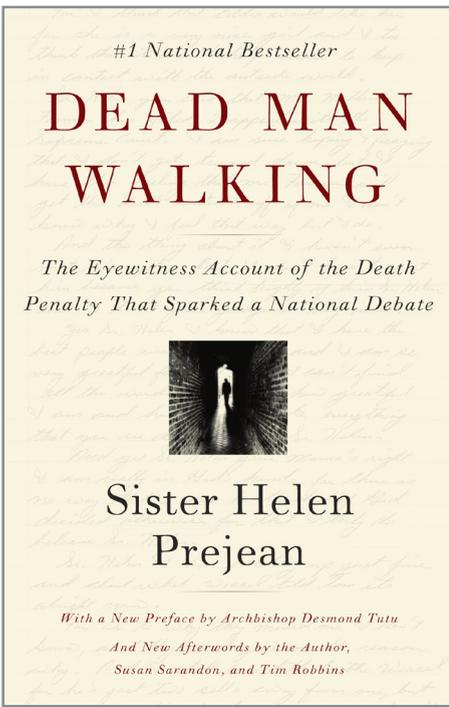
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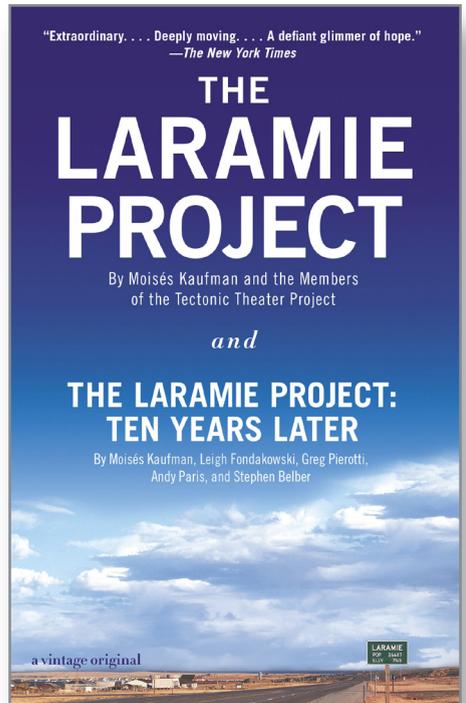
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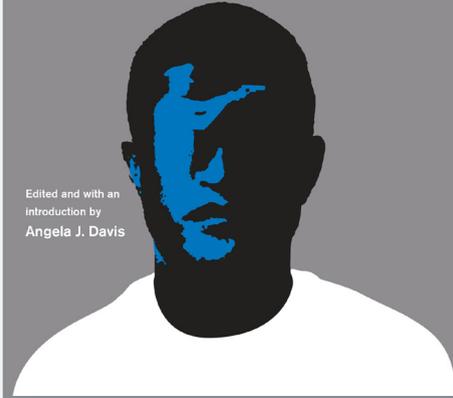
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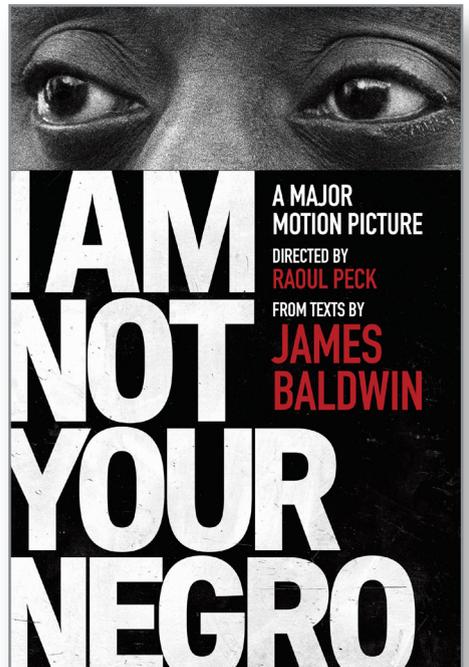
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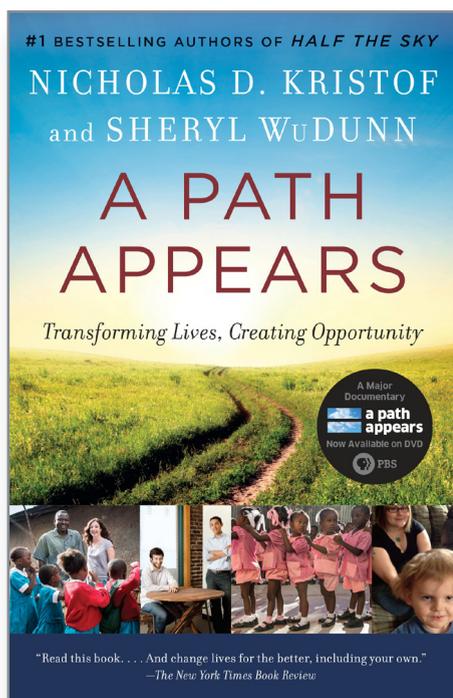
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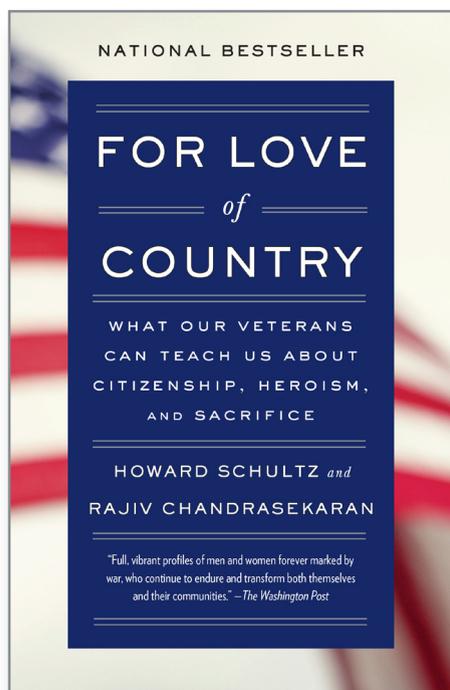
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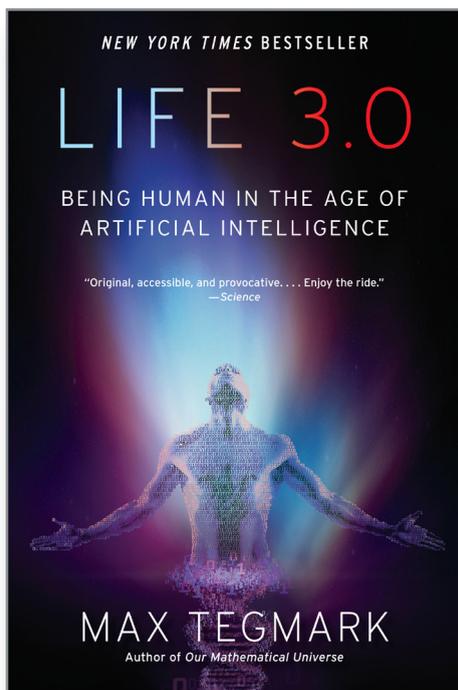
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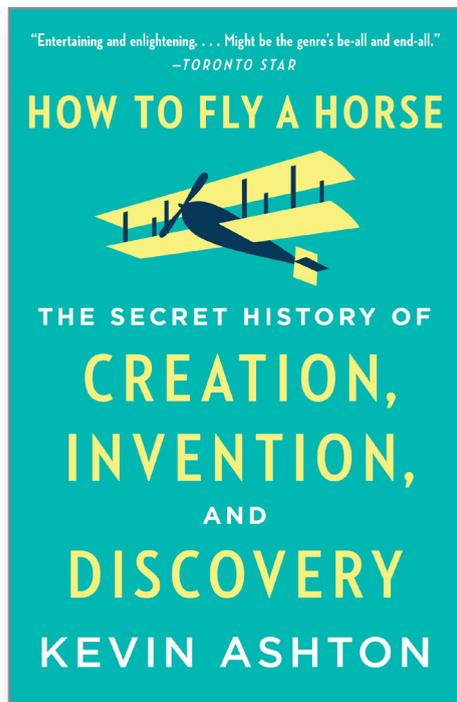
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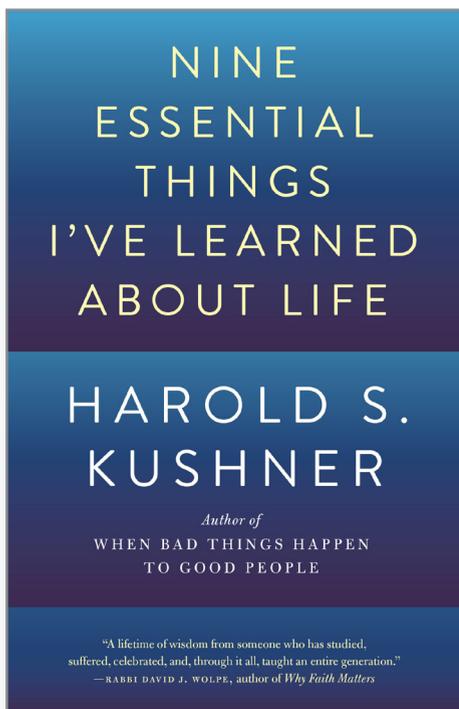
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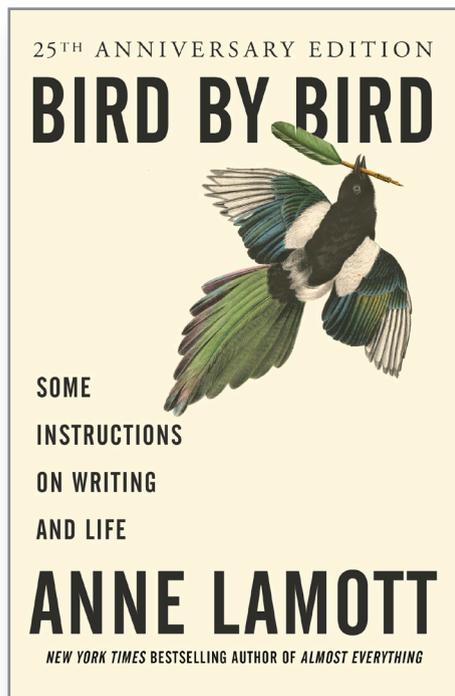
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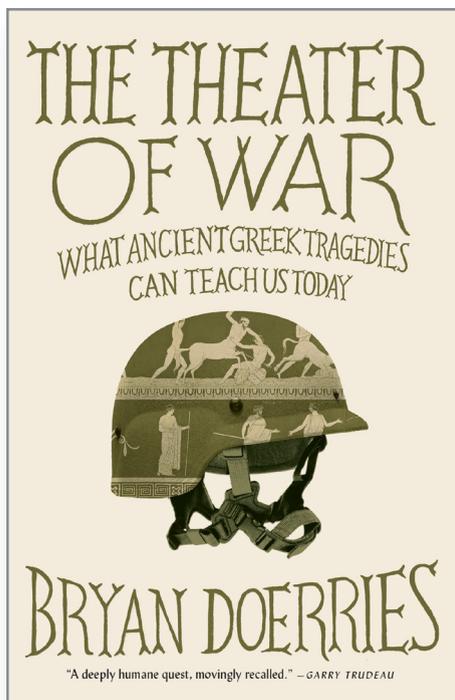
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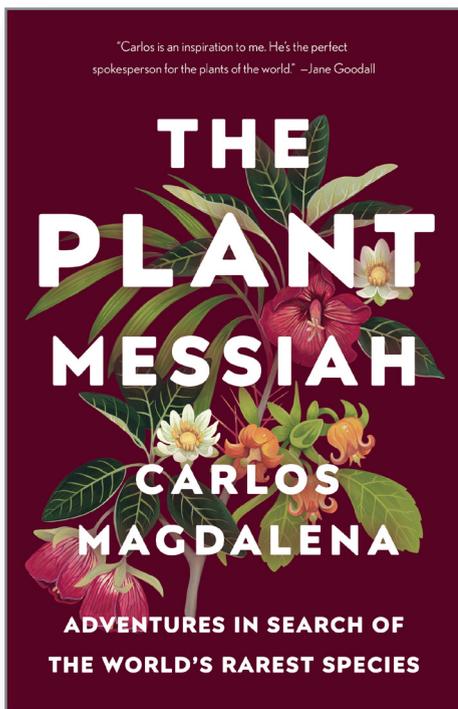
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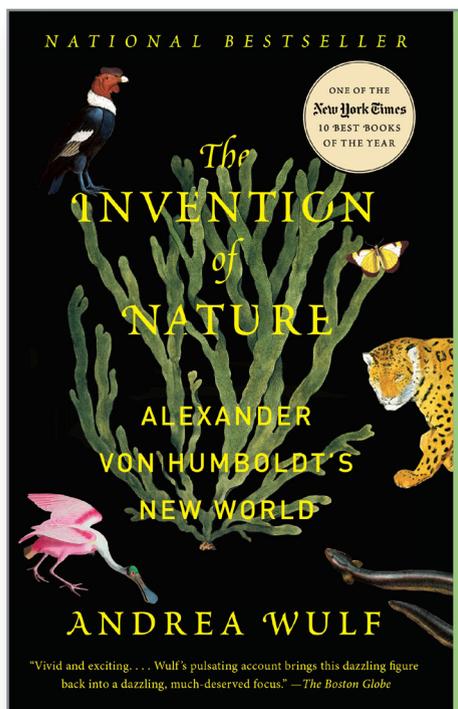
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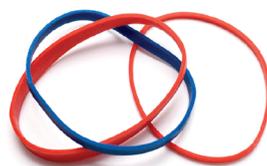
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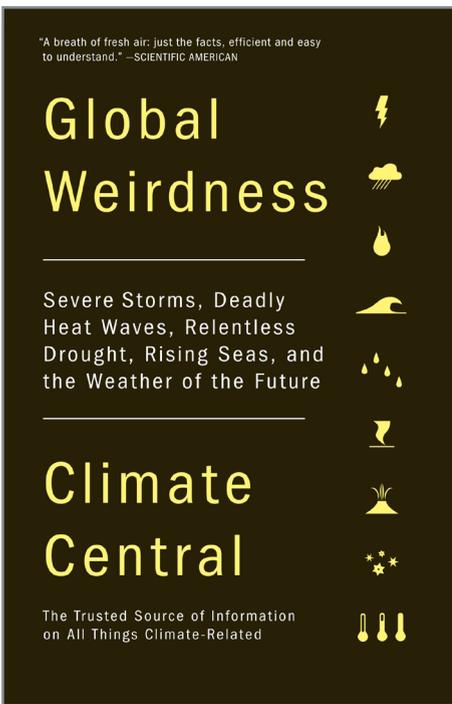


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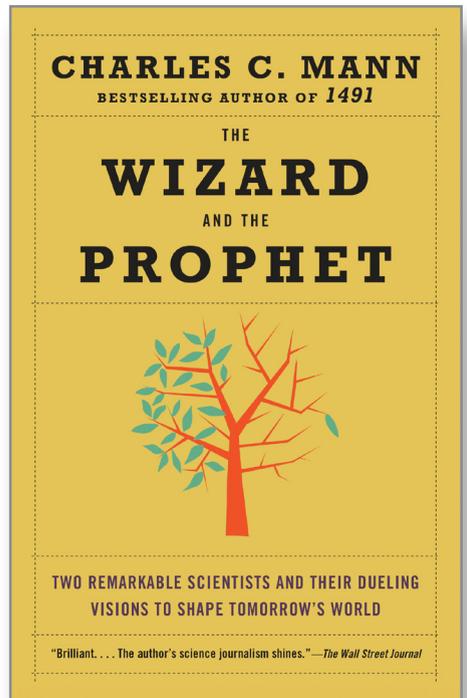
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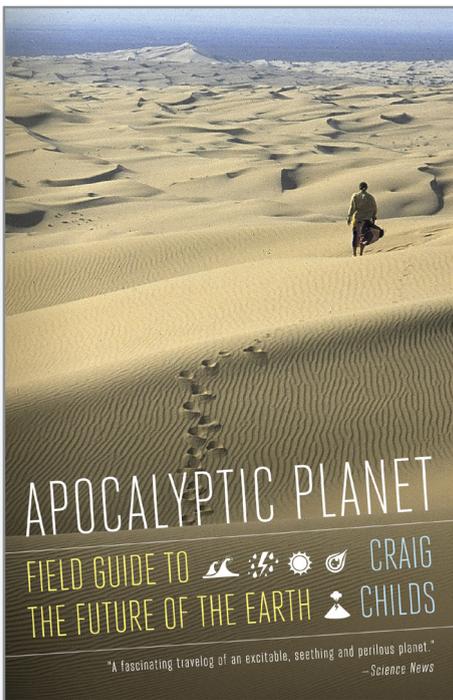
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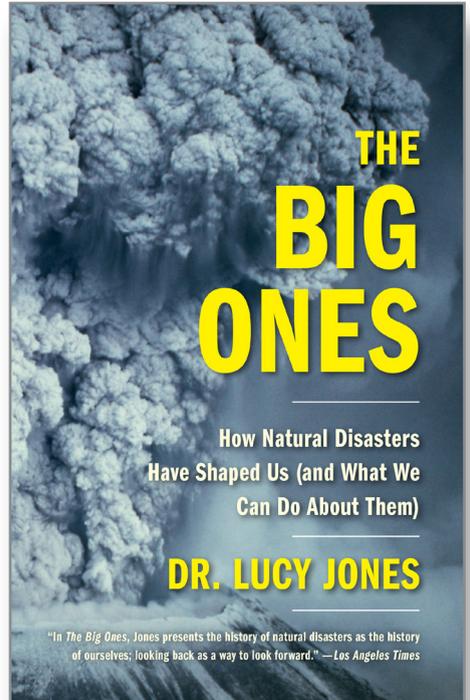
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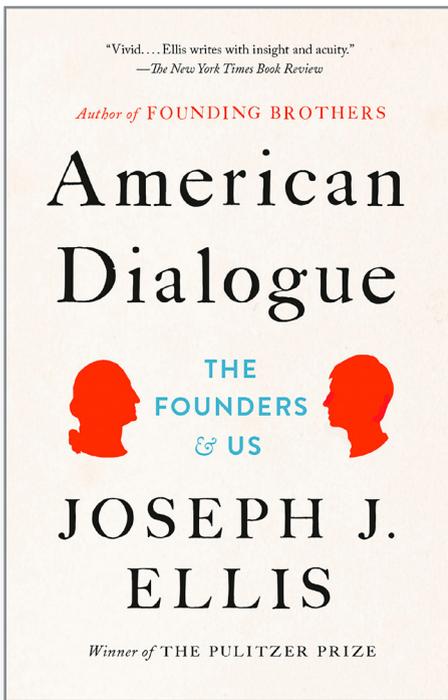
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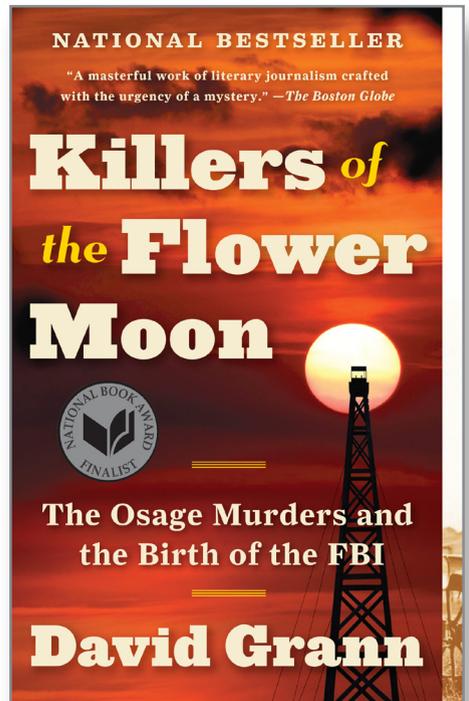
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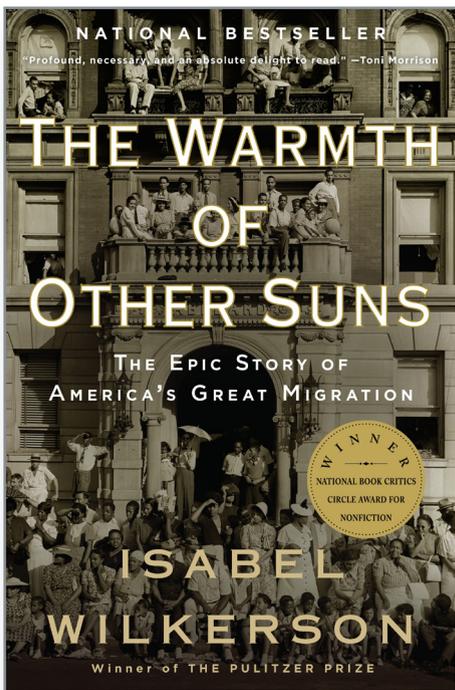
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