



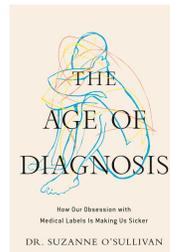
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Abundance

by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson

Abundance is a once-in-a-generation, paradigm-shifting call to rethink big, entrenched problems that seem mired in systemic scarcity: from climate change to housing, education to healthcare.



The Age of Diagnosis

by Suzanne O'Sullivan

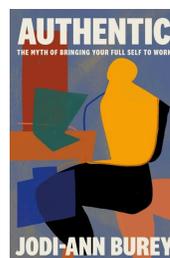
From a neurologist and award-winning comes a meticulous and compassionate exploration of how the culture of medical diagnosis we live in can harm, rather than help, patients.



American Bulk

by Emily Mester

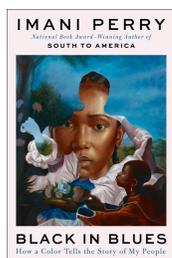
What if we explored our relationship to consumption with the same depth and feeling we use to tell stories of great loves and losses? The author intertwines cultural critique and personal history to explore how the things we buy, amass, and discard become an intimate part of our lives.



Authentic

by Jodi-Ann Burey

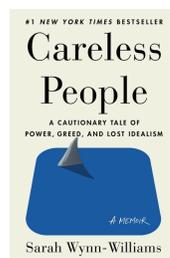
Workplace dynamics in recent years have been a dizzying storm of broken promises. Companies that once encouraged employees to bring your full, authentic self to work are now shutting down initiatives, part of a cycle of trading on our identities when it's convenient and profitable.



Black in Blues

by Imani Perry

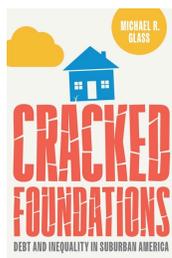
Throughout history, the concept of Blackness has been remarkably intertwined with another color: blue. In this book, the color blue is a springboard for an emotional and spiritual journey through African American history.



Careless People

by Sarah Wynn-Williams

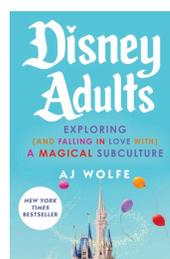
An insider account charting one woman's career at the heart of one of the most influential companies on the planet, this book gives you a front-row seat to Facebook, the decisions that have shaped world events in recent decades, and the people who made them.



Cracked Foundations

by Michael Glass

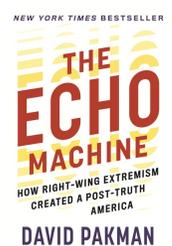
The suburbs are synonymous with the American Dream of upward mobility and economic security. In this revelatory new account of postwar suburbanization, a historian exposes the myth of uniform suburban prosperity.



Disney Adults

by Aj Wolfe

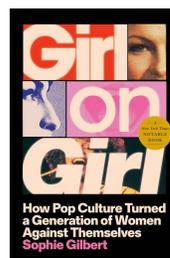
Disney Adults are grown-ups who derive singular, almost obsessive, joy from all things Disney. This book dives deep into a misunderstood subculture, exploring the lives and experiences to better understand their passion for all things Disney.



The Echo Machine

by David Pakman

Podcast host Pakman presents political analysis of the current state of U.S. politics, focusing on how right-wing disinformation and political polarization have spiraled out of control, leading to a decline of critical thinking and media literacy.

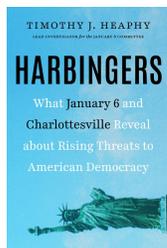


Girl on Girl

by Sophie Gilbert

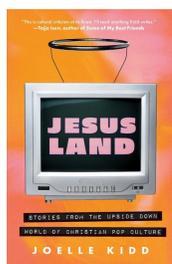
What happened to feminism in the twenty-first century? This question feels increasingly urgent in a moment of cultural and legislative backlash, when uncertainty about the movement's power, focus, and currency threatens decades of progress.

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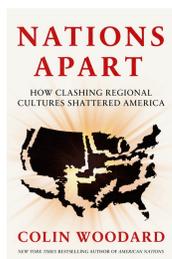
Harbingers

by Timothy J. Heaphy
The lead investigator into both the 2017 race riot in Charlottesville and the January 6 insurrection offers a unique perspective on the cynicism and anger that also fueled Trump's return to the Presidency.



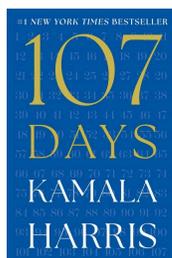
Jesusland

by Joelle Kidd
Kidd writes about her evangelical adolescence through the lens of Christian pop culture of the early 2000s, giving readers a peek into this odd subculture and insight into how evangelicalism's growing popularity around the turn of the millennium has shaped culture and politics.



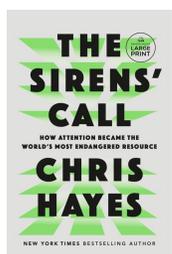
Nations Apart

by Colin Woodard
Examine how centuries-old regional differences have brought American democracy to the brink of collapse, and learn about a powerful story that can bridge our cultural divisions and save the republic.



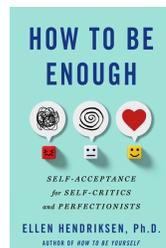
107 Days

by Kamala Harris
From the chaos of campaign strategy sessions to the intensity of debate prep under relentless scrutiny and the private moments that rarely make headlines, Kamala Harris offers an unfiltered look at the pressures, triumphs, and heartbreaks of a history-defining race.



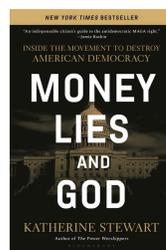
The Sirens' Call

by Chris Hayes
We all feel it -- the distraction, the loss of focus, the addictive focus on the wrong things for too long. We bump into the zombies on their phones in the street, and sometimes they're us. Attention has become a commodified resource from which we are increasingly alienated.



How to Be Enough

by Ellen Hendriksen
Do you set demanding standards for yourself? If so, a lot likely goes well. You might earn compliments, admiration, or accomplishments. But privately, you may feel like you're falling behind, faking it, or different from everybody else.



Money, Lies, and God

by Katherine Stewart
The author examines the rise of an anti-democratic, authoritarian movement in the United States, fueled by a coalition of wealthy donors, think tanks, and Christian nationalist organizations.



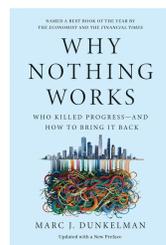
One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This

by Omar El Akkad
This book chronicles the deep fracture that has occurred for Black, brown, and Indigenous Americans, as well as the upcoming generation, many of whom had clung to a thread of faith in Western ideals.



People the Planet Needs Now

by Dudley Edmondson
Find inspiration to affect global change with stories and perspectives from people the planet needs now -- 25 Black and Brown scientists and activists.



Why Nothing Works

by Marc J. Dunkelman
America was once a country that did big things. But today, even while facing a host of pressing challenges -- a housing shortage, a climate crisis, dilapidated infrastructure -- we feel stuck. America is the victim of a system that allows anyone to stifle progress.



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