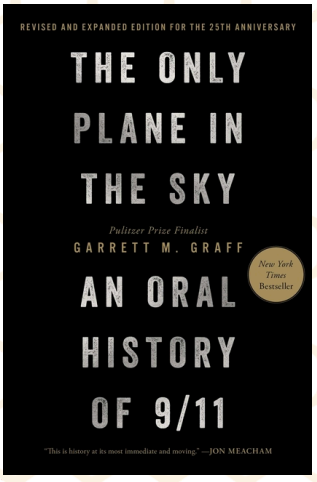
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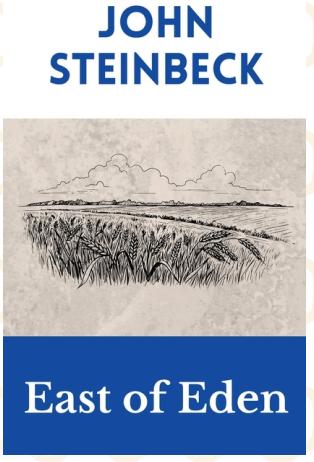




This book recounts in first person (voiced by actors) the tragedies of 9/11. We hear from airline employees, workers in the twin tower buildings, spouses who received those devastating calls, as well as from members of government and how their day was abruptly changed forever.



Tilly is a woman whose husband died and six months later she is doing the best she can. Things change when she receives a call from her local bookstore and discovers that her husband arranged for her to receive one book a month for the next year. Each book comes with a letter and explanation for his choice.



This one is on the "Best Classic" list for a reason. A sweeping story of two connected families in Salinas Valley CA from early 1900's through start of WWI. Steinbeck takes themes from the archetypal Cain and Abel story and writes possibly the best villain and (maybe?) hero ever.



Finlay is struggling in life. She is a divorced single mom, behind on her bills and about to lose her book deal. When she is overheard discussing the plot of her latest book attempt, a woman hires her as a contract killer. Then the fun begins! This is a series, and I will definitely be reading more.