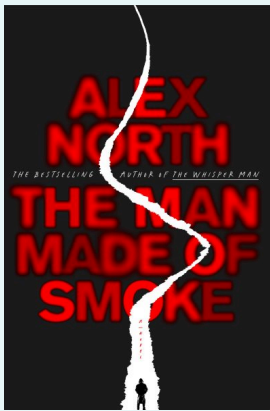


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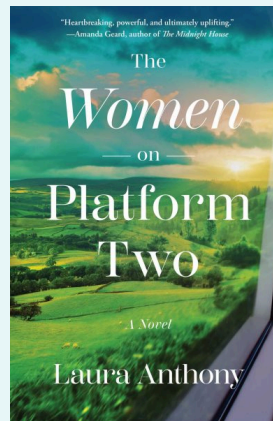
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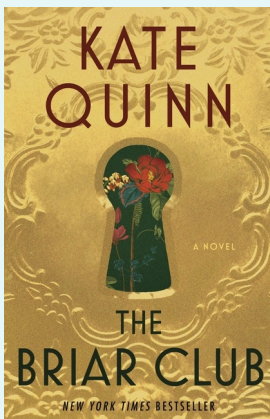
**The Man Made of Smoke**  
by Alex North

Wow, Alex North is an amazing crime/thriller writer. A young boy comes across a serial killer and an abducted boy in a rest area bathroom. His hesitancy to help the kidnapped boy has far reaching consequences, even into adulthood. Lots of suspense here with a little spookiness thrown in.



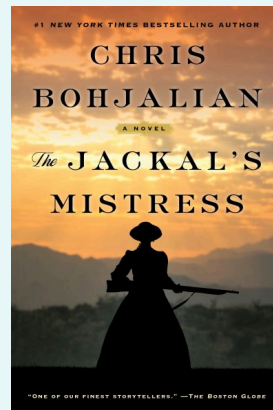
**The Women on Platform Two**  
by Laura Anthony

Set in two different timelines - 1969 and 2023 - in Dublin, Ireland. All forms of contraception are illegal in Southern Ireland in 1969 (yes! 1969!), and a group of women risk everything to change that. The friendship between a doctor's wife and a butcher's wife was so heartwarming, as well as their determination to change the rules.



**The Briar Club**  
by Kate Quinn

I loved this book! A group of women living in a boarding house during the Red-fearing McCarthy era, form a somewhat dysfunctional family. Each chapter is told from the POV of one of the women. Highly recommend the audio.



**The Jackal's Mistress**  
by Chris Bohjalian

This is based on the true story of a friendship between a wounded Union soldier and a Confederate wife. I loved the relationship between the wife's 12 year old niece and the soldier which provided a little comic relief. This novel does not flinch from the horrors of war, the racism, the utter destruction but it does show a human element.

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