

The Incendiaries A Novel

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A Burning Megha Majumdar 2020-06-02 A TODAY SHOW #ReadWithJenna BOOK CLUB PICK! A New York Times Notable Book For readers of Tommy Orange, Yaa Gyasi, and Jhumpa Lahiri, an electrifying debut novel about three unforgettable characters who seek to rise—to the middle class, to political power, to fame in the movies—and find their lives entangled in the wake of a catastrophe in contemporary India. In this National Book Award Longlist honoree and “gripping thriller with compassionate social commentary” (USA Today), Jivan is a Muslim girl from the slums, determined to move up in life, who is accused of executing a terrorist attack on a train because of a careless comment on Facebook. PT Sir is an opportunistic gym teacher who hitches his aspirations to a right-wing political party, and finds that his own ascent becomes linked to Jivan's fall. Lovely—an irresistible outcast whose exuberant voice and dreams of glory fill the novel with warmth and hope and humor—has the alibi that can set Jivan free, but it will cost her everything she holds dear. Taut, symphonic, propulsive, and riveting from its opening lines, *A Burning* has the force of an epic while being so masterfully compressed it can be read in a single sitting. Majumdar writes with dazzling assurance at a breakneck pace on complex themes that read here as the components of a thriller: class, fate, corruption, justice, and what it feels like to face profound obstacles and yet nurture big dreams in a country spinning toward extremism. An extraordinary debut.

The Incendiary's Trail James McCreet 2009 London 1844: Two years after its creation, The Metropolitan Police's Detective Forces is being humiliated by its inability to catch murderers. Detective Inspector Newsome decides to recruit a master criminal to aid his men in searching the dangerous rookeries of the city. By luck, such a man falls into their hands, but he is an enigma!

Savage Girl Jean Zimmerman 2014-03-06 “An over-the-top romp through 1870s America . . . compulsively readable.” —Oprah.com Jean Zimmerman's spectacular follow-up to *The Orphanmaster* has it all: Gilded Age romance, robber baron excess, detective story suspense, and a compelling female protagonist whom readers will fall in love with. In 1875, the Delegates, an outlandishly wealthy Manhattan couple on a tour of the American West, seek out a sideshow attraction called “Savage Girl.” Her handlers avow that the wild, seemingly mute Bronwyn has been raised by wolves. Presented with the perfect blank slate to explore the power of civilized nurture, the Delegates take her back east to be introduced into high society. Cleaned up, Bronwyn is blazingly smart and darkly beautiful; as she takes steps toward her grand debut, a series of suitors find her irresistible—and begin to turn up murdered.

Seeing Ghosts Kat Chow 2021-08-24 For readers of Helen Macdonald and Elizabeth Alexander, an intimate and haunting portrait of grief and the search for meaning from a singular new talent as told through the prism of three generations of her Chinese American family. Kat Chow has always been unusually fixated on death. She worried constantly about her parents dying---especially her mother. A vivacious and mischievous woman, Kat's mother made a morbid joke that would haunt her for years to come: when she died, she'd like to be stuffed and displayed in Kat's future apartment in order to always watch over her. After her mother dies unexpectedly from cancer, Kat, her sisters, and their father are plunged into a debilitating, lonely grief. With a distinct voice that is wry and heartfelt, Kat weaves together a story of the fallout of grief that follows her extended family as they emigrate from China and Hong Kong to Cuba and America. Seeing Ghosts asks what it means to reclaim and tell your family's story: Is writing an exorcism or is it its own form of preservation? The result is an extraordinary new contribution to the literature of the American family, and a provocative and transformative meditation on who we become facing loss.

The Incendiaries R. O. Kwon 2018-07-31 'Absolutely electric' Garth Greenwell 'A major talent' Financial Times 'Reminiscent of Donna Tartt's The Secret History' New Yorker Phoebe Lin and Will Kendall fall in love at university. Phoebe is a glamorous girl who doesn't tell anyone she blames herself for her mother's recent death. Will is a misfit scholarship boy who transfers from Bible college. But a charismatic former student draws Phoebe into his cult - an extremist group with secretive ties to North Korea. When the group bombs several buildings in the name of faith, killing five people, Phoebe disappears. Will devotes himself to finding her, tilting into obsession himself, discovering how far we can go when we lose what we love. 'An important new writer' The Times 'R. O. Kwon is the real deal' Lauren Groff

Hard Mouth Amanda Goldblatt 2019-08-13 "Playfully, poetically unstable . . . What compels a woman to turn to the wilderness? What brings one, after a decade of caregiving, to exchange a terminal parent's final vigil for the company of strangers? Goldblatt poses these questions with great assurance." -Lisa Locascio, The New York Times Book Review Denny works nights as a tech in a labyrinthine facility outside of D.C., readying fruit flies for experimentation. Her life's routine is straightforward, limited. But when her father announces that he won't be treating his recurrent, terminal cancer, she responds by quietly dismantling her life. She constructs in its place the fantasy of perfect detachment. Unsure whether her impulse is monastic or suicidal, she rents a secluded cabin in the mountains. Without saying goodbye, she leaves her parents behind and enters a new, solitary world. It's not without disruption: her blowsy trash bag of an imaginary pal is still lingering. And then a house cat appears out of nowhere. And after a bad storm rips through the mountainside, someone else shows up, too. Her time in the wilderness isn't the perfect detachment she was expecting. Denny is forced to reckon with this failure while confronting a new life with its own set of pleasures and dangerous incursions. Morbidly funny, subversive, and startling, Hard Mouth, the debut novel from 2018 NEA Creative Writing Fellow Amanda Goldblatt, unpacks what it means to live while others are dying. "The novel begins existential (think: Camus as an intersectional feminist), and ends with a gut punch that somehow manages a deeply felt sympathy for its characters." -Rebekah Frumkin, NYLON

How to Be Safe: A Novel Tom McAllister 2018-04-03 A Washington Post Notable

Book of the Year A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year "Explosive"
-Entertainment Weekly "Scalding" -The New Yorker "One of the most highly
acclaimed novels of the year thus far." -Bustle FORMER TEACHER HAD MOTIVE.
Recently suspended for a so-called outburst, high school English teacher Anna
Crawford is stewing over the injustice at home when she is shocked to see
herself named on television as a suspect in a shooting at the school where she
works. Though she is quickly exonerated, and the actual teenage murderer
identified, her life is nevertheless held up for relentless scrutiny and
judgment as this quiet town descends into media mania. Gun sales skyrocket,
victims are transformed into martyrs, and the rules of public mourning are
ruthlessly enforced. Anna decides to wholeheartedly reject the culpability
she's somehow been assigned, and the rampant sexism that comes with it, both in
person and online. A piercing feminist howl written in trenchant prose, *How to
Be Safe* is a compulsively readable, darkly funny exposé of the hypocrisy that
ensues when illusions of peace are shattered.

How to Read Now Elaine Castillo 2022-07-26 "Energetically brilliant, warmly
humane, incisively funny, it whips the tablecloth from under the setting of
contemporary reading, politics and intellectual culture in a literary act of
daring." -Andrew Sean Greer, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Less An*
exploration and polemic that redefines the power and potential for reading by a
novelist whose "prose is as good as it gets" (NPR) and who has "a real voice:
vernacular and fluid, with a take-no-prisoners edge" (Kirkus) How many times
have we heard that reading builds empathy? That we can travel through books?
How often have we were heard about the importance of diversifying our
bookshelves? Or claimed that books saved our lives? These familiar
words-beautiful, aspirational-are sometimes even true. But award-winning
novelist Elaine Castillo has more ambitious hopes for our reading culture, and
in this collection of linked essays, "she moves to wrest reading away from the
cotton-candy aspirations of uniting people in empathetic harmony and reposition
it as thornier, ultimately more rewarding work." (Vulture) *How to Read Now*
explores the politics and ethics of reading, and insists that we are capable of
something better: a more engaged relationship not just with our fiction and our
art, but with our buried and entangled histories. Smart, funny, galvanizing,
and sometimes profane, Castillo attacks the stale questions and less-than-
critical proclamations that masquerade as vital discussion: reimagining the
cartography of the classics, building a moral case against the settler
colonialism of lauded writers like Joan Didion, taking aim at Nobel Prize
winners and toppling indie filmmakers, and celebrating glorious moments in
everything from popular TV like *The Watchmen* to the films of Wong Kar-wai and
the work of contemporary poets like Tommy Pico. At once a deeply personal and
searching history of one woman's reading life, and a wide-ranging and urgent
intervention into our globalized conversations about why reading matters today,
How to Read Now empowers us to embrace a more complicated, embodied form of
reading, inviting us to acknowledge complicated truths, ignite surprising
connections, imagine a more daring solidarity, and create space for a riskier
intimacy-within ourselves, and with each other.

The Readymade Thief Augustus Rose 2017-08-01 "The most must-read of all must-
reads." -Marie Claire "A kickass debut from start to finish." -Colson
Whitehead, author of *The Underground Railroad* Lee Cuddy is seventeen years old
and on the run. Betrayed by her family after taking the fall for a friend, Lee
finds refuge in a cooperative of runaways holed up in an abandoned building
they call the Crystal Castle. But the façade of the Castle conceals a far more
sinister agenda, one hatched by a society of fanatical men set on decoding a

series of powerful secrets hidden in plain sight. And they believe Lee holds the key to it all. Aided by Tomi, a young hacker and artist with whom she has struck a wary alliance, Lee escapes into the unmapped corners of the city—empty aquariums, deserted motels, patrolled museums, and even the homes of vacationing families. But the deeper she goes underground, the more tightly she finds herself bound in the strange web she’s trying to elude. Desperate and out of options, Lee steps from the shadows to face who is after her—and why. A novel of puzzles, conspiracies, secret societies, urban exploration, art history, and a singular, indomitable heroine, *The Readymade Thief* heralds the arrival of a spellbinding and original new talent in fiction.

WANT. R. O. KWON 2022

The Kinship of Secrets Eugenia Kim 2018-11-06 Two sisters grow up a world apart—one in war-torn Korea, the other in America—in this “finely wrought novel” by the author of *The Calligrapher’s Daughter* (Publishers Weekly). In 1948 Najin and Calvin Cho, with their young daughter Miran, travel from South Korea to the United States in search of new opportunities. Wary of the challenges they will face, Najin and Calvin leave their infant daughter, Inja, behind with their extended family; soon, they hope, they will return to her. But then war breaks out in Korea, and there is no end in sight to the separation. Miran grows up in prosperous American suburbia, under the shadow of the daughter left behind, as Inja grapples in her war-torn land with ties to a family she doesn’t remember. Najin and Calvin desperately seek a reunion with Inja, but are the bonds of love strong enough to reconnect their family over distance, time, and war? And as deep family secrets are revealed, will everything they long for be upended? Told through the alternating perspectives of the distanced sisters, and inspired by a true story, *The Kinship of Secrets* explores the cruelty of war, the power of hope, and what it means to be a sister. “A gorgeous achievement.” —Min Jin Lee, author of *Pachinko*

The Atmospherians Alex McElroy 2021-05-18 Best Book of 2021 by Esquire Book You Need to Read in 2021 by Harper’s Bazaar “Darkly funny and glitteringly satirical, *The Atmospherians* unforgettably takes aim at wokeness, wellness, and toxic masculinity.” —Esquire This “edgy, addictive” (Kirkus Reviews, starred) satire about two best friends who form *The Atmosphere*—a cult designed to reform problematic men—is “a book to be devoured” (Vanity Fair). Sasha Marcus was once the epitome of contemporary success: an internet sensation, social media darling, and a creator of a high-profile wellness brand for women. But a confrontation with an abusive troll has taken a horrifying turn, and now she’s at rock bottom: canceled and doxxed online, isolated in her apartment while men’s rights protestors rage outside. Sasha confides in her oldest childhood friend, Dyson—a failed actor with a history of body issues—who hatches a plan for her to restore her reputation by becoming the face of his new business venture, *The Atmosphere*: a rehabilitation community for men. Based in an abandoned summer camp and billed as a workshop for job training, it is actually a rigorous program designed to rid men of their toxic masculinity. Sasha has little choice but to accept. But what horrors await her as the resident female leader of a crew of washed up, desperate men? And what exactly does Dyson want? Explosive, dazzling, and wickedly funny, *The Atmospherians* is “a book written with this exact cultural moment in mind” (Oprah Daily).

Little Fires Everywhere (Movie Tie-In) Celeste Ng 2020-03-17 The #1 New York Times bestseller! Now a Hulu original series starring Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington. “I read *Little Fires Everywhere* in a single, breathless

sitting.” –Jodi Picoult “To say I love this book is an understatement. It’s a deep psychological mystery about the power of motherhood, the intensity of teenage love, and the danger of perfection. It moved me to tears.” –Reese Witherspoon “Extraordinary . . . books like *Little Fires Everywhere* don't come along often.” –John Green From the bestselling author of *Everything I Never Told You*, a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. In *Shaker Heights*, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned—from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren—an enigmatic artist and single mother—who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. When old family friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town—and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia’s past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs. *Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood—and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. Named a Best Book of the Year by: People, The Washington Post, Bustle, Esquire, Southern Living, The Daily Beast, GQ, Entertainment Weekly, NPR, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iBooks, Audible, Goodreads, Library Reads, Book of the Month, Paste, Kirkus Reviews, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and many more... Perfect for book clubs! Visit celesteng.com for discussion guides and more.

Incendiary Chris Cleave 2011-01-11 A tragicomic open letter to Osama Bin Laden from a young London woman whose husband and son are killed in a terrorist attack on a soccer stadium.

A River of Stars Vanessa Hua 2019-08-06 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • In a powerful debut about modern-day motherhood, immigration, and identity, a pregnant Chinese woman stakes a claim to the American dream in California. “Utterly absorbing.”—Celeste Ng • “A marvel of a first novel.”—O: The Oprah Magazine • “The most eye-opening literary adventure of the year.”—Entertainment Weekly NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post • NPR • Real Simple Holed up with other mothers-to-be in a secret maternity home in Los Angeles, Scarlett Chen is far from her native China, where she worked in a factory and fell in love with the married owner, Boss Yeung. Now she’s carrying his baby. To ensure that his child—his first son—has every advantage, Boss Yeung has shipped Scarlett off to give birth on American soil. As Scarlett awaits the baby’s arrival, she spars with her imperious housemates. The only one who fits in even less is Daisy, a spirited, pregnant teenager who is being kept apart from her American boyfriend. Then a new sonogram of Scarlett’s baby reveals the unexpected. Panicked, she goes on the run by hijacking a van—only to discover that she has a stowaway: Daisy, who intends to track down the father of her child. The two flee to San Francisco’s bustling Chinatown, where Scarlett will join countless immigrants desperately trying to seize their piece of the American dream. What Scarlett doesn’t know is that her baby’s father is not far behind her. *A River of Stars* is a vivid examination of home and belonging and a moving portrayal of a woman determined to build her own future.

Praise for *A River of Stars* "Vanessa Hua's story spins with wild fervor, with charming protagonists fiercely motivated by maternal and survival instincts."—USA Today "A River of Stars is the best of all worlds: part buddy cop adventure, part coming-of-age story and part ode to female friendship."—NPR "Hua's epic *A River of Stars* follows a pair of pregnant Chinese immigrant women—two of the more vibrant characters I've come across in a while—on the lam from Los Angeles to San Francisco's Chinatown."—R. O. Kwon, author of *The Incendiaries*, in *Esquire* "A delightful novel of motherhood and Chinese immigration . . . Without wading into policy debates, Ms Hua dramatises the stories and contributions of immigrants who believe in grand ideals and strive to live up to them."—*The Economist*

His Favorites Kate Walbert 2019-06-11 A "tense, taut, and thrilling" (Marie Claire) novel about a teenage girl, a predatory teacher, and a school's complicity from the highly acclaimed, bestselling National Book Award finalist and author of *A Short History of Women*—"riveting, terrifying, exactly the book for our times" (Ann Patchett). They were on a lark, three teenaged girls speeding across the greens at night on a "borrowed" golf cart, drunk. The cart crashes and one of the girls lands violently in the rough, killed instantly. The driver, Jo, flees the hometown that has turned against her and enrolls at a prestigious boarding school. Her past weighs on her. She is responsible for the death of her best friend. She has tipped her parents' rocky marriage into demise. She is ready to begin again, far away from the accident. "Devastatingly relevant" (Vogue) and "fueled by gorgeous writing" (NPR), *His Favorites* reveals the interior life of a young woman determined to navigate the treachery in a new world. Told from her perspective many years later, the story coolly describes a series of shattering events and a school that failed to protect her. "Before things turn treacherous, there's a moment when predation can feel dangerously like kindness...Walbert understands this...His Favorites begs to be read" (Time).

Girl in Snow Danya Kukafka 2017-08-10 As featured on Simon Mayo's BBC Radio 2 Book Club. 'Dark and elegant' Mail on Sunday 'A creepy, psychological drama' GQ 'A haunting debut' Stylist Who are you when no one is watching? When beloved high school student Lucinda Hayes is found murdered, no one in her sleepy Colorado suburb is untouched - not the boy who loved her too much, not the girl who wanted her perfect life, not the police officer assigned to investigate. In the aftermath of the tragedy, these three unforgettable characters - Cameron, Jade, and Russ - must each confront their darkest secrets in an effort to find solace, the truth, or both. Intoxicating and intense, *Girl in Snow* is a compelling mystery set in small-town America. By focusing on those affected by the crime, rather than the crime itself, Danya Kukafka asks - what's the difference between who people seem to be and who they really are? Winner of a 2018 Hearst Big Book Award: Good Housekeeping's Crime Book of the Year. Shortlisted for the 2018 CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger.

Godshot Chelsea Bieker 2020-03-31 This "fiercely written and endlessly readable" novel of a teenage girl in thrall to a magnetic—and terrifying—preacher who promises to save her dying town is "a godsend" (Entertainment Weekly). Drought has settled on the town of Peaches, California. The area of the Central Valley where fourteen-year-old Lacey May and her alcoholic mother live was once an agricultural paradise. Now it's an environmental disaster, a place of cracked earth and barren raisin farms. In their desperation, residents have turned to a cult leader named Pastor Vern for guidance. He promises, through secret "assignments," to bring the rain

everybody is praying for. Lacey has no reason to doubt the pastor. But then her life explodes in a single unimaginable act of abandonment: her mother, exiled from the community for her sins, leaves Lacey and runs off with a man she barely knows. Abandoned and distraught, Lacey May moves in with her widowed grandma, Cherry, who is more concerned with her taxidermy mouse collection than her own granddaughter. As Lacey May endures the increasingly appalling acts of men who want to write all the rules and begins to uncover the full extent of Pastor Vern's shocking plan to bring fertility back to the land, she decides she must go on a quest to find her mother no matter what it takes. With her only guidance coming from the romance novels she reads and the unlikely companionship of the women who knew her mother, she must find her own way through unthinkable circumstances. Possessed of an unstoppable plot and a brilliantly soulful voice, *Godshot* is a book of grit and humor and heart, a debut novel about female friendship and resilience, mother-loss and motherhood, and seeking salvation in unexpected places. It introduces a writer who gives Flannery O'Connor's Gothic parables a Californian twist and who emerges with a miracle that is all her own. "[A] haunting debut . . . This is a harrowing tale, which Bieker smartly writes through the lens of a teenager on the cusp of understanding the often fraught relationship between religion and sexuality . . . It's a timely and disturbing portrait of how easily men can take advantage of vulnerable women—and the consequences sink in more deeply with each page."—Annabel Gutterman, *Time* "Drawn in brilliant, bizarre detail—baptism in warm soda, wisdom from romance novels—Lacey's twin crises of faith and femininity tangle powerfully. Fiercely written and endlessly readable, a novel like this is a godsend. A—"—Mary Sollosi, *Entertainment Weekly* "[An] absolute masterpiece . . . Imagine if Annie Proulx wrote something like *White Oleander* crossed with *Geek Love* or *Cruddy*, and then add cults, God, motherhood, girlhood, class, deserts, witches, the divinity of women . . . Terrifying, resplendent, and profoundly moving, this book will leave you changed." —T Kira Madden, author of *Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls*

Before and After the Book Deal Courtney Maum 2020-01-07 Everything you've ever wanted to know about publishing but were too afraid to ask is right here in this funny, candid guide written by an acclaimed author. There are countless books on the market about how to write better but very few books on how to break into the marketplace with your first book. Cutting through the noise (and very mixed advice) online, while both dispelling rumors and remaining positive, Courtney Maum's *Before and After the Book Deal* is a one-of-a-kind resource that can help you get your book published. *Before and After the Book Deal: A Writer's Guide to Finishing, Publishing, Promoting, and Surviving Your First Book* has over 150 contributors from all walks of the industry, including international bestselling authors Anthony Doerr, Roxane Gay, Garth Greenwell, Lisa Ko, R. O. Kwon, Rebecca Makkai, and Ottessa Moshfegh, alongside cult favorites Sarah Gerard, Melissa Febos, Mitchell S. Jackson, and Mira Jacob. Agents, film scouts, film producers, translators, disability and minority activists, and power agents and editors also weigh in, offering advice and sharing intimate anecdotes about even the most taboo topics in the industry. Their wisdom will help aspiring authors find a foothold in the publishing world and navigate the challenges of life before and after publication with sanity and grace. Are MFA programs worth the time and money? How do people actually sit down and finish a novel? Did you get a good advance? What do you do when you feel envious of other writers? And why the heck aren't your friends saying anything about your book? Covering questions ranging from the logistical to the existential (and everything in between), *Before and After the Book Deal* is the definitive guide for anyone who has ever wanted to know what it's really like

to be an author.

Kink R.O. Kwon 2021-02-09 A New York Times Notable Book *Kink* is a groundbreaking anthology of literary short fiction exploring love and desire, BDSM, and interests across the sexual spectrum, edited by lauded writers R.O. Kwon and Garth Greenwell, and featuring a roster of all-star contributors including Alexander Chee, Roxane Gay, Carmen Maria Machado, and more. A Most-Anticipated book of 2021 as selected by *Marie Claire*, *O, The Oprah Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Time*, *The Millions*, *The Advocate*, *Autostraddle*, *Refinery29*, *Shape*, *Town & Country*, *Book Riot*, *Literary Hub*. *Kink* is a dynamic anthology of literary fiction that opens an imaginative door into the world of desire. The stories within this collection portray love, desire, BDSM, and sexual kinks in all their glory with a bold new vision. The collection includes works by renowned fiction writers such as Callum Angus, Alexander Chee, Vanessa Clark, Melissa Febos, Kim Fu, Roxane Gay, Cara Hoffman, Zeyn Joukhadar, Chris Kraus, Carmen Maria Machado, Peter Mountford, Larissa Pham, and Brandon Taylor, with Garth Greenwell and R.O. Kwon as editors. The stories within explore bondage, power-play, and submissive-dominant relationships; we are taken to private estates, therapists' offices, underground sex clubs, and even a sex theater in early-20th century Paris. While there are whips and chains, sure, the true power of these stories lies in their beautiful, moving dispatches from across the sexual spectrum of interest and desires, as portrayed by some of today's most exciting writers.

Gold Chris Cleave 2012-07-03 Building on the tradition of *Little Bee*, Chris Cleave again writes with elegance, humor, and passion about friendship, marriage, parenthood, tragedy, and redemption. What would you sacrifice for the people you love? *KATE AND ZOE* met at nineteen when they both made the cut for the national training program in track cycling—a sport that demands intense focus, blinding exertion, and unwavering commitment. They are built to exploit the barest physical and psychological edge over equally skilled rivals, all of whom are fighting for the last one tenth of a second that separates triumph from despair. Now at thirty-two, the women are facing their last and biggest race: the 2012 Olympics. Each wants desperately to win gold, and each has more than a medal to lose. Kate is the more naturally gifted, but the demands of her life have a tendency to slow her down. Her eight-year-old daughter Sophie dreams of the Death Star and of battling alongside the Rebels as evil white blood cells ravage her personal galaxy—she is fighting a recurrence of the leukemia that nearly killed her three years ago. Sophie doesn't want to stand in the way of her mum's Olympic dreams, but each day the dark forces of the universe seem to be massing against her. Devoted and self-sacrificing Kate knows her daughter is fragile, but at the height of her last frenzied months of training, might she be blind to the most terrible prognosis? Intense, aloof Zoe has always hovered on the periphery of real human companionship, and her compulsive need to win at any cost has more than once threatened her friendship with Kate—and her own sanity. Will she allow her obsession, and the advantage she has over a harried, anguished mother, to sever the bond they have shared for more than a decade? Echoing the adrenaline-fueled rush of a race around the Velodrome track, *Gold* is a triumph of superbly paced, heart-in-throat storytelling. With great humanity and glorious prose, Chris Cleave examines the values that lie at the heart of our most intimate relationships, and the choices we make when lives are at stake and everything is on the line.

The High Season Judy Blundell 2018-05-22 “A mesmerizing, head-spinning—and sometimes madcap-hilarious—take of have and have-nots.”—People (Book of the

Week) NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY REAL SIMPLE AND KIRKUS REVIEWS • "In the smart, breezy, sweet spot between Meg Wolitzer and Elin Hilderbrand."—Entertainment Weekly No matter what the world throws her way, at least Ruthie Beamish has the house. Located by the sea in a quiet Long Island village, the house is her nest egg—the retirement account shared with her ex-husband, Mike, and the college fund for their teenage daughter, Jem. The catch? To afford the house, Ruthie must let it go during the best part of the year. It's Memorial Day weekend and the start of what Jem calls "the summer bummer": the family's annual exodus to make way for renters. This year, the Hamptons set has arrived. Adeline Clay is elegant and connected—and will never need to worry about money. Before long, she demonstrates an uncanny ability to help herself to Ruthie's life. Is Adeline just being her fabulous self, or is she out to take what she wants? When an eccentric billionaire, his wayward daughter, a coterie of social climbers, and Ruthie's old flame are thrown into the mix, the entire town finds itself on the verge of tumultuous change. But as Ruthie loses her grasp on her job, her home, and her family, she discovers a new talent for pushing back. By the end of one unhinged, unforgettable summer, nothing will be the same—least of all Ruthie. Praise for *The High Season* "Blundell knows the territory. . . . Her account of Ruthie's coming to grips with a career, a daughter and a community in flux is as touching as it is convincing."—The Wall Street Journal "A huge page-turner . . . so compelling . . . a classic beach read, but very smart, very intelligently written."—Us Weekly, Emily Giffin's Summer Reading Recommendations "An acid-laced domestic drama set during one golden summer on the moneyed, beachy North Fork of Long Island."—The New York Times "Judy Blundell wields words like an oyster knife in this shimmering story of art, money, and celebrity."—Helen Simonson, New York Times bestselling author of *The Summer Before the War* "A wry, often hilarious story of a woman trying to keep it together when everything is going so, so wrong."—Real Simple

Heartbreaker Claudia Dey 2018-08-21 The love between a daughter and her mother—and the dark secrets they keep from each other—are at the heart of this wildly imaginative novel that combines elements of *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Stranger Things*, and *Twin Peaks*. "I love *Heartbreaker's* outlandishness, its sizzling energy—the bright, fierce music in every sentence."—Leni Zumas, author of *Red Clocks* It's 1985. Pony Darlene Fontaine has lived all her fifteen years in "the territory," a settlement founded decades ago by a charismatic cult leader. In this strange town run on a sinister economic resource, the women crimp their hair and wear shoulder pads, and the teenagers listen to Nazareth and Whitesnake on their Walkmans. Pony's family lives in the bungalow at the farthest edge of town, where the territory borders the rest of the wider world—a place none of the townspeople have ever been. Except for Billie Jean Fontaine, Pony's mother. When Billie Jean arrived in the territory seventeen years prior—falling from the open door of a stolen car—the residents took her in and made her one of their own. She was the first outsider they had ever laid eyes on. Pony adores and idolizes her mother, but like everyone else in the territory she is mystified by her. Billie Jean refuses to describe the world she came from. One night, Billie Jean grabs her truck keys, bolts barefoot into the cold October darkness—and vanishes. Beautiful, beloved, and secretive, Billie Jean was the first person to be welcomed into the territory. Now, with a frantic search under way for her missing mother, Pony fears: Will she be the first person to leave it too? Told from the three unforgettable perspectives of a daughter, a killer dog, and a teenage boy named Supernatural, this novel is startling in its humor and wrenching in its wisdom about the powers, limits, and dangers of love. *Heartbreaker* is an electrifying page-turner about a woman reinventing herself in order to survive—and a daughter who must race against

the clock to untangle the mysteries left in her mother's wake. Praise for Heartbreaker "A fierce exploration of memory and zeitgeist . . . Heartbreaker is a darkly comedic weirdo of a book that pulls the string of nostalgia from one side while unraveling it from the other."—The Paris Review "This is a book like no other. It's eerie, it's cult-y, it's so very exciting, and I never wanted it to end."—Buzzfeed, Best Books of Fall 2018 "Claudia Dey renders 1985 in perfectly crimped, shoulder-padded detail. . . . Come for the Shyamalanian premise. Stay for the hard-rock soundtrack."—Chicago Tribune

The Book of Joan Lidia Yuknavitch 2019-02-07 Internationally bestselling author Lidia Yuknavitch offers a re-imagined Joan of Arc poised to save a world ravaged by war, in this genre-defying masterpiece.

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I Miss You When I Blink Mary Laura Philpott 2020-04-07 NATIONAL BESTSELLER A charmingly relatable and wise memoir-in-essays by acclaimed writer and bookseller Mary Laura Philpott, "the modern day reincarnation of..Nora Ephron, Erma Bombeck, Jean Kerr, and Laurie Colwin—all rolled into one" (The Washington Post), about what happened after she checked off all the boxes on a successful life's to-do list and realized she might need to reinvent the list—and herself. Mary Laura Philpott thought she'd cracked the code: Always be right, and you'll always be happy. But once she'd completed her life's to-do list (job, spouse, house, babies-check!), she found that instead of feeling content and successful, she felt anxious. Lost. Stuck in a daily grind of overflowing calendars, grueling small talk, and sprawling traffic. She'd done everything "right" but still felt all wrong. What's the worse failure, she wondered: smiling and staying the course, or blowing it all up and running away? And are those the only options? Taking on the conflicting pressures of modern adulthood, Philpott provides a "frank and funny look at what happens when, in the midst of a tidy life, there occur impossible-to-ignore tugs toward creativity, meaning, and the possibility of something more" (Southern Living). She offers up her own stories to show that identity crises don't happen just once or only at midlife and reassures us that small, recurring personal re-inventions are both normal and necessary. Most of all, in this "warm embrace of a life lived imperfectly" (Esquire), Philpott shows that when you stop feeling

satisfied with your life, you don't have to burn it all down. You can call upon your many selves to figure out who you are, who you're not, and where you belong. Who among us isn't trying to do that? "Be forewarned that you'll laugh out loud and cry, probably in the same essay. Philpott has a wonderful way of finding humor, even in darker moments. This is a book you'll want to buy for yourself and every other woman you know" (Real Simple).

The Association of Small Bombs Karan Mahajan 2016-10-18 National Book Award Finalist Winner of the New York Public Library Young Lions Fiction Award Winner of the American Academy of Arts & Letters Rosenthal Family Foundation Award Winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Award Winner of the Bard Fiction Prize One of the New York Times Book Review's Ten Best Books of the Year One of Granta's Best Young American Novelists A Washington Post Notable Fiction Book of the Year PEN Center USA Literary Award Finalist for Fiction Simpson Family Literary Prize Finalist Shortlisted for the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature Longlisted for the FT/Oppenheimer Emerging Voices Award Named a Best Book of the Year by: BuzzFeed, Esquire, New York magazine, The Huffington Post, The Guardian, The AV Club, The Fader, Redbook, Electric Literature, Book Riot, Bustle, Good magazine, PureWow, and PopSugar "Wonderful. . . . Smart, devastating, unpredictable. . . . I suggest you go out and buy this one. Post haste." -Fiona Maazel, The New York Times Book Review "Brilliant." -Sam Sacks, The Wall Street Journal "[Mahajan's] eagerness to go at the bomb from every angle suggests a voracious approach to fiction-making." -The New Yorker One of the most celebrated novels of recent years, *The Association of Small Bombs* is an expansive and deeply humane novel that is at once groundbreaking in its empathy, dazzling in its acuity, and ambitious in scope When brothers Tushar and Nakul Khurana, two Delhi schoolboys, pick up their family's television set at a repair shop with their friend Mansoor Ahmed one day in 1996, disaster strikes without warning. A bomb—one of the many "small" bombs that go off seemingly unheralded across the world—detonates in the Delhi marketplace, instantly claiming the lives of the Khurana boys, to the devastation of their parents. Mansoor survives, bearing the physical and psychological effects of the bomb. After a brief stint at university in America, Mansoor returns to Delhi, where his life becomes entangled with the mysterious and charismatic Ayub, a fearless young activist whose own allegiances and beliefs are more malleable than Mansoor could imagine. Woven among the story of the Khuranas and the Ahmeds is the gripping tale of Shockie, a Kashmiri bomb maker who has forsaken his own life for the independence of his homeland. Karan Mahajan writes brilliantly about the effects of terrorism on victims and perpetrators, proving himself to be one of the most provocative and dynamic novelists of his generation.

The Return of the Soldier Dame Rebecca West 1918

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Moving Kings Joshua Cohen 2017-07-11 A propulsive, incendiary novel about faith, race, class, and what it means to have a home, from Joshua Cohen, "a major American writer" (The New York Times) NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY VULTURE AND BOOKFORUM One of the boldest voices of his generation, Joshua Cohen returns with *Moving Kings*, a powerful and provocative novel that interweaves, in profoundly intimate terms, the housing crisis in America's poor black and Hispanic neighborhoods with the world's oldest conflict, in the Middle East. The year is 2015, and twenty-one-year-olds Yoav and Uri, veterans of the last Gaza War, have just completed their compulsory military service in the Israel Defense Forces. In keeping with national tradition, they take a year off for rest, recovery, and travel. They come to New York City and begin working for Yoav's distant cousin David King—a proud American patriot, Republican, and Jew, and the recently divorced proprietor of King's Moving Inc., a heavyweight in the tri-state area's moving and storage industries. Yoav and Uri now must struggle to become reacquainted with civilian life, but it's not easy to move beyond their traumatic pasts when their days are spent kicking down doors as eviction-movers in the ungentrified corners of the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens, throwing out delinquent tenants and seizing their possessions. And what starts off as a profitable if eerily familiar job—an "Occupation"—quickly turns violent when they encounter one homeowner seeking revenge. Praise for *Moving Kings* "A Jewish Sopranos . . . utterly engrossing, full of passionate sympathy . . . Cohen is an extraordinary prose stylist, surely one of the most prodigious at work in American fiction today."—James Wood, *The New Yorker* "Brilliant . . . It feels master-planned to slowly unsettle your convictions, as the best novels do. . . . Cohen has a brain-on-fire intellect and a Balzac-grade enthusiasm for understanding varieties of experience."—Los Angeles Times "Moving Kings is a lit fuse, a force let loose, a creeping flame heading for demolition, and Cohen himself is a master of argot and wit."—Cynthia Ozick "A dazzling and poignant book."—Rachel Kushner "Cohen's writing is filled with sharp turns of phrase and elegant rhythms. . . . The denouement is as vengeful as any Old Testament plot twist. . . . Cohen has become one of America's top young novelists."—Time

Private Citizens Tony Tulathimutte 2016-02-09 PRIVATE CITIZENS was named a best book of the year by New York Magazine/Vulture, The New Yorker, BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, Nylon, Kirkus, Electric Literature and The Millions. An Amazon Best Book of the Month in the Literature & Fiction Category A BuzzFeed "Most Exciting" Book of 2016 A Flavorwire "Most Anticipated" Book of 2016 New York Magazine calls *Private Citizens* "the first great millennial novel." Emma Cline calls it "brilliant." From a brilliant new literary talent comes a sweeping comic portrait of privilege, ambition, and friendship in millennial San Francisco. With the social acuity of Adelle Waldman and the murderous wit of Martin Amis, Tony Tulathimutte's *Private Citizens* is a brainy, irreverent debut—This Side of Paradise for a new era. Capturing the anxious, self-aware mood of young college grads in the aughts, *Private Citizens* embraces the

contradictions of our new century: call it a loving satire. A gleefully rude comedy of manners. Middlemarch for Millennials. The novel's four whip-smart narrators—idealistic Cory, Internet-lurking Will, awkward Henrik, and vicious Linda—are torn between fixing the world and cannibalizing it. In boisterous prose that ricochets between humor and pain, the four estranged friends stagger through the Bay Area's maze of tech startups, protestors, gentrifiers, karaoke bars, house parties, and cultish self-help seminars, washing up in each other's lives once again. A wise and searching depiction of a generation grappling with privilege and finding grace in failure, *Private Citizens* is as expansively intelligent as it is full of heart.

The Unpassing Chia-Chia Lin 2019-05-07 Finalist for the 2019 NBCC John Leonard Prize for Best First Book. Shortlisted for the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize. One of Entertainment Weekly's 10 Best Debut Novels of 2019. Named one of the Best Books of 2019 by TIME, The Washington Post, and Esquire. A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice. "A singularly vast and captivating novel . . . What makes Lin's novel such an important book is the extent to which it probes America's mythmaking about itself." --The New York Times Book Review A searing debut novel that explores community, identity, and the myth of the American dream through an immigrant family in Alaska In Chia-Chia Lin's debut novel, *The Unpassing*, we meet a Taiwanese immigrant family of six struggling to make ends meet on the outskirts of Anchorage, Alaska. The father, hardworking but beaten down, is employed as a plumber and repairman, while the mother, a loving, strong-willed, and unpredictably emotional matriarch, holds the house together. When ten-year-old Gavin contracts meningitis at school, he falls into a deep, nearly fatal coma. He wakes up a week later to learn that his little sister Ruby was infected, too. She did not survive. Routine takes over for the grieving family: the siblings care for each other as they befriend a neighboring family and explore the woods; distance grows between the parents as they deal with their loss separately. But things spiral when the father, increasingly guilt ridden after Ruby's death, is sued for not properly installing a septic tank, which results in grave harm to a little boy. In the ensuing chaos, what really happened to Ruby finally emerges. With flowing prose that evokes the terrifying beauty of the Alaskan wilderness, Lin explores the fallout after the loss of a child and the way in which a family is forced to grieve in a place that doesn't yet feel like home. Emotionally raw and subtly suspenseful, *The Unpassing* is a deeply felt family saga that dismisses the American dream for a harsher, but ultimately more profound, reality.

Incendiary Pretty in Ink Creations 2021-06-16 We both know that I've done my best to be a good father to these children. Sometimes, I felt like I had done right by them, but all I've ever had are disappointments. I'm going to give myself one more chance to get this right now that Darby is out of the way. Maybe they'll listen, but I doubt it. It still doesn't change how I feel a family should be run. And you ... You're always so quick to believe the lies of children. Honestly, it makes me laugh. If what they told you makes you sleep better at night, feel free to imagine that it's true. Anyway, let me tell you what happened before he went off to find his sister. And if you still want to find some comfort in what he's already said, then by all means--continue believing their lies. They'll fight me; I can already see it in their eyes. But you know what they say. You can't keep a good man down.

Illusionary Zoraida Córdova 2021-05-11 In this thrilling adventure, our magical heroine embarks on a dangerous journey in order to bring justice to the kingdom—perfect for fans of Sabaa Tahir and Sarah J. Maas. Reeling from

betrayal at the hands of the Whispers, Renata Convida is a girl on the run. With few options and fewer allies, she's reluctantly joined forces with none other than Prince Castian, her most infuriating and intriguing enemy. They're united by lofty goals: find the fabled Knife of Memory, kill the ruthless King Fernando, and bring peace to the nation. Together, Ren and Castian have a chance to save everything, if only they can set aside their complex and intense feelings for each other. With the king's forces on their heels at every turn, their quest across Puerto Leones and beyond leaves little room for mistakes. But the greatest danger is within Ren. The Gray, her fortress of stolen memories, has begun to crumble, threatening her grip on reality. She'll have to control her magics—and her mind—to unlock her power and protect the Moria people once and for all. For years, she was wielded as weapon. Now it's her time to fight back.

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The Third Hotel Laura van den Berg 2018-08-07 "[A] future cult classic." —The New York Times Book Review "There's Borges and Bolaño, Kafka and Cortázar, Modiano and Murakami, and now Laura van den Berg." —The Washington Post Finalist for the NYPL Young Lions Award. Named a Best Book of 2018 by The Boston Globe, Huffington Post, Electric Literature and Lit Hub. An August 2018 IndieNext Selection. Named a Summer 2018 Read by The Washington Post, Vulture, Nylon, Elle, BBC, InStyle, Refinery29, Bustle, O, the Oprah Magazine, Entertainment Weekly, Harper's Bazaar, Conde Nast Traveler, Southern Living, Lit Hub, and Vol. 1 Brooklyn. In Havana, Cuba, a widow tries to come to terms with her husband's death—and the truth about their marriage—in Laura van den Berg's surreal, mystifying story of psychological reflection and metaphysical mystery. Shortly after Clare arrives in Havana, Cuba, to attend the annual Festival of New Latin American Cinema, she finds her husband, Richard, standing outside a museum. He's wearing a white linen suit she's never seen before, and he's supposed to be dead. Grief-stricken and baffled, Clare tails Richard, a horror film scholar, through the newly tourist-filled streets of Havana, clocking his every move. As the distinction between reality and fantasy blurs, Clare finds grounding in memories of her childhood in Florida and of her marriage to Richard, revealing her role in his death and reappearance along the way. *The Third Hotel* is a propulsive, brilliantly shape-shifting novel from an inventive author at the height of her narrative powers.

Sinatra James Kaplan 2016-10-25 One of the Best Books of the Year The Washington Post • Los Angeles Times • Milwaukee Journal Sentinel The story of Frank Sinatra's second act, Sinatra finds the Chairman on top of the world, riding high after an Oscar victory—and firmly reestablished as the top recording artist of his day. Following Sinatra from the mid-1950s to his death in 1998, Kaplan uncovers the man behind the myth, revealing by turns the peerless singer, the (sometimes) powerful actor, the business mogul, the

tireless lover, and—of course—the close associate of the powerful and infamous. It was in these decades that the enduring legacy of Frank Sinatra was forged, and Kaplan vividly captures “Ol’ Blue Eyes” in his later years. The sequel to the New York Times best-selling *Frank*, here is the concluding volume of the definitive biography of “The Entertainer of the Century.”

Incendiary Zoraida Córdova 2020-04-28 Set in a lushly drawn world inspired by Inquisition Spain, Zoraida Córdova's fantasy is an epic tale of love and revenge perfect for fans of Sabaa Tahir and Sarah J. Maas. As a memory thief, the rarest and most feared of the magical Moria, Renata was used by the crown to carry out the King's Wrath, a siege that resulted in the deaths of thousands of her own people. Now Renata is one of the Whispers, rebel spies working against the crown. The Whispers may have rescued Renata years ago, but she cannot escape their mistrust and hatred—or the overpowering memories of the hundreds of souls she drained during her time in the palace. When Dez, the commander of her unit—and the boy she's grown to love—is taken captive by the notorious Principe Dorado, Renata must return to Andalucia and complete Dez's top secret mission herself. But as Renata grows more deeply embedded in the politics of the royal court, she uncovers a secret in her past that could change the fate of the entire kingdom—and end the war that has cost her everything.

Crooked Hallelujah Kelli Jo Ford 2020-07-14 “A masterful debut” that follows four generations of Cherokee women across four decades—from the Plimpton Prize-winning author (Sarah Jessica Parker). It’s 1974 in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and fifteen-year-old Justine grows up in a family of tough, complicated, and loyal women, presided over by her mother, Lula, and Granny. After Justine’s father abandoned the family, Lula became a devout member of the Holiness Church—a community that Justine at times finds stifling and terrifying. But Justine does her best as a devoted daughter, until an act of violence sends her on a different path forever. *Crooked Hallelujah* tells the stories of Justine—a mixed-blood Cherokee woman—and her daughter, Reney, as they move from Eastern Oklahoma’s Indian Country in the hopes of starting a new, more stable life in Texas amid the oil bust of the 1980s. However, life in Texas isn’t easy, and Reney feels unmoored from her family in Indian Country. Against the vivid backdrop of the Red River, we see their struggle to survive in a world—of unreliable men and near-Biblical natural forces, like wildfires and tornados—intent on stripping away their connections to one another and their very ideas of home. In lush and empathic prose, Kelli Jo Ford depicts what this family of proud, stubborn, Cherokee women sacrifices for those they love, amid larger forces of history, religion, class, and culture. This is a big-hearted and ambitious novel of the powerful bonds between mothers and daughters by an exquisite and rare new talent. “A compelling journey through the evolving terrain of multiple generations of women.” —TheWashington Post

The Club Takis Würger 2019-03-12 “Wildly entertaining . . . as it unfolds, brutal truths about class and gender and violence emerge, take hold and shudder through the novel’s final pages.” —Megan Abbott, national bestselling author As a boy, Hans Stichler enjoys a fable-like childhood among the rolling hills and forests of North Germany, living an idyll that seems uninteruptable—until two disasters change his life forever. He falls into the guardianship of his eccentric English aunt Alex, who invites him to come to university at Cambridge, where she teaches art history. Alex will ensure his application to St. John’s College is accepted, but in return Hans must help her investigate a secretive Cambridge institution known as the Pitt Club. The Club has existed at

Cambridge for centuries, its long legacy of tradition, privilege, and decadence largely unquestioned. As Hans makes his best efforts to prove Club material, including training for the university boxing team, he is drawn into a glamorous world of debauchery and macho solidarity. And when he falls in love with fellow student Charlotte, the stakes of his deception are raised. For there are dark secrets in the Club's history, as well as in its present—and Hans soon finds himself in the inner sanctum of a dangerous institution, forced to grapple with the notion that sometimes one must do wrong to do right. “The Club starts out as a poignant coming-of-age tale and then morphs into an intelligent, fast-paced thriller that scrutinizes class divides and gender imbalance.”
—Minneapolis Star Tribune “A timely, beautifully paced novel about class and prestige in the #MeToo era.” —Booklist