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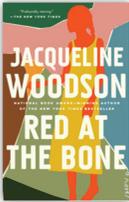
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**RECOMMENDED TITLES FOR
COURSE ADOPTION FALL 2020**



THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER [VIEW IN BROWSER](#)

Penguin Random House | Higher Education | AUGUST 2020 - LITERATURE



Red at the Bone
A Novel
By Jacqueline Woodson

Riverhead | Trade Paperback | 978-0-525-53528-7 | 224 pages

A *New York Times* Best Hardcover Book

Two families from different worlds come together by an unexpected bond, moving forward and backward in time. Woodson's extraordinary role that history and contemporary life, experiences, decisions, families, and in the life of the characters.

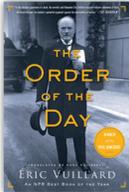
"In less than 200 sparse pages, Woodson manages to encompass ambition, racial prejudice, orientation, identity, relationships, parenthood, and the life of the characters." —*Kirkus Reviews*

Other titles by Jacqueline Woodson: *Red at the Bone*, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, *When I Am All Four*, *My Brother Sam*, *My Brother Sam*, *My Brother Sam*

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Penguin Random House | Higher Education | SEPTEMBER 2020 - HISTORY



The Order of the Day
By Eric Vuillard

Other Press | Trade Paperback | 07/28/2020 | 978-1-63542-040-1 | 144 pages | \$14.99

Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR, *Boston Globe*, and *Literary Hub*

Winner of the 2017 Prix Goncourt, this behind-the-scenes account of the manipulation, hubris, and greed that together led to Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria dismantles the myth of an effortless victory and offers a dire warning for our current political crisis.

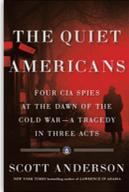
With this vivid, compelling history, Eric Vuillard warns against the peril of willfully blind acquiescence, and offers a reminder that, ultimately, the worst is not inescapable.

Also by Eric Vuillard: *The War of the Poor*

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Penguin Random House | Higher Education | SEPTEMBER 2020 - HISTORY



The Quiet Americans
Four CIA Spies at the Dawn of the Cold War—a Tragedy in Three Acts
By Scott Anderson

Doubleday | Hardcover | 09/01/2020 | 978-0-385-54045-2 | 576 pages | \$30.00

The Quiet Americans is a gripping history of the early years of the Cold War, chronicling the exploits of four spies who ran covert operations across the globe, trying to outwit the ruthless KGB in Berlin, parachuting commandos into Eastern Europe, plotting coups, and directing wars against Communist insurgents in Asia.

"In this sweeping, vivid, beautifully observed book, Scott Anderson unearths the devastating secret history of how the United States lost the plot during the Cold War." —Patrick Radden Keefe, author of *Say Nothing*

Other titles by Scott Anderson: *The Daylight Marriage*, *The War of Wives*, *The War of Wives*

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JFK
Coming of Age in the American Century, 1917-1956
By Fredrik Logevall

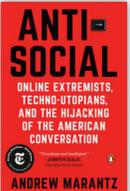
Random House | Hardcover | 09/08/2020 | 978-0-8129-9713-2 | 816 pages | \$46.00

JFK: Coming of Age in the American Century, 1917-1956

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Antisocial
Online Extremists, the Hijacking of the American Conversation
By Andrew Marantz

Penguin | Trade Paperback | 978-0-525-52228-7 | 40 pages

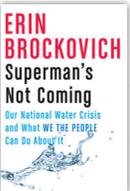
A *New York Times* Best Hardcover Book

Now in Paperback

In *Antisocial*, *The New Yorker*'s Andrew Marantz shows how fringe corners of the internet have become a place where anonymous users sit with their screens as they start to reckon with the unleashed.

"With force and elegant documents social media propaganda, and right-National Book Review

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Superman's Not Coming
Our National Water People Can Do Abolish
By Erin Brockovich

Pantheon | Hardcover | 978-1-5247-4696-4 | 384 pages

From environmental activist and consumer advocate Erin Brockovich, *Superman's Not Coming* is a book that looks at the present situation with water and reveals the imminent threats to this most precious, essential element.

"[Erin Brockovich] offers an easy-to-understand guide to common water pollutants, and she shares stories of citizen activists. . . . The narrative's real power comes from her clarion calls to regular citizens to get involved in the fight for safe water. . . . She offers several concrete suggestions for how people can gauge the safety of their own drinking water and stand up to corporations and politicians." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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The Churchill Complex
The Curse of Being Special, from Winston and FDR to Trump and Brexit
By Ian Buruma

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Girls Against God
A Novel
By Jenny Hval

Verso Fiction | Trade Paperback | 978-1-78373-899-8 | 240 pages

Welcome to 1990s Norway in neat rows and Christ. But a coven of witches curses and a time-travel band. Meanwhile, deep school girls get very lost.

Hval's latest novel is a feminist theory and experimental treatise on magic.

Also by Jenny Hval: *Parasites*, *When the Sky Falls*, *When the Sky Falls*

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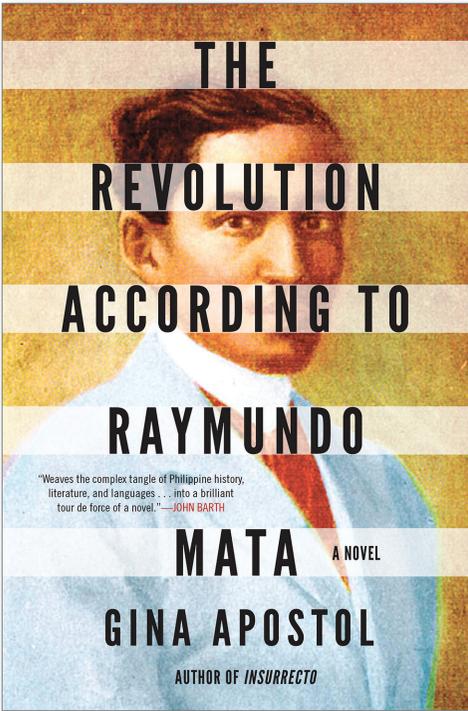


Invisible Man
By Ralph Ellison

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The Revolution According to Raymundo Mata

Gina Apostol

Gina Apostol's riotous second novel takes the form of a memoir by one Raymundo Mata, a half-blind bookworm and revolutionary, tracing his childhood, his education in Manila, his love affairs, and his discovery of writer and fellow revolutionary, Jose Rizal. Mata's 19th-century story is complicated by present-day foreword(s), afterword(s), and footnotes from three fiercely quarrelsome and comic voices: a nationalist editor, a neo-Freudian psychoanalyst critic, and a translator, Mimi C. Magsalin.

In telling the contested and fragmentary story of Mata, Apostol finds new ways to depict the violence of the Spanish colonial era, and to reimagine the nation's great writer, Jose Rizal, who was executed by the Spanish for his revolutionary activities, and is considered by many to be the father of Philippine independence.

Soho Press • Hardcover
360 pages • 978-1-64129-183-5 • \$27.00

Bestiary

A Novel

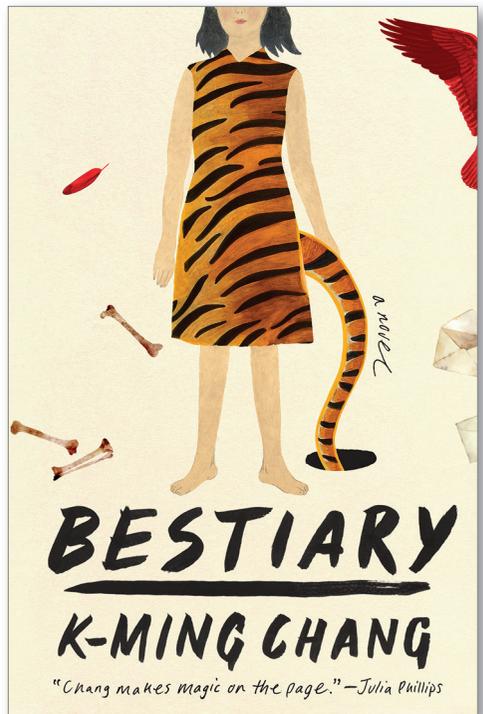
K-Ming Chang

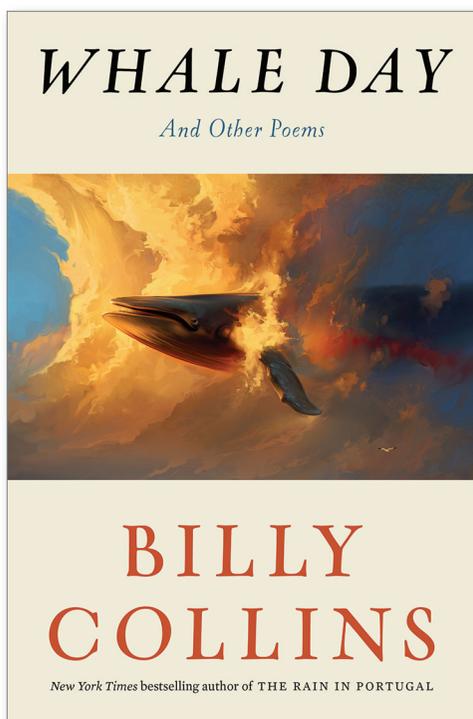
One evening, Mother tells Daughter a story about a tiger spirit who lived in a woman's body. She was called Hu Gu Po, and she hungered to eat children, especially their toes. Soon afterward, Daughter awakes with a tiger tail. And more mysterious events follow: Holes in the backyard spit up letters penned by her grandmother; a visiting aunt arrives with snakes in her belly; a brother tests the possibility of flight. All the while, Daughter is falling for Ben, a neighborhood girl with strange powers of her own. As the two young lovers translate the grandmother's letters, Daughter begins to understand that each woman in her family embodies a myth—and that she will have to bring her family's secrets to light in order to change their destiny.

With a poetic voice of crackling electricity, K-Ming Chang is an explosive young writer who combines the wit and fabulism of Helen Oyeyemi with the subversive storytelling of Maxine Hong Kingston. Tracing one family's history from Taiwan to America, from Arkansas to California, *Bestiary* is a novel of migration, queer lineages, and girlhood.

One World • Hardcover • 272 pages • 978-0-593-13258-6 • \$27.00

LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE





Whale Day

And Other Poems

Billy Collins

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins's new collection brings together more than 50 poems and showcases his deft mixing of the playful and the serious that has made him one of our country's most celebrated and widely read poets. Here are poems that leap with whimsy and imagination, yet stay grounded in the familiar, common things of everyday experience. Collins takes us for a walk with an impossibly ancient dog, discovers the original way to eat a banana, meets an Irish spider, and even invites us to his own funeral. Sensitive to the wonders of being alive as well as the thrill of mortality, *Whale Day* builds on and amplifies Collins's reputation as one of America's most interesting and durable poets.

Random House • Hardcover
144 pages • 978-0-399-58975-1 • \$26.00

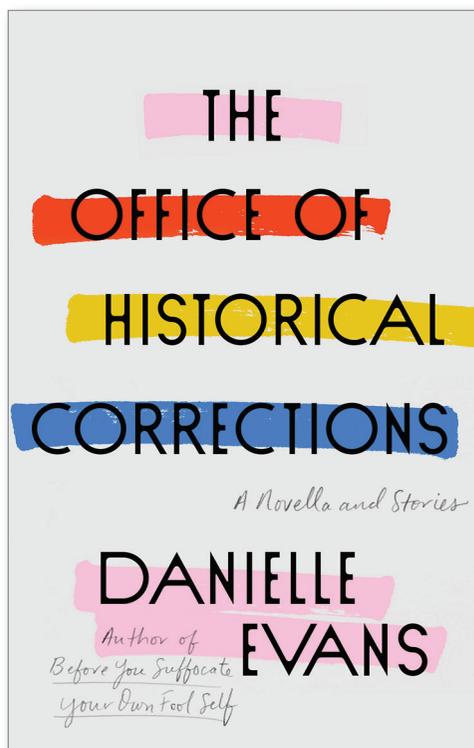
The Office of Historical Corrections

A Novella and Stories

Danielle Evans

With *The Office of Historical Corrections*, Evans zooms in on particular moments and relationships in her characters' lives in a way that allows them to speak to larger issues of race, culture, and history. She introduces us to Black and multiracial characters who are experiencing the universal confusions of lust and love, and getting walloped by grief—all while exploring how history haunts us, personally and collectively. In "Boys Go to Jupiter," a white college student tries to reinvent herself after a photo of her in a Confederate-flag bikini goes viral. In "Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain," a photojournalist is forced to confront her own losses while attending an old friend's unexpectedly dramatic wedding. And in the eye-opening title novella, a black scholar from Washington, DC, is drawn into a complex historical mystery that spans generations and puts her job, her love life, and her oldest friendship at risk.

"Danielle Evans demonstrates, once again, that she is the finest short story writer working today."
—Roxane Gay, bestselling author of *Bad Feminist*



Riverhead • Hardcover • 288 pages • 978-1-59448-733-0 • \$27.00



Missionaries

A Novel

Phil Klay

A group of Colombian soldiers prepares to raid a drug lord's safe house on the Venezuelan border. They're watching him with an American-made drone, about to strike using military tactics taught to them by U.S. soldiers who honed their skills to lethal perfection in Iraq. In his debut novel *Missionaries*, National Book Award-winning author and Iraq War veteran Phil Klay examines the globalization of violence through the interlocking stories of four characters and the conflicts that define their lives.

Drawing on six years of research in America and Colombia into the effects of the modern way of war on regular people, Klay has written a novel of extraordinary suspense infused with geopolitical sophistication and storytelling instincts that are second to none.

"If *Redeployment* was about what happened when we ship wars abroad, then *Missionaries* is what happens when war comes roaring right back. Expansive, explosive, and epic."—Marlon James, author of *Black Leopard, Red Wolf*

Penguin Press • Hardcover
416 pages • 978-1-9848-8065-9 • \$28.00

Must I Go

A Novel

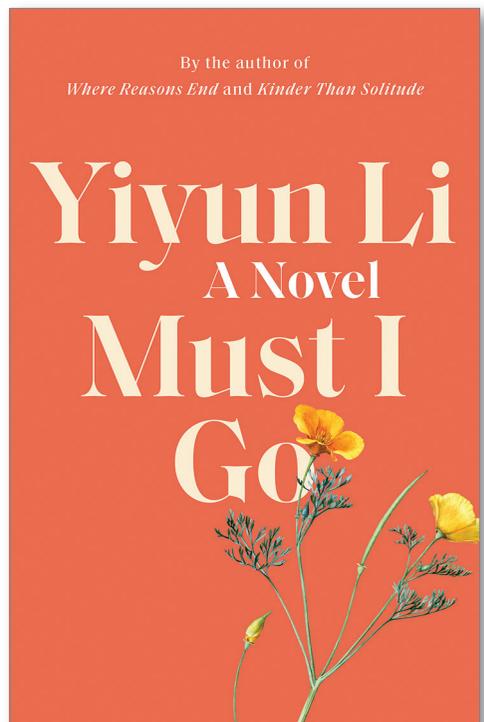
Yiyun Li

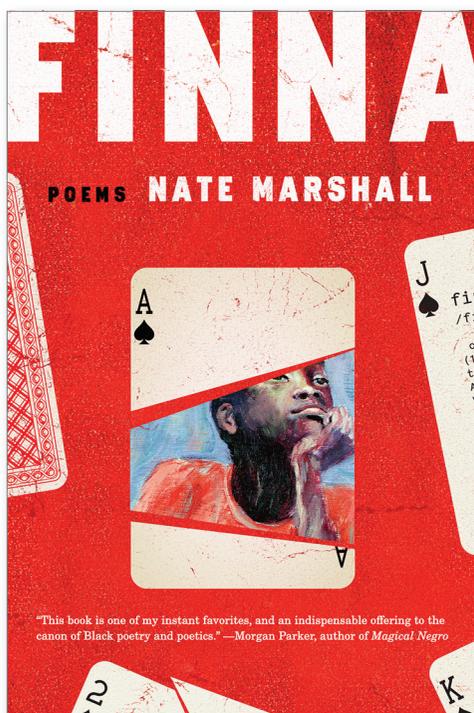
Lilia Liska has shrewdly outlived three husbands, raised five children, and seen the arrival of 17 grandchildren. Now she has turned her keen attention to the diary of a long-forgotten man named Roland Bouley, with whom she once had a fleeting affair.

Increasingly obsessed with Roland's intimate history, Lilia begins to annotate the diary with her own rather different version of events, revealing the surprising, long-held secrets of her past. She returns inexorably to the memory of her daughter Lucy. This is a novel about life in all its messy glory, and of a life lived, by the extraordinary Lilia, absolutely on its own terms. With great candor and insight, Yiyun Li navigates the twin poles of grief and resilience, loss and rebirth, that compass a human heart.

"Any new book by Yiyun Li is cause for celebration, but now more than ever do we need the clarity and humaneness of her vision. *Must I Go* takes us into her familiar and powerful emotional territory, brilliantly exploring how what we love, what we lose, and what we mourn make, unmake, and remake us into the human beings that we are."—Sigrid Nunez, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Friend*

Random House • Hardcover
368 pages • 978-0-399-58912-6 • \$28.00





Finna

Poems

Nate Marshall

Definition of finna, created by the author: fin-na /'fina/ contraction: (1) going to; intending to [rooted in African American Vernacular English] (2) eye dialect spelling of "fixing to" (3) Black possibility; Black futurity; Blackness as tomorrow

These poems consider the brevity and disposability of Black lives and other oppressed people in our current era of emboldened white supremacy, and the use of the Black vernacular in America's vast reserve of racial and gendered epithets. *Finna* explores the erasure of peoples in the American narrative; asks how gendered language can provoke violence; and finally, how the Black vernacular, expands our notions of possibility, giving us a new language of hope.

"Nate Marshall's terrific new book, *Finna*, contains poems that jump from tough to witty to tender. Written in a streetwise vernacular, these pieces about what it means to be a Black man in America feel the beat of rap and the burden of history. His search for the 'Nate Marshall origin story' illuminates life in this country in a strikingly original way." —Ron Charles, *The Washington Post*

One World • Paperback • 128 pages • 978-0-593-13245-6 • \$17.00

Memorial

A Novel

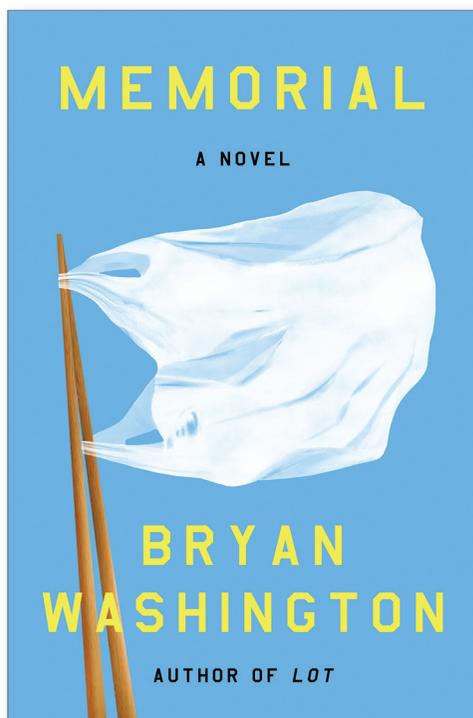
Bryan Washington

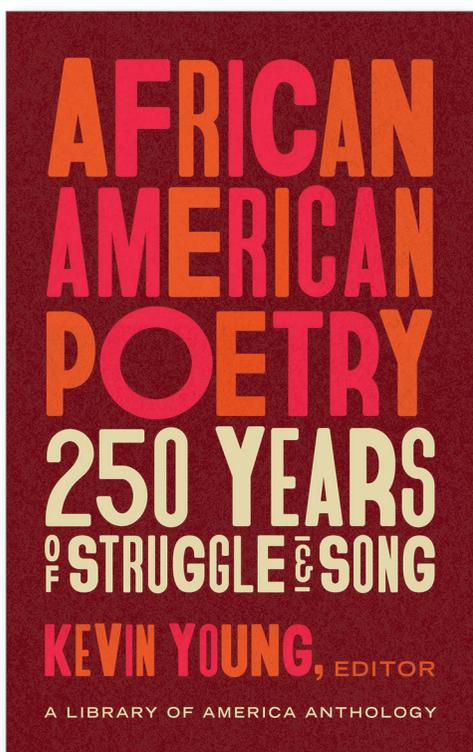
A story about family in all its strange forms, joyful and hard-won vulnerability, becoming who you're supposed to be, and the limits of love. Benson and Mike are two young guys who live together in Houston. Mike is a Japanese American chef and Benson a Black day care teacher, and they've been together for a few years, but now they're not sure why they're still a couple.

When Mike finds out his father is dying in Osaka just as his acerbic Japanese mother, Mitsuko, arrives in Texas for a visit, Mike picks up and flies across the world to say goodbye. In Japan he undergoes an extraordinary transformation, discovering the truth about his family and his past. Back home, Mitsuko and Benson are stuck living together as unconventional roommates, an absurd domestic situation that ends up meaning more to each of them than they ever could have predicted. Without Mike's immediate pull, Benson begins to push outwards, realizing he might just know what he wants out of life and have the goods to get it.

"This book, in what feels like a new vision for the 21st century novel, made me happy."—Ocean Vuong, author of *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*

Riverhead • Hardcover • 320 pages • 978-0-593-08727-5 • \$27.00





African American Poetry: 250 Years of Struggle & Song

A Library of America Anthology

Kevin Young, editor

A literary landmark: the biggest, most ambitious anthology of Black poetry ever published, gathering 250 poets from the colonial period to the present. Read nuanced, provocative poetic meditations on identity and self-assertion stretching from Paul Laurence Dunbar to Amiri Baraka to Lucille Clifton and beyond. Experience the transformation of poetic modernism in the works of figures such as Langston Hughes, Fenton Johnson, and Jean Toomer. Understand the threads of poetic history—in movements such as the Harlem and Chicago Renaissances, Black Arts, Cave Canem, the Dark Room Collective—and the complex bonds of solidarity and dialogue among poets across time and place. And appreciate why contemporary African American poetry is flourishing as never before. Taking the measure of the tradition in a single indispensable volume, *African American Poetry: 250 Years of Struggle and Song* sets a new standard for a genuinely deep engagement with Black poetry and its essential expression of American genius.

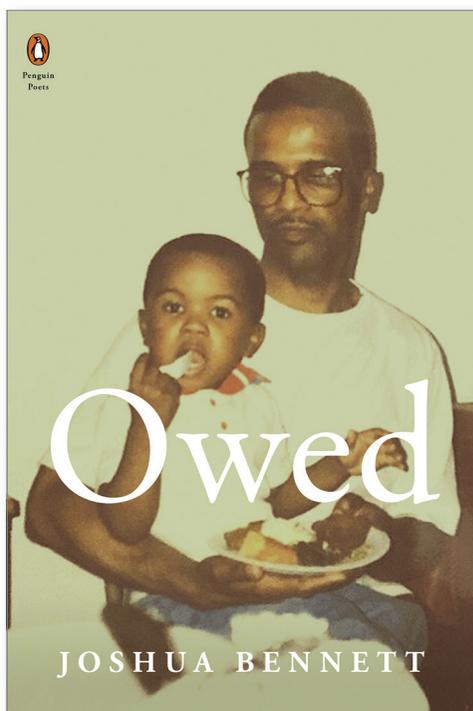
Library of America • Hardcover
1,170 pages • 978-1-59853-666-9 • \$45.00

Owed

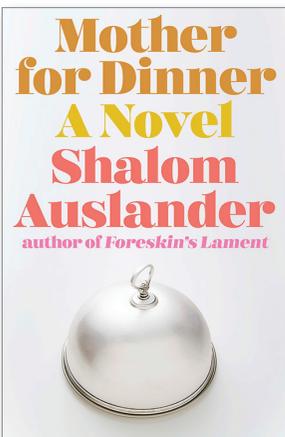
From “one of the most impressive voices in poetry today” (*Dissent* magazine), a new collection that shines a light on forgotten or obscured parts of the past in order to reconstruct a deeper, truer vision of the present

Gregory Pardlo described Joshua Bennett’s first collection of poetry, *The Sobbing School*, as an “arresting debut” that was “abounding in tenderness and rich with character,” with a “virtuosic kind of code switching.” Bennett’s new collection, *Owed*, is a book with celebration at its center. Its primary concern is how we might mend the relationship between ourselves and the people, spaces, and objects we have been taught to think of as insignificant, as fundamentally unworthy of study, reflection, attention, or care. Spanning the spectrum of genre and form, these poems ask that we turn to the songs and sites of the historically denigrated so that we might uncover a new way of being in the world together, one wherein we can truthfully reckon with the brutality of the past and thus imagine the possibilities of our shared, unpredictable present, anew.

“Themes of praise and debt pervade this rhapsodic, rigorous poetry collection, which pays homage to everyday Black experience in the U.S.”—*The New Yorker*



Penguin • Paperback • 96 pages • 978-0-14-313385-8 • \$20.00



Mother for Dinner

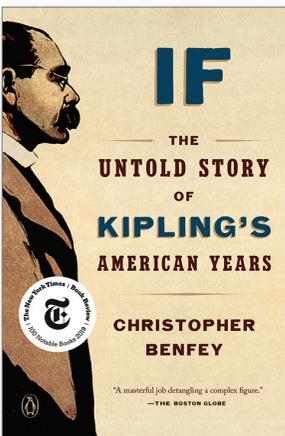
A Novel

Shalom Auslander

By the author of *Foreskin's Lament*, a novel of identity, tribalism, and mothers. Seventh Seltzer has done everything he can to break from the past, but in his overbearing, narcissistic mother's last moments he is drawn back into the life he left behind. Irreverent and written with Auslander's incomparable humor, *Mother for Dinner* is an exploration of legacy, assimilation, the things we owe our families, and the things we owe ourselves.

"Auslander uses his signature dark humor to brilliantly satirize tribalism in America"—*Booklist*

Riverhead • Hardcover • 272 pages • 978-1-59463-372-0 • \$28.00



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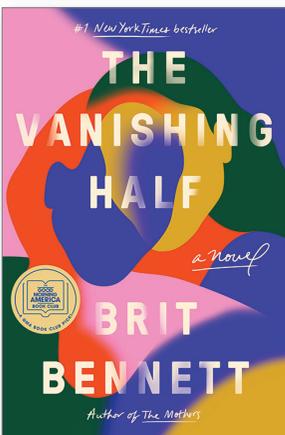
The Untold Story of Kipling's American Years

Christopher Benfey

At the turn of the twentieth century, Rudyard Kipling towered over not just English literature but the entire literary world. But in recent decades Kipling's reputation has suffered a strange eclipse. In *If*, scholar Christopher Benfey brings this fascinating and complex writer to life and, for the first time, gives full attention to Kipling's intense engagement with the United States—a rarely discussed but critical piece of evidence in our understanding of this man and his enduring legacy.

Penguin • Paperback • 256 pages • 978-0-7352-2145-1 • \$18.00

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2019



The Vanishing Half

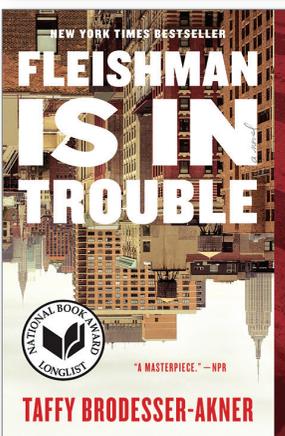
A Novel

Brit Bennett

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, the shape of their adult lives, their families, their communities, their racial identities, couldn't be more different. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past.

Riverhead • Hardcover • 352 pages • 978-0-525-53629-1 • \$27.00

LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION



Fleishman Is in Trouble

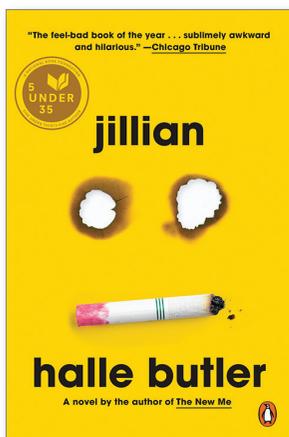
A Novel

Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Toby Fleishman thought he knew what to expect when he and his wife of almost 15 years separated. He could not have predicted that one day Rachel would just drop their two children off at his place and simply not return. A searing, utterly unvarnished debut, *Fleishman Is in Trouble* is an exploration of a culture trying to navigate the fault lines of an institution that has proven to be worthy of our great wariness and our great hope.

Random House Trade Paperbacks • Paperback • 400 pages • 978-0-525-51089-5 • \$17.00

LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION



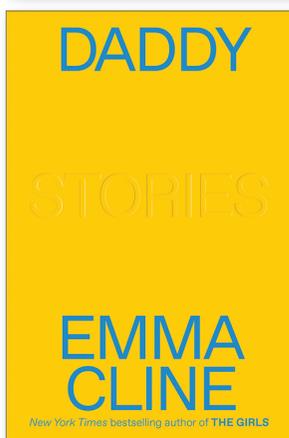
Jillian

A Novel
Halle Butler

Twenty-four-year-old Megan's life already feels like a dead end, thanks to her dreadful job as a gastroenterologist's receptionist and no one stokes Megan's bitterness quite like her coworker, Jillian, a grotesquely optimistic, thirty-five-year-old single mother whose chirpy positivity obscures her mounting struggles. Wickedly authentic and brutally funny, *Jillian* is a subversive portrait of two women trapped in cycles of self-delusion and self-destruction, each more like the other than they would care to admit.

"Sublimely awkward and hilarious"—*Chicago Tribune*

Penguin • Paperback • 208 pages • 978-0-14-313552-4 • \$16.00

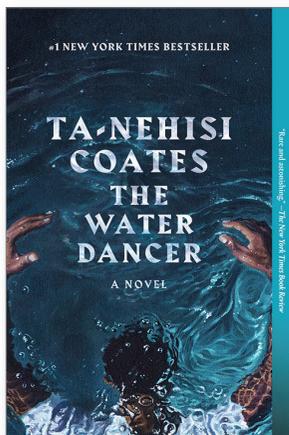


Daddy

Stories
Emma Cline

In 10 remarkable stories, Emma Cline portrays moments when the ordinary is disturbed, when daily life buckles, revealing the perversity and violence pulsing under the surface. She explores characters navigating the edge, the limits of themselves and those around them: power dynamics in families, in relationships, the distance between their true and false selves. These complexities are at the heart of *Daddy*, Emma Cline's sharp-eyed illumination of the contrary impulses that animate our inner lives.

Random House • Hardcover • 288 pages • 978-0-8129-9864-1 • \$27.00



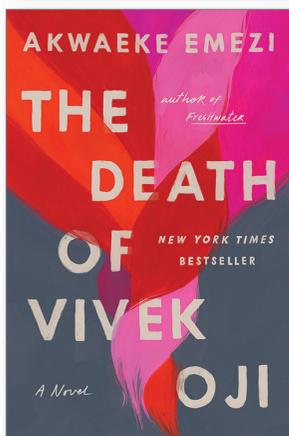
The Water Dancer

A Novel
Ta-Nehisi Coates

Hiram Walker was born into bondage, but a brush with death births in him a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known. So begins a journey that takes Hiram from the corrupt grandeur of Virginia's plantations to guerrilla cells in the wilderness, from the coffin of the Deep South to dangerously idealistic movements in the North. Even as he's enlisted in the underground war between slavers and the enslaved, Hiram's resolve to rescue the family he left behind endures.

One World • Paperback • 432 pages • 978-0-399-59061-0 • \$18.00

NOMINATED FOR THE NAACP IMAGE AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING LITERARY WORK — FICTION



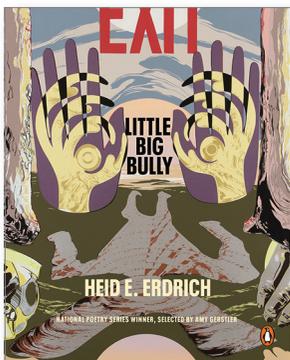
The Death of Vivek Oji

A Novel
Akwaeke Emezi

One afternoon, in a town in southeastern Nigeria, a mother opens her front door to discover her son's body, wrapped in fabric, at her feet. What follows is the tumultuous, heart-wrenching story of one family's struggle to understand a child whose spirit is both gentle and mysterious.

"[A] dazzling, devastating story . . . A puzzle wrapped in beautiful language, raising questions of identity and loyalty that are as unanswerable as they are important."—*The New York Times Book Review*

Riverhead • Hardcover • 256 pages • 978-0-525-54160-8 • \$27.00



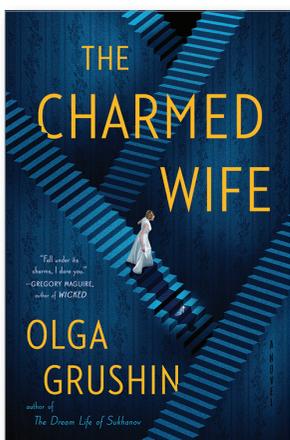
Little Big Bully

Heid E. Erdrich

In a new collection that is “a force of nature” (Amy Gerstler), renowned Native poet Heid E. Erdrich applies her rich inventive voice and fierce wit to the deforming effects of harassment and oppression.

“A major collection by a writer who deserves an audience a big as the light she’s throwing off . . . *Little Big Bully* cycl[es] into private moments, public grief, purposefully erased history and Native politics.”—*LitHub* “Most Anticipated Books of 2020”

Penguin • Paperback • 112 pages • 978-0-14-313592-0 • \$20.00

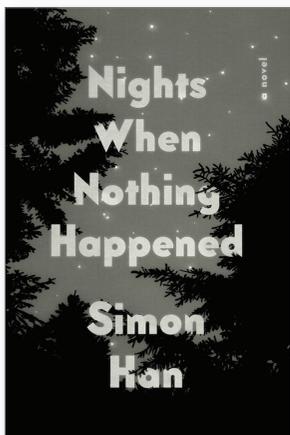


The Charmed Wife

Olga Grushin

From the award-winning author comes a sophisticated literary fairy tale for the twenty-first century, in which Cinderella, thirteen years after her marriage, is on the brink of leaving her supposedly perfect life behind. *The Charmed Wife* weaves together time and place, fantasy and reality, wand the twists and turns of its magical, dark, swiftly shifting paths take us deep into the heart of what makes us unique, and of the very nature of storytelling.

G.P. Putnam’s Sons • Hardcover • 288 pages • 978-0-593-08550-9 • \$27.00



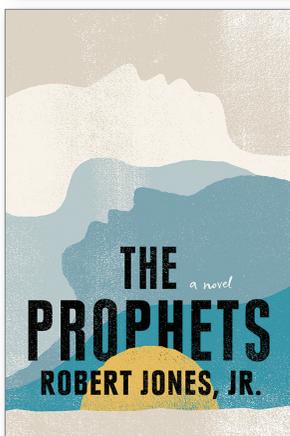
Nights When Nothing Happened

A Novel

Simon Han

From the outside, the Chengs seem like so-called model immigrants. Once Patty landed a tech job near Dallas, she and Liang grew secure enough to have a second child, and to send for their first back in China. But then little Annabel begins to sleepwalk at night, putting into motion a string of misunderstandings that not only threaten to set their community against them but force to the surface the secrets that have made them fear one another.

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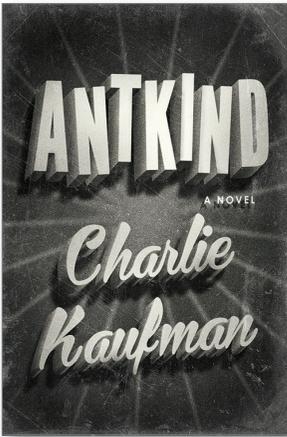
The Prophets

Robert Jones, Jr.

A singular and stunning debut novel about the forbidden union between two enslaved young men on a Deep South plantation, the refuge they find in each other, and a betrayal that threatens their existence.

“What a rare marvel this book is. . . . an epic so rich in erudition, wisdom, clarity, and power, so full of hard-earned yet too-brief joys, that it reaffirms for me literature’s place as both balm and scalpel for the mind and soul.”—Ocean Vuong, author of *On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous*

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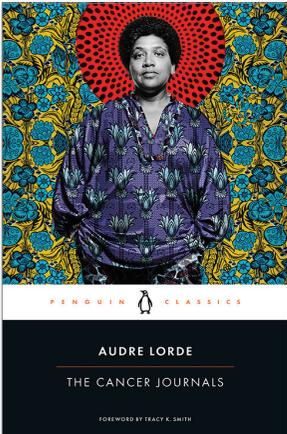
A Novel

Charlie Kaufman

B. Rosenberger Rosenberg, neurotic and underappreciated film critic, stumbles upon a hitherto unseen film made by an enigmatic outsider, but all that's left of this work of art is a single frame from which B. must somehow attempt to recall what just might be the last great hope of civilization. Thus begins a mind-boggling journey through the hilarious nightmarescape of a psyche as lushly Kafkaesque as it is atrophied by the relentless spew of Twitter.

Random House • Hardcover • 720 pages • 978-0-399-58968-3 • \$30.00

LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE

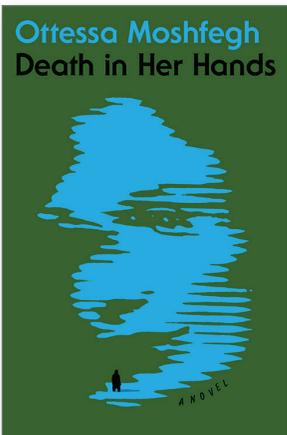


The Cancer Journals

Audre Lorde; Foreword by Tracy K. Smith

The Cancer Journals is a startling, powerful account of Audre Lorde's experience with breast cancer and mastectomy. Long before narratives explored the silences around illness and women's pain, Lorde questioned the rules of conformity for women's body images and supported the need to confront physical loss not hidden by prosthesis. Living as a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet," Lorde heals herself on her own terms and offers her voice to those dealing with their own diagnosis.

Penguin Classics • Paperback • 96 pages • 978-0-14-313520-3 • \$14.00



Death in Her Hands

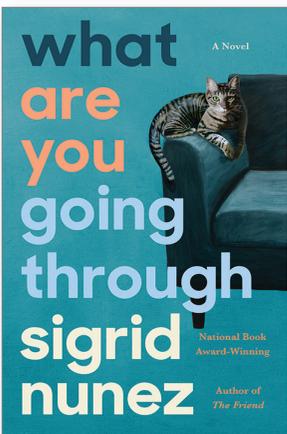
A Novel

Ottessa Moshfegh

From one of our most ceaselessly provocative literary talents, a novel of haunting metaphysical suspense about an elderly widow whose life is upturned when she finds an ominous note on a walk in the woods.

"Intricate and unsettling... *Death in Her Hands* is not a murder mystery, nor is it really a story about self-deception or the perils of escapism. Rather, it's a haunting meditation on the nature and meaning of art."
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What Are You Going Through

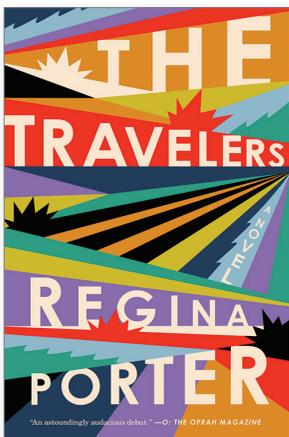
A Novel

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From the National Book Award-winning author of *The Friend* comes a novel about a woman's encounters with various people in the ordinary course of life: an ex she runs into at a public forum, an Airbnb owner unsure how to interact with guests, a stranger comforting his elderly mother, a friend hospitalized with cancer. In each of these people the woman finds a common need: the urge to talk about themselves and to have an audience to their experiences.

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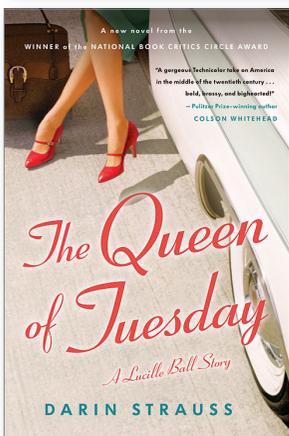


The Travelers

A Novel
Regina Porter

Agnes Miller Christie survives a chance encounter on a Georgia road that propels her into a new life in the Bronx. Soon after, her husband, Eddie, is called to duty on an air craft carrier in Vietnam, where he grapples with mounting racial tensions on the ship and counts the days until he will see Agnes again. These unforgettable characters' lives intersect with a cast of lovers and friends in an intimate family portrait and a sweeping exploration of what it means to be American today.

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FINALIST FOR THE PEN/HEMINGWAY AWARD FOR DEBUT NOVEL



The Queen of Tuesday

A Lucille Ball Story
Darin Strauss

Lucille Ball was the most powerful woman in the history of Hollywood. And yet Lucille's off-camera life was in disarray. While acting out a happy marriage for millions, she suffered in private. She struggled to balance her fame with the demands of being a mother, a creative genius, an entrepreneur, and, most of all, a symbol. *The Queen of Tuesday* mixes fact and fiction, memoir and novel, to imagine the provocative story of a woman we thought we knew.

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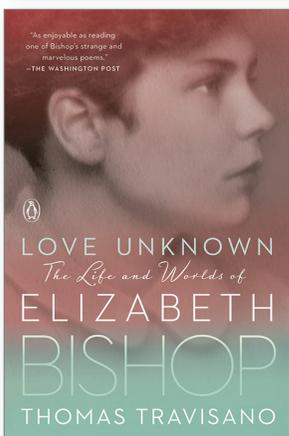


Olive, Again

A Novel
Elizabeth Strout

The iconic Olive struggles to understand not only herself and her own life but the lives of those around her in the town of Crosby, Maine. Whether with a teenager coming to terms with the loss of her father, a young woman about to give birth during a hilariously inopportune moment, a nurse who confesses a secret high school crush, or a lawyer who struggles with an inheritance she does not want to accept, the unforgettable Olive continues to startle and to inspire.

Random House Trade Paperbacks • Paperback
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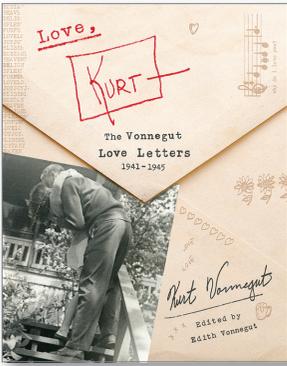


Love Unknown

The Life and Worlds of Elizabeth Bishop
Thomas Travisano

Elizabeth Bishop's friend James Merrill once observed that "Elizabeth had more talent for life—and for poetry—than anyone else I've known." This biography reveals how she learned to marry her talent for life with her talent for writing to create a body of work that made her one of America's most celebrated poets. In *Love Unknown*, Thomas Travisano, founding president of the Elizabeth Bishop Society, tells the story of the famous poet and traveler's life.

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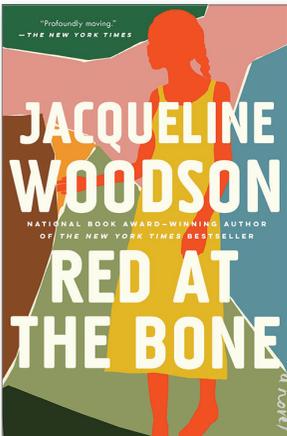
Love, Kurt

The Vonnegut Love Letters, 1941-1945

Kurt Vonnegut; Edited by Edith Vonnegut

Kurt Vonnegut's eldest daughter, Edith, was cleaning out her mother's attic when she discovered an unexpected treasure: more than 200 love letters written by Kurt to Jane, spanning the early years of their relationship. A collection of handwritten letters, notes, sketches, and comics, interspersed with Edith's insights and family memories, *Love, Kurt* is an intimate record of a young man growing into himself, a fascinating account of a writer finding his voice, and a moving testament to the life-altering experience of falling in love.

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A Novel

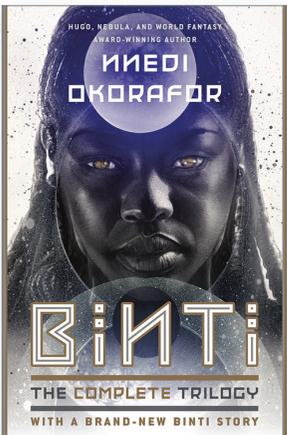
Jacqueline Woodson

An unexpected teenage pregnancy pulls together two families from different social classes, and exposes the private hopes, disappointments, and longings that can bind or divide us from each other, from the National Book Award-winning author of *Another Brooklyn* and *Brown Girl Dreaming*.

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A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR



Binti

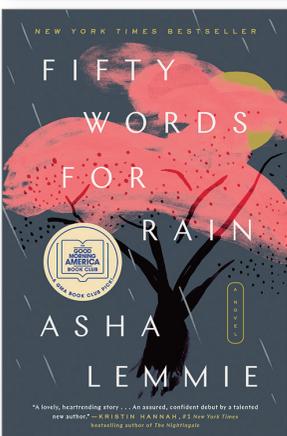
The Complete Trilogy

Nnedi Okorafor

In her Hugo- and Nebula-winning novella, Nnedi Okorafor introduced us to Binti, a young Himba girl with the chance of a lifetime: to attend the prestigious Oomza University. Collected now for the first time in omnibus form—and introducing a new Binti story—follow Binti's journey in this groundbreaking sci-fi trilogy.

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Fifty Words for Rain

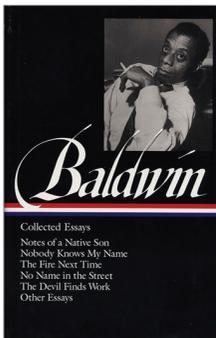
A Novel

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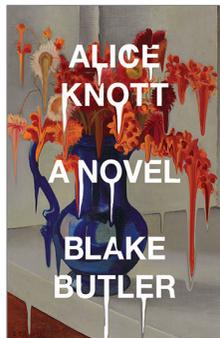
"A hugely compelling debut about Noriko, a mixed race girl growing up in Japan after WWII. Moving and honest and at times intense, Asha Lemmie takes us on an emotional journey that spans years, one which sheds light on Noriko's family traditions, prejudices, struggles, triumphs and ultimate transformation. This is a well-researched and eye-opening tale, told with compassion that breathes through each page."—Abi Daré, author of *The Girl with the Louding Voice*

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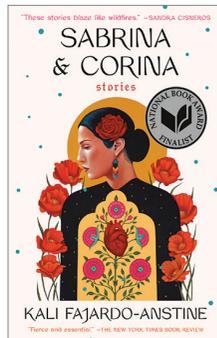
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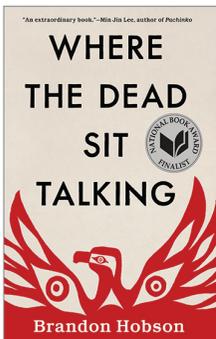
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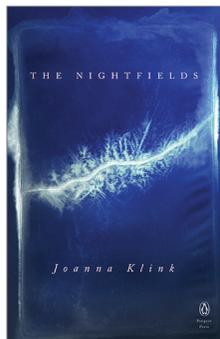
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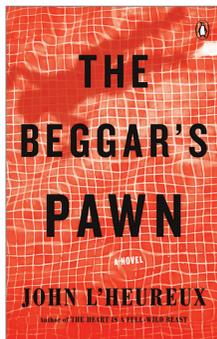
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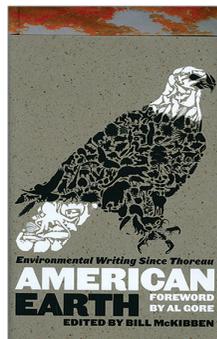
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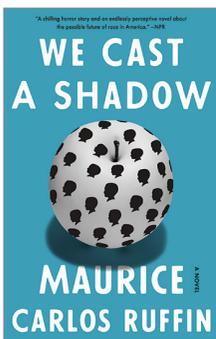
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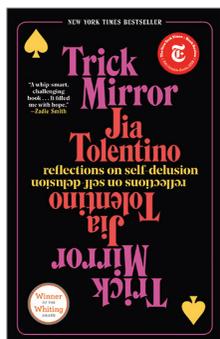


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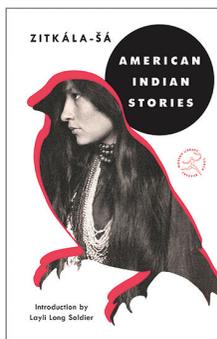


We Cast a Shadow
A Novel
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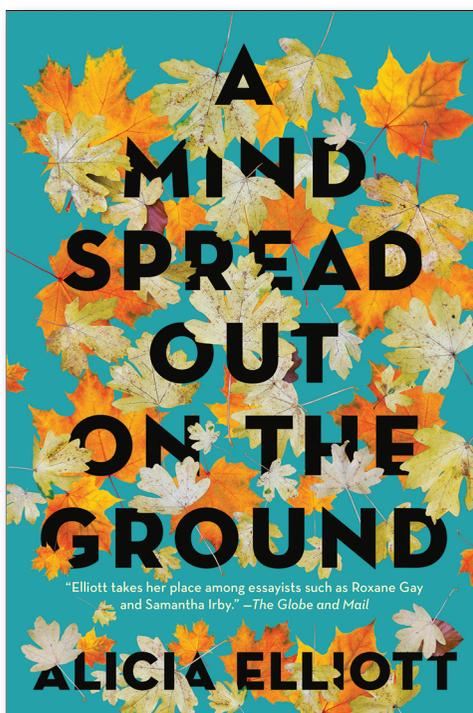


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A Mind Spread Out on the Ground

Alicia Elliott

The Mohawk phrase for depression can be roughly translated to “a mind spread out on the ground.” In this urgent and visceral work, Alicia Elliott explores how apt a description that is for the ongoing effects of personal, intergenerational, and colonial traumas she and so many Native people have experienced. Elliott’s deeply personal writing details a life spent between Indigenous and white communities, a divide reflected in her own family, and engages with such wide-ranging topics as race, parenthood, love, art, mental illness, poverty, sexual assault, gentrification, and representation. Throughout, she makes thrilling connections both large and small between the past and present, the personal and political.

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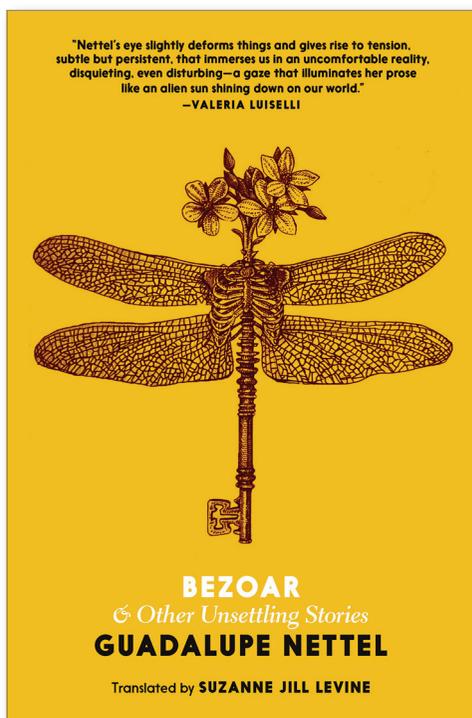
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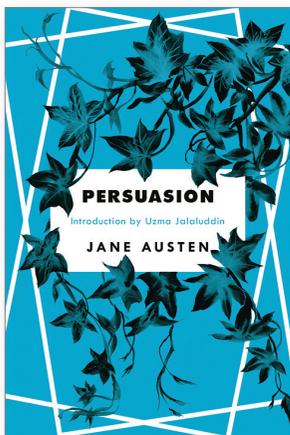
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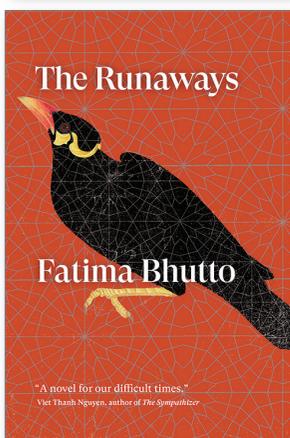


Persuasion

Jane Austen; Introduction by Uzma Jalaluddin

Anne Elliot is 27 and unmarried—by all accounts a spinster in her time. When Anne was 19, though, she was in love with and engaged to Frederick Wentworth, a man with no money and few prospects. When chance brings Wentworth and Anne together again, he is now an accomplished naval captain with an impressive fortune, and Anne must face her feelings for him that remain and consider how different her life could have been if only she hadn't been so easily persuaded by others.

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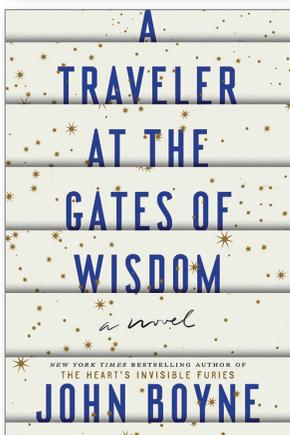
The Runaways

A Novel

Fatima Bhutto

Anita lives in Karachi's biggest slum. Her mother is a *maalish wali*, paid to massage the tired bones of rich women. On the other side of Karachi lives Monty, whose father owns half the city and expects great things of him. Sunny's father left India and went to England to give his son the opportunities he never had. Yet Sunny doesn't fit in anywhere. These three lives will cross in the desert, a place where life and death walk hand in hand, and where their closely guarded secrets will force them to make a terrible choice.

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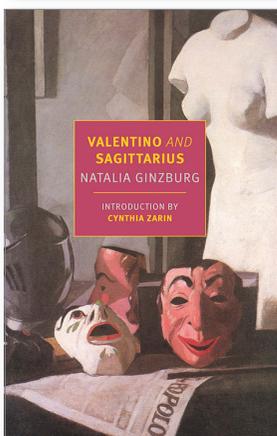
A Traveler at the Gates of Wisdom

A Novel

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This story starts with a family. For now, it is a father and a mother with two sons, one with his father's violence in his blood, one with his mother's artistry. One leaves. One stays. It is a beginning. Their stories will intertwine and evolve over the course of 2,000 years. From the award-winning author of *The Heart's Invisible Furies* comes *A Traveler at the Gates of Wisdom*, an epic tale of humanity.

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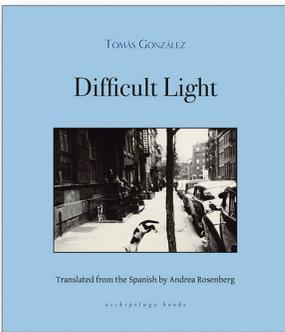


Valentino and Sagittarius

Natalia Ginzburg, translated from the Italian by Avril Bardoni, introduction by Cynthia Zarin

Two novellas about family life and fraudsters by one of the twentieth century's best Italian novelists. *Valentino* and *Sagittarius* are two of Natalia Ginzburg's most celebrated works: tales of love, hope, and delusion that are full of her characteristic mordant humor, keen psychological insight, and unflinching moral realism.

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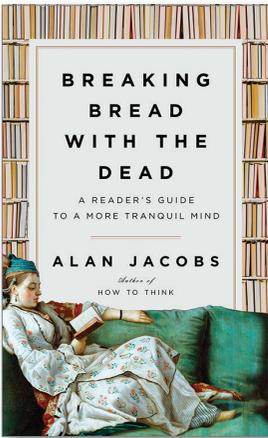


Difficult Light

Toms González

Over twenty years after his son's death, nearly blind and unable to paint, David turns to writing to examine the deep shades of his loss. Despite his acute pain, or perhaps because of it, David observes beauty in the ordinary: in the resemblance of a woman to Egyptian portraits, in the horseshoe crabs that wash up on Coney Island, in the foam gathering behind a ferry propeller; in these moments, González reveals the world through a painter's eyes.

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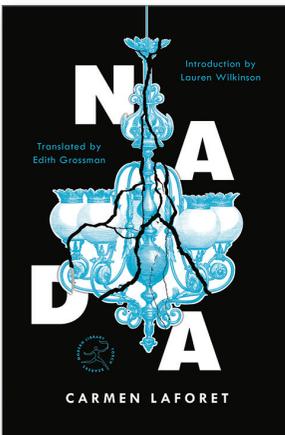
Breaking Bread with the Dead

A Reader's Guide to a More Tranquil Mind

Alan Jacobs

What can Homer teach us about force? How does Frederick Douglass deal with the massive blind spots of America's Founding Fathers? How can Ursula K. Le Guin show us truths about Virgil's female characters that Virgil himself could never have seen? In *Breaking Bread with the Dead*, a gifted scholar draws us into close and sympathetic engagement with texts from across the ages, including the work of Desai, Ibsen, Rhys, Weil, Wharton, Ghosh, Lévi-Strauss, Calvino, and more.

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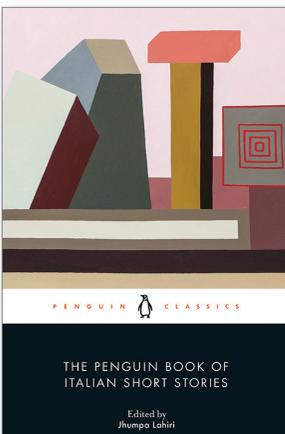
Nada

A Novel

Carmen Laforet; Translated by Edith Grossman;
Introduction by Lauren Wilkinson

Andrea, an 18-year-old orphan, moves from her small town to Barcelona to attend university. Living in genteel squalor with her volatile relatives, Andrea relies on her wealthy, beautiful bohemian friend Ena to prove that normal life exists beyond the gothic dwelling she calls home. In one year, as her innocence melts away, Andrea learns dark truths about her family as well as about Ena—and why her friendship goes hand in hand with her interest in Andrea's family.

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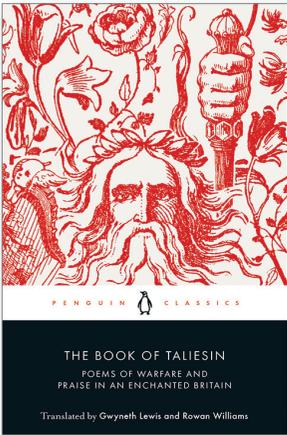


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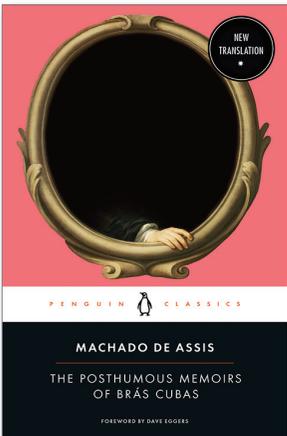


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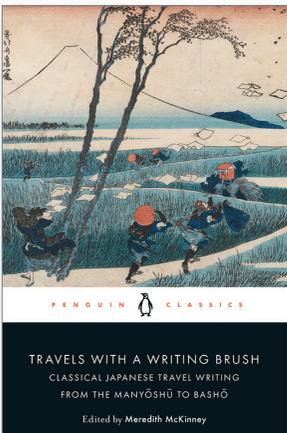


The Posthumous Memoirs of Brás Cubas

Machado de Assis; Translated with an Introduction and Notes by Flora Thomson-DeVeaux; Foreword by Dave Eggers

De Assis's wildly imaginative novel has been compared to the work of everyone from Cervantes to Sterne to Joyce to Nabokov to Borges to Calvino, and has influenced generations of writers. This new translation is the first to include extensive notes providing crucial historical and cultural context. It also preserves Machado's original chapter breaks—each of the novel's 160 short chapters begins on a new page—and includes excerpts from previous versions of the novel never before published in English.

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Travels with a Writing Brush

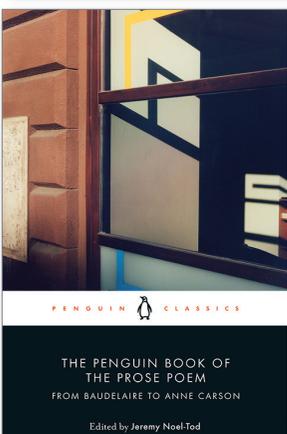
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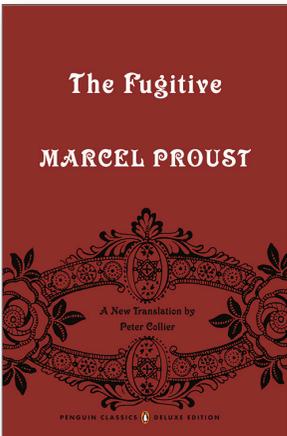
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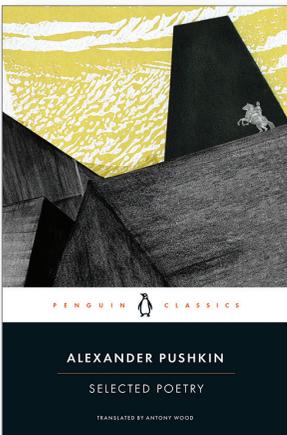
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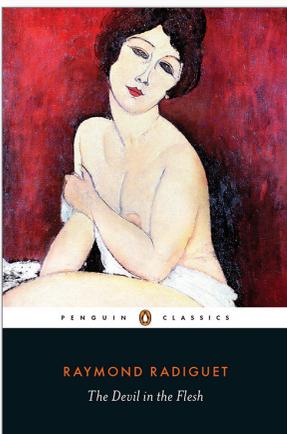
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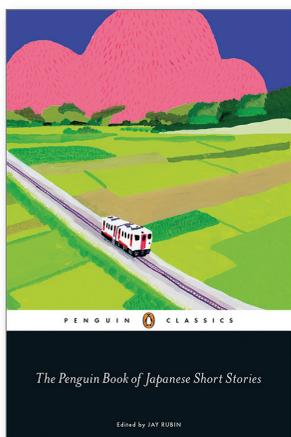


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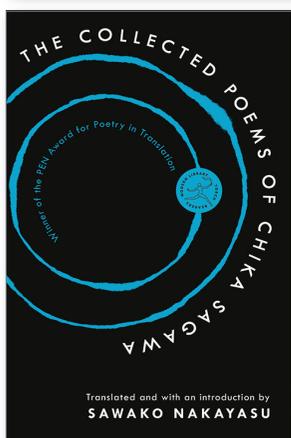
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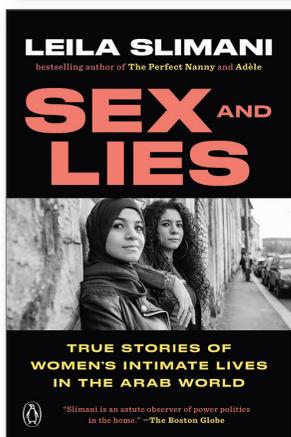
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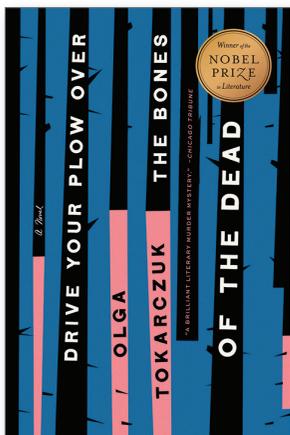


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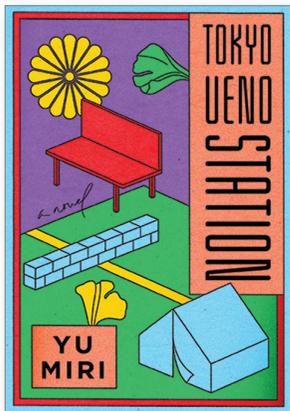
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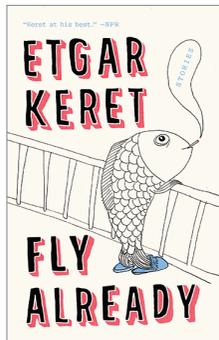
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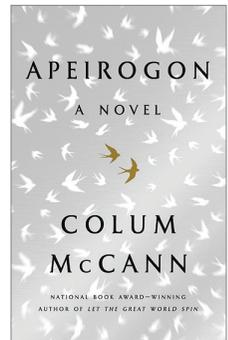
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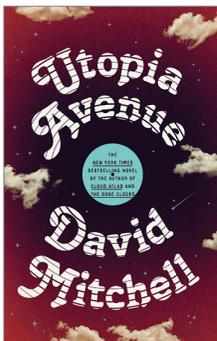
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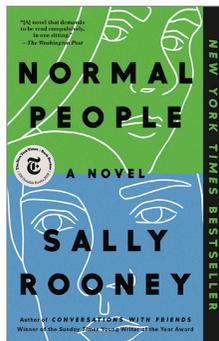
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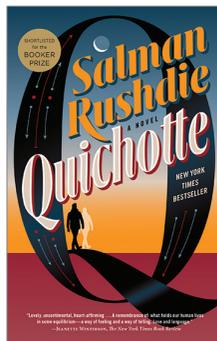
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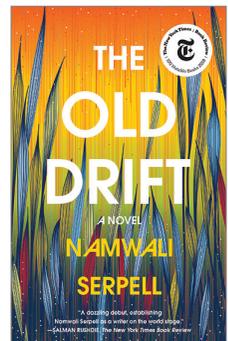
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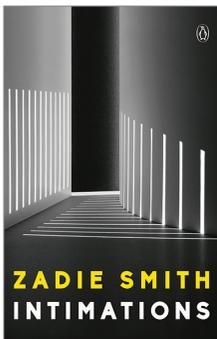
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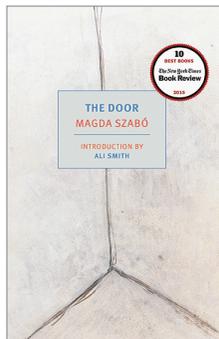
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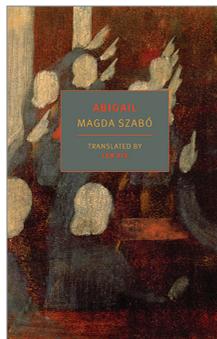
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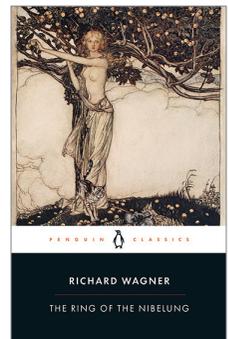
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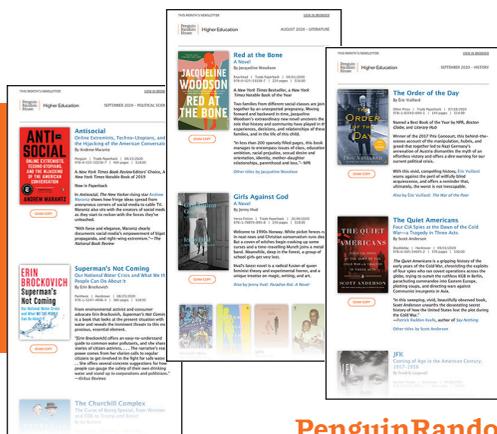
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