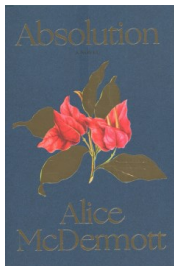


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Absolution

by Alice McDermott

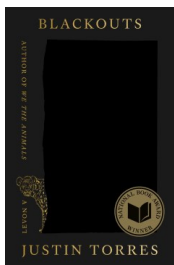
Sixty years after they lived as wives of American servicemen in early 1960s Vietnam, two women reconnect and relive their shared experiences in Saigon in the new novel by the author of *The Ninth Hour*.



The Bee Sting

by Paul Murray

Avoiding the fact that his once-lucrative car business is going under, Dickie Barnes struggles to be a good person while his family falls apart, wondering if a single moment of bad luck can change the direction of a life and find a happy ending.



Blackouts

by Justin Torres

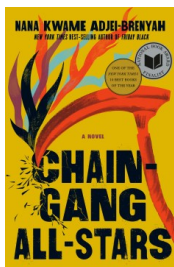
A young man tends to the dying soul of a person he knew only briefly and the pair trade stories as they wait for the end, in a novel from the author of *We the Animals*.



The Celebrants

by Steven Rowley

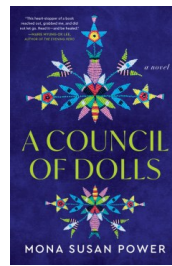
Reuniting in Big Sur to honor a decades-old pact to throw each other living “funerals,” celebrations to remind themselves life is worth living — and living well — five friends find their pact upended when one of them reveals a shocking secret.



Chain-Gang All-Stars

by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

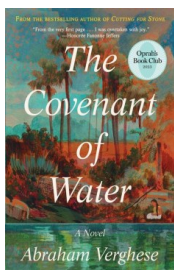
The star of a popular, but controversial for-profit program in the private prison industry that basically turns prisoners into gladiators contemplates freedom, in the new novel from the best-selling author of *Friday Black*.



A Council of Dolls

by Mona Susan Power

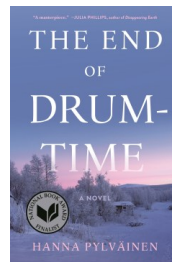
Details the story of three women from different generations, told through the stories of the dolls they carried in 1888, 1925 and 1961 bringing to light the damage done to indigenous people through history.



The Covenant of Water

by Abraham Verghese

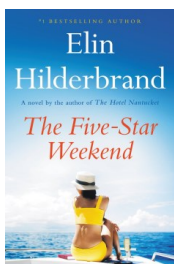
Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, and set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, an epic of love, faith and medicine follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction -- in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning.



The End of Drum-Time

by Hanna Pylväinen

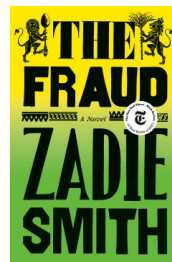
In 1851, at a remote village in the Scandinavian tundra, a Lutheran minister known as Mad Lasse tries in vain to convert the native Sámi reindeer herders to his faith.



The Five-Star Weekend

by Elin Hilderbrand

Inviting her best friend from each phase of her life, widow Hollis Shaw hosts an unforgettable weekend on Nantucket. Each woman deals with heartbreak, infidelity, scandal and secrets, but things turn around due to new friendships, unexpected romance and self-discovery.

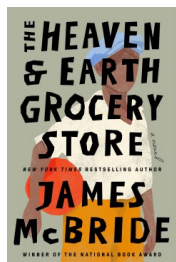


The Fraud

by Zadie Smith

In 1873 Victorian London, with the city mesmerized by the “Tichborne Trial,” wherein a lower-class butcher from Australia claims he is the rightful heir of a sizable estate and title, Mrs. Eliza Touchet becomes determined to find out if he's really who he says he is or if he's a fraud.

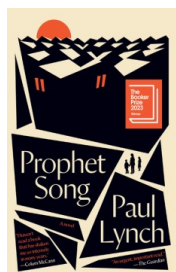
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The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

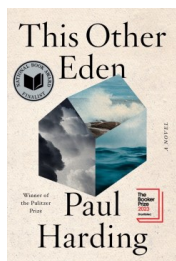
When a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1972, an unforgettable cast of characters living on the margins of white, Christian America, closely guard a secret.



Prophet Song

by Paul Lynch

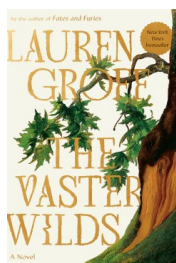
With Ireland caught in the grip of a government turning towards tyranny, scientist and mother-of-four Eilish Stack, as the life she knows and the ones she loves disappear before her eyes, must decide how far she'll go to save her family and what — or who — she is willing to leave behind.



This Other Eden

by Paul Harding

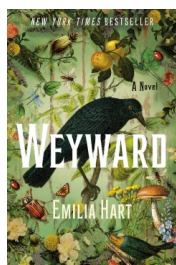
Inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, an isolated island off the coast of Maine that became one of the first racially integrated towns in the Northeast, this novel brings to life an unforgettable cast of characters who struggle to preserve human dignity in the face of intolerance and injustice.



The Vaster Wilds

by Lauren Groff

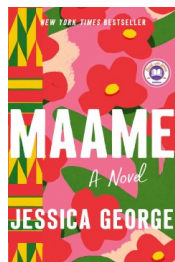
Escaping from a colonial settlement in the wilderness, a servant girl, with nothing but her wits, a few possessions, and some faith, is tested beyond the limits of her imagination, forcing her to question her belief of everything she was taught.



Weyward

by Emilia Hart

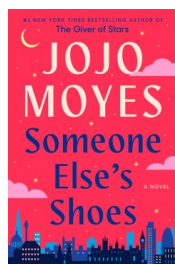
Told over five centuries through three connected women, this novel follows Kate in 2019, as she seeks refuge; Altha in 1619, as she uses her powers to maintain her freedom; and Violet in 1942, as she searches for the truth about her mother's death.



Maame

by Jessica George

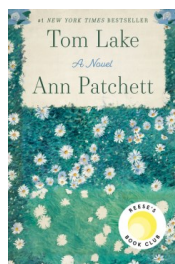
It's fair to say that Maddie's life in London is far from rewarding. With a mother who spends most of her time in Ghana, Maddie is the primary caretaker for her father. But it's not long before tragedy strikes, forcing Maddie to face the perils -- and rewards -- of putting her heart on the line.



Someone Else's Shoes

by Jojo Moyes

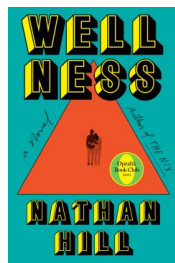
When she accidentally takes the wrong gym bag, Sam Kemp tries on a pair of six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes that give her the confidence to change her life, while the shoes' owner tries to cling to her glamorous life after her husband cuts her off.



Tom Lake

by Ann Patchett

Recalling the past at her daughters' request, Lara tells the story of a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance with, causing her daughters to examine their own lives and reconsider everything they thought they knew.



Wellness

by Nathan Hill

Alongside the challenges of parenting, married couple Jack and Elizabeth encounter cults disguised as mindfulness support groups, polyamorous would-be suitors, Facebook wars, and more as they undertake separate, personal excavations in their quest to find health and happiness.



Yellowface

by R. F. Kuang

Author June Hayward steals her literary rival's just-finished masterpiece after their death in a freak accident, sending it to her agent as her own work. As emerging evidence threatens her success, June discovers how far she'll go to keep what she thinks she deserves.



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