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RANDOM
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Jackie

Dawn Tripp

Random House

Hardcover

On sale: June 18th

ISBN-13: 9780812997217

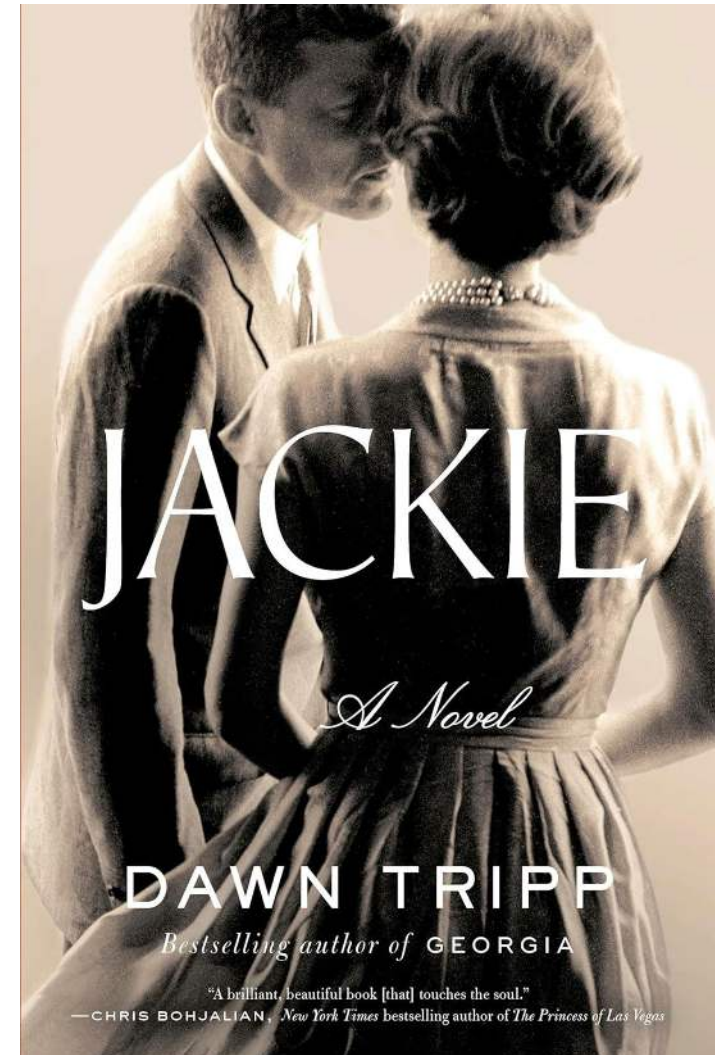
\$30.00

In this mesmerizing novel about Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, acclaimed author Dawn Tripp has crafted an intimate story of love and power, family and tragedy, loss and reinvention.

“A brilliant, beautiful book [that] touches the soul.”—Chris Bohjalian, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Princess of Las Vegas*



RANDOM
HOUSE



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Lisa Wingate

Ballantine Books

Hardcover

On sale: June 4th

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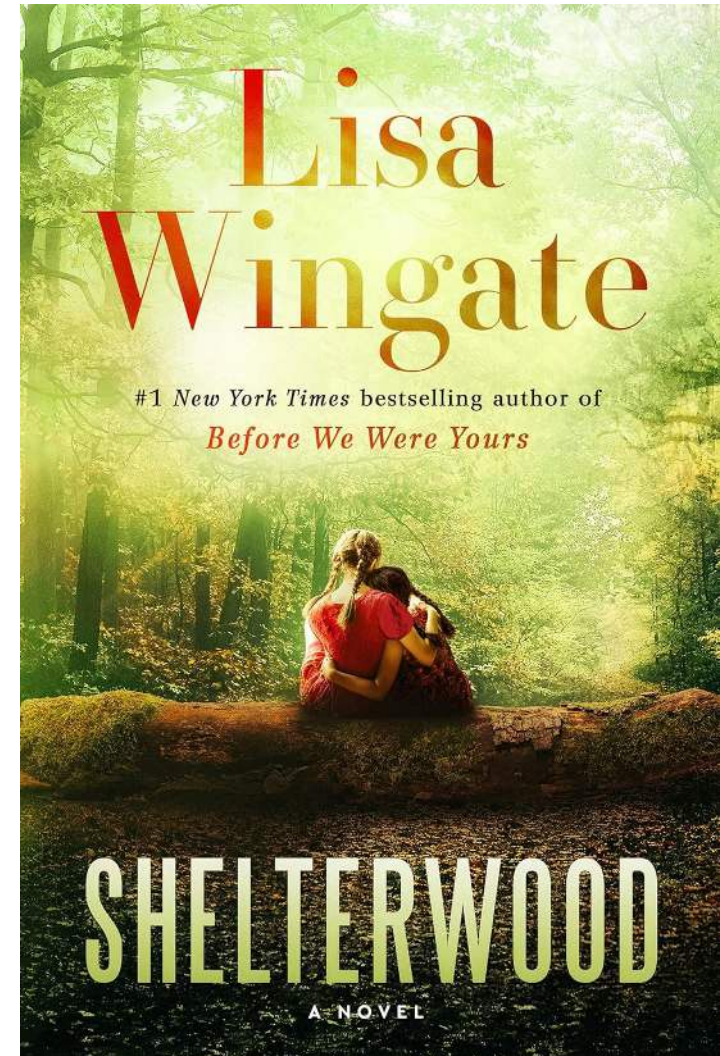
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From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours* comes a sweeping novel inspired by the untold history of women pioneers who fought to protect children caught in the storm of land barons hungry for power and oil wealth.

“Wingate is at the top of her game.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review



**BALLANTINE
BOOKS**



Husbands & Lovers

Beatriz Williams

Ballantine Books

Hardcover

On sale: June 25th

ISBN-13: 9780593724224

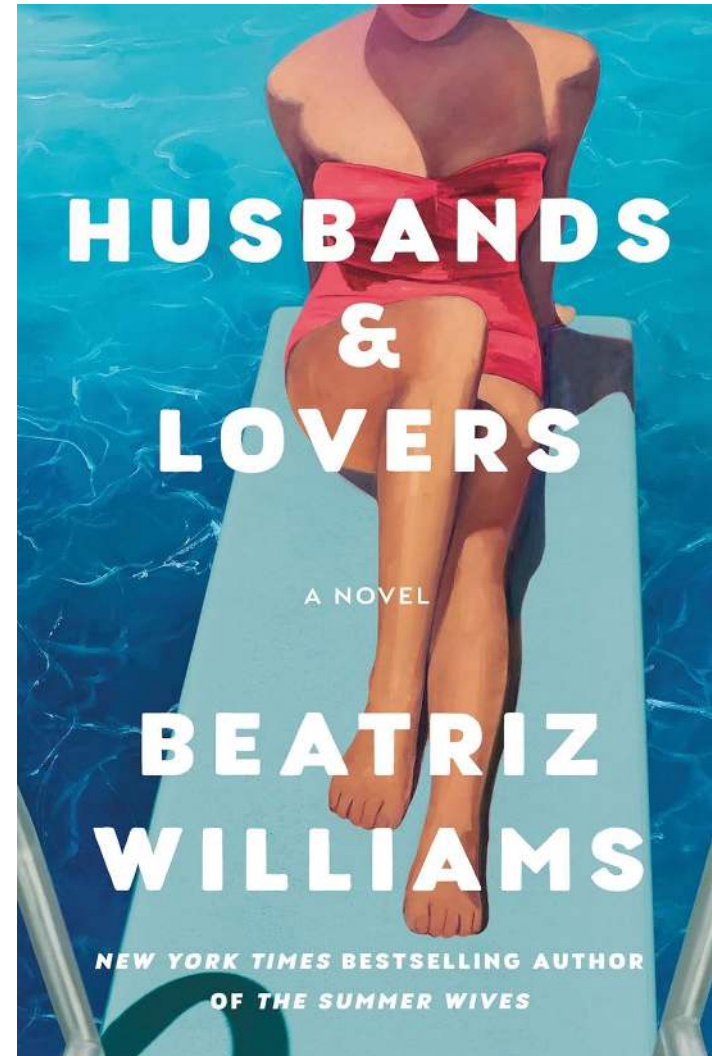
\$30.00

Two women --- separated by decades and continents, and united by an exotic family heirloom --- reclaim secrets and lost loves in this sweeping novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Summer Wives*.

“My favorite kind of page-turner --- unputdownable!” —Martha Hall Kelly, author of *The Golden Doves*



**BALLANTINE
BOOKS**



By Any Other Name

Jodi Picoult

Ballantine Books

Hardcover

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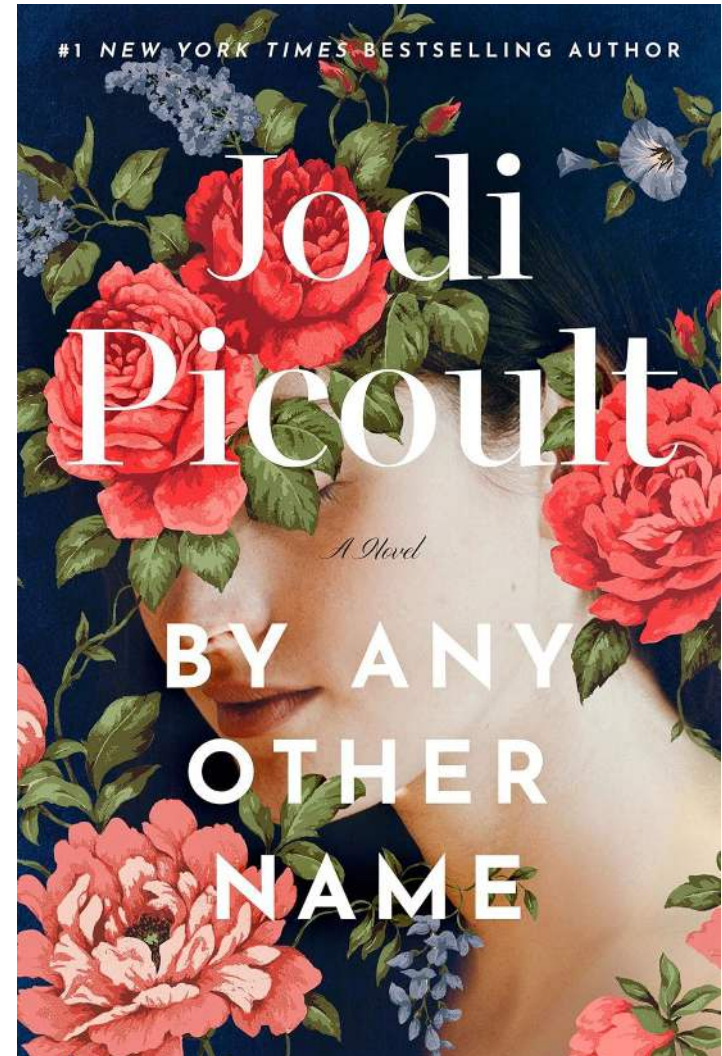
ISBN-13: 9780593497210

\$30.00

From the *New York Times* bestselling co-author of *Mad Honey* comes a novel about two women, centuries apart --- one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare's plays --- who are both forced to hide behind another name.



**BALLANTINE
BOOKS**



The Puzzle Box

Danielle Trussoni

Random House

Hardcover

On sale: October 8th

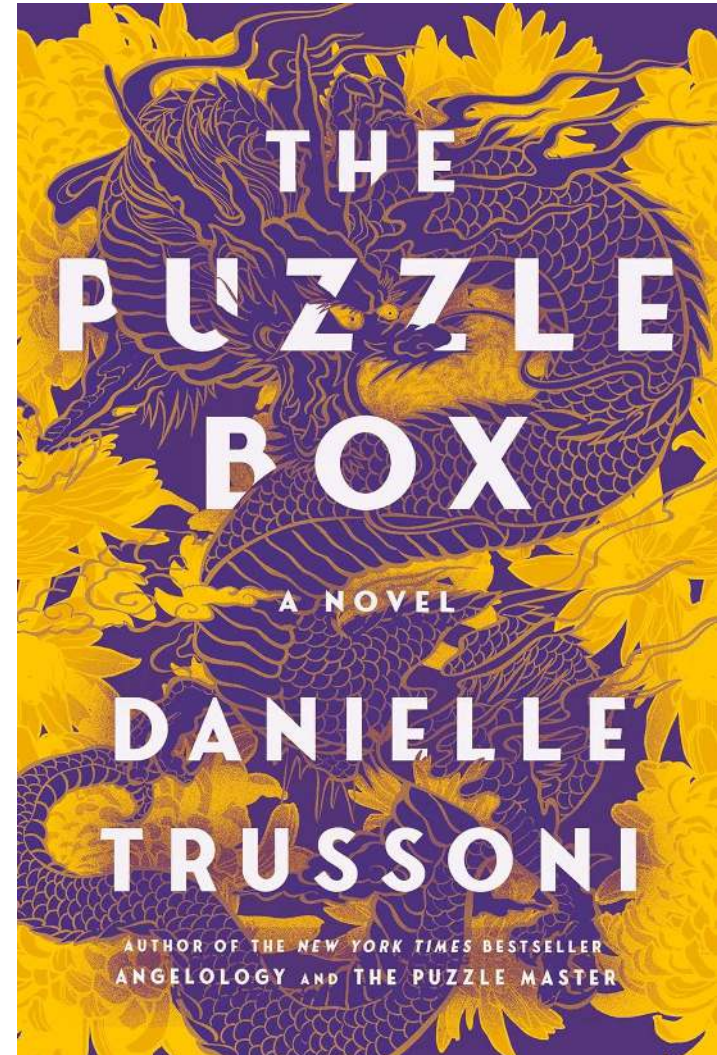
ISBN-13: 9780593595329

\$30.00

Two sisters. A lost imperial treasure. The world's greatest puzzle master has 24 hours to solve the most dangerous mystery of his life...or die trying, in the new novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Puzzle Master*, hailed as "thrilling" by David Baldacci.



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HOUSE



Like Mother, Like Mother

Susan Rieger

The Dial Press

Hardcover

On sale: October 29th

ISBN-13: 9780525512493

\$29.00

An enthralling novel about three generations of strong-willed women, unknowingly shaped by the secrets buried in their family's past.

"A novel in the spirit of Meg Wolitzer, Jean Hanff Korelitz, and the great Nora Ephron. Who says comedy is dead? It's all here --- the joyful craziness, the wisecracking newswoman, the family secrets with a twist of lime." —Allegra Goodman, bestselling author of *Sam*



THE DIAL PRESS



Harlequin Trade Publishing



The Dallergut Dream Department Store

Miye Lee

Hanover Square Press

Hardcover

On sale: July 9th

ISBN-13: 9781335081179

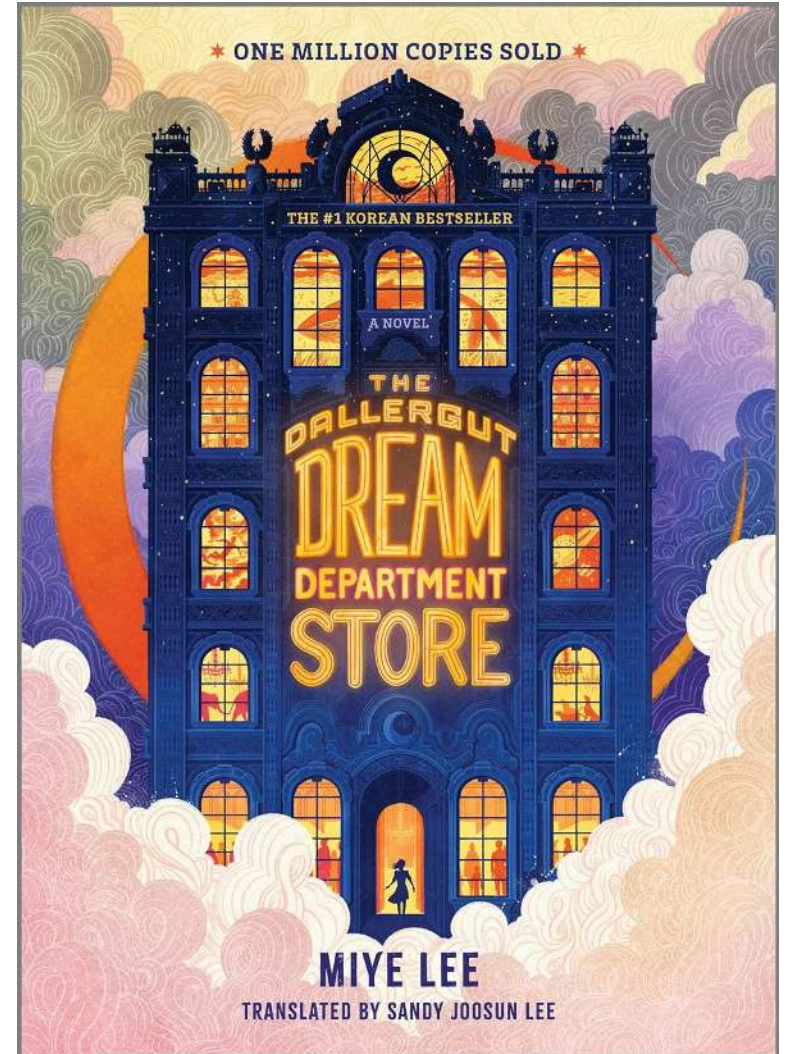
\$21.99

What if there was a store that sold dreams? Which would you buy? And who might you become when you wake up?

An ABA Indies Introduce Selection and an Indie Next Pick!



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The Days I Loved You Most

Amy Neff

Park Row Books

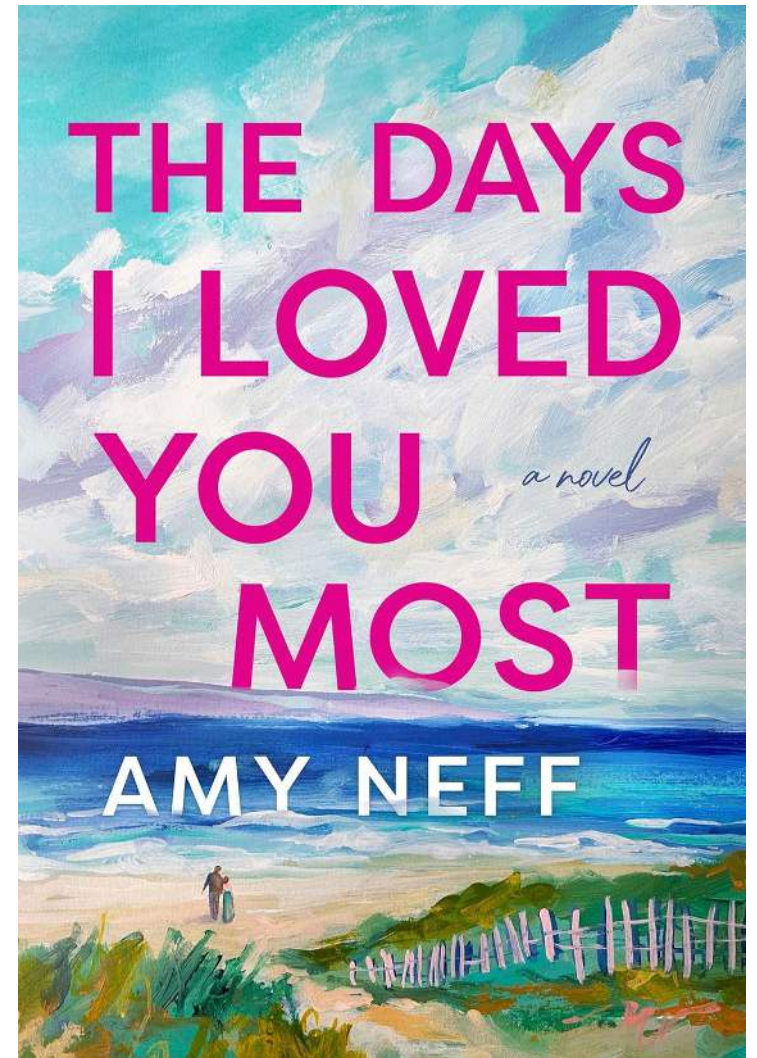
Hardcover

On sale: July 30th

ISBN-13: 9780778310471

\$28.99

A timeless tale of unwavering devotion, *The Days I Loved You Most* is the next great book club sensation and love story for the ages, joining *The Notebook*, *Me Before You* and *In Five Years*.



Drawn Testimony

Jane Rosenberg

Hanover Square Press

Hardcover

On sale: August 13th

ISBN-13: 9781335008046

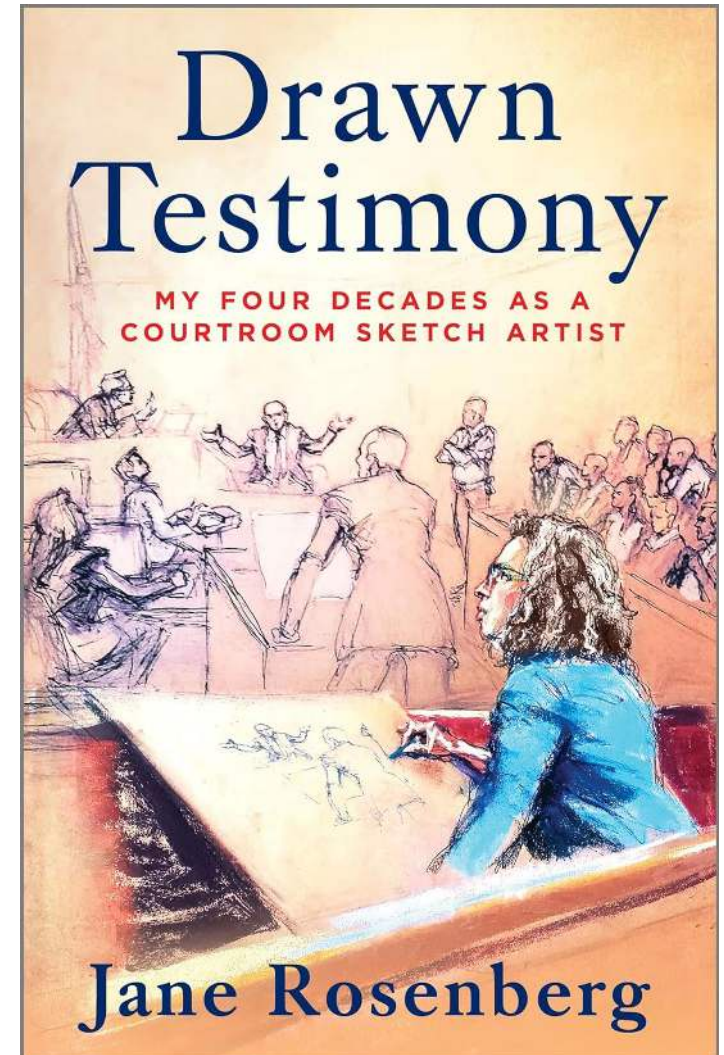
\$30.00

The most famous courtroom sketch artist in the world chronicles her four-decade career in this penetrating and compulsively readable memoir.

For fans of *Lab Girl* and *Working Stiff*.



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Voyage of the Damned

Frances White

MIRA

Hardcover

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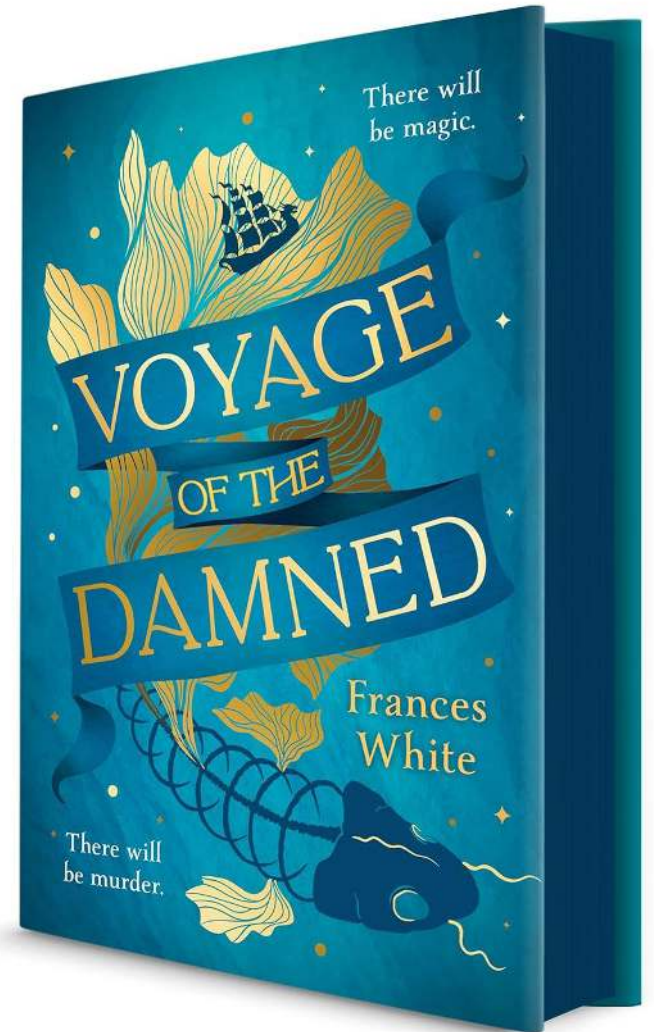
ISBN-13: 9780778387428

\$30.00

The UK fantasy debut sensation everyone is talking about!
Magical. Gay. Mystery. Cruise.

A mind-blowing murder mystery on a ship full of magical passengers.
If Agatha Christie wrote fantasy, this would be it!

MIRA



The Book Swap

Tessa Bickers

Graydon House

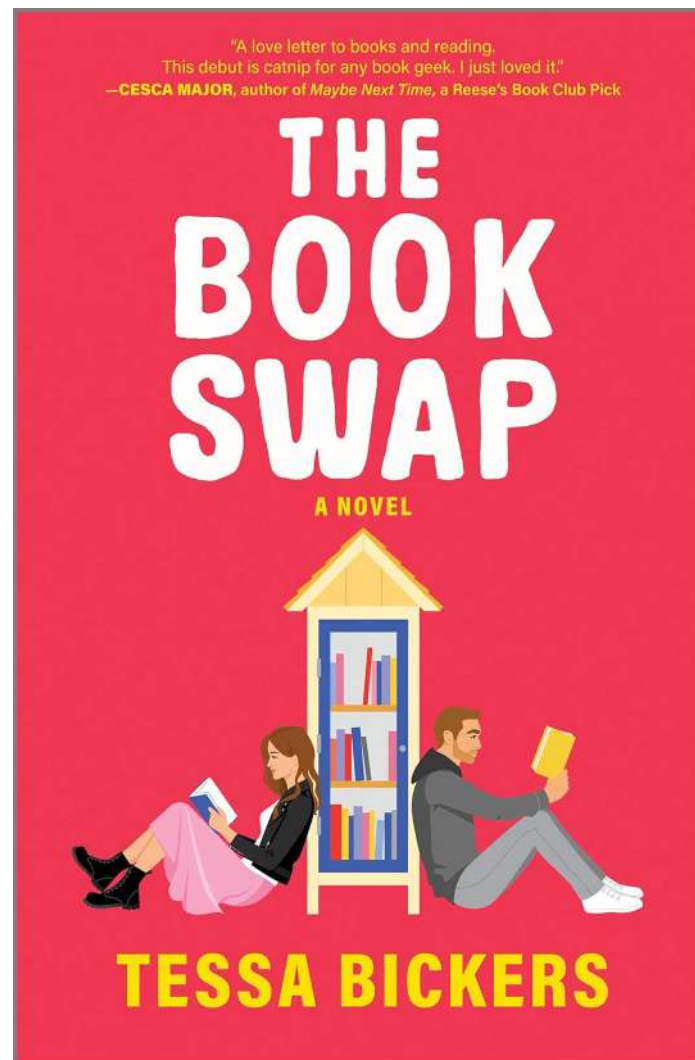
Hardcover

On sale: September 3rd

ISBN-13: 9781525836701

\$27.99

“A love letter to books and reading. This debut is catnip for any book geek. I just loved it.”
—Cesca Major, author of *Maybe Next Time*, a Reese’s Book Club Pick



The Stone Witch of Florence

Anna Rasche

Park Row Books

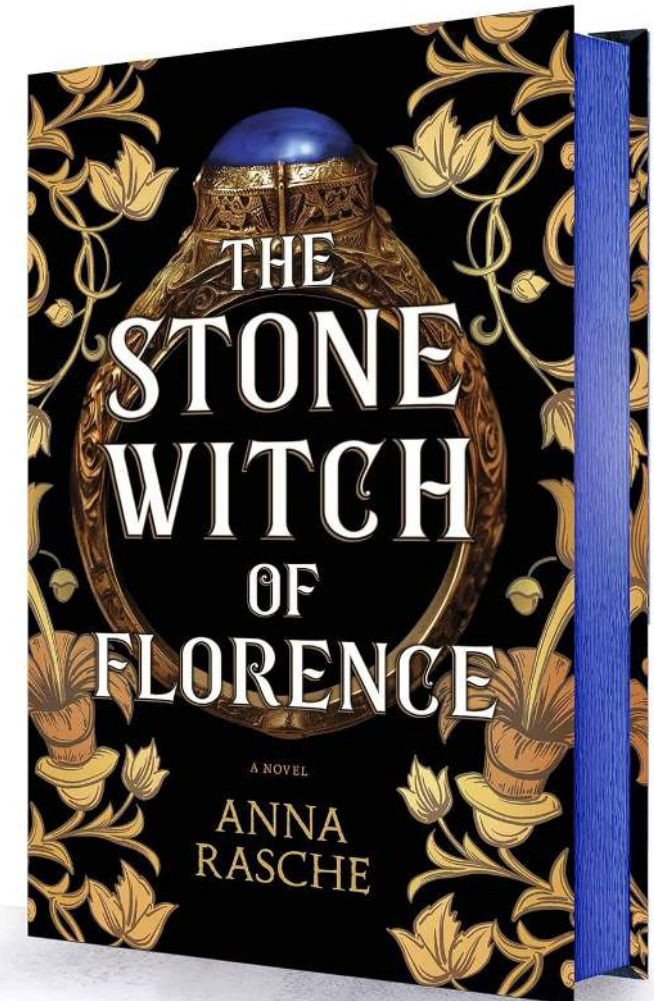
Hardcover

On sale: October 8th

ISBN-13: 9780778310457

\$30.00

A spellbinding debut that follows a young woman who harnesses the strange, ancient magic of gemstones to investigate a series of shocking crimes in plague-stricken Florence, all the while proving she is more physician than witch, perfect for fans of *The Lost Apothecary*.



Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group



The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers

Samuel Burr

Doubleday

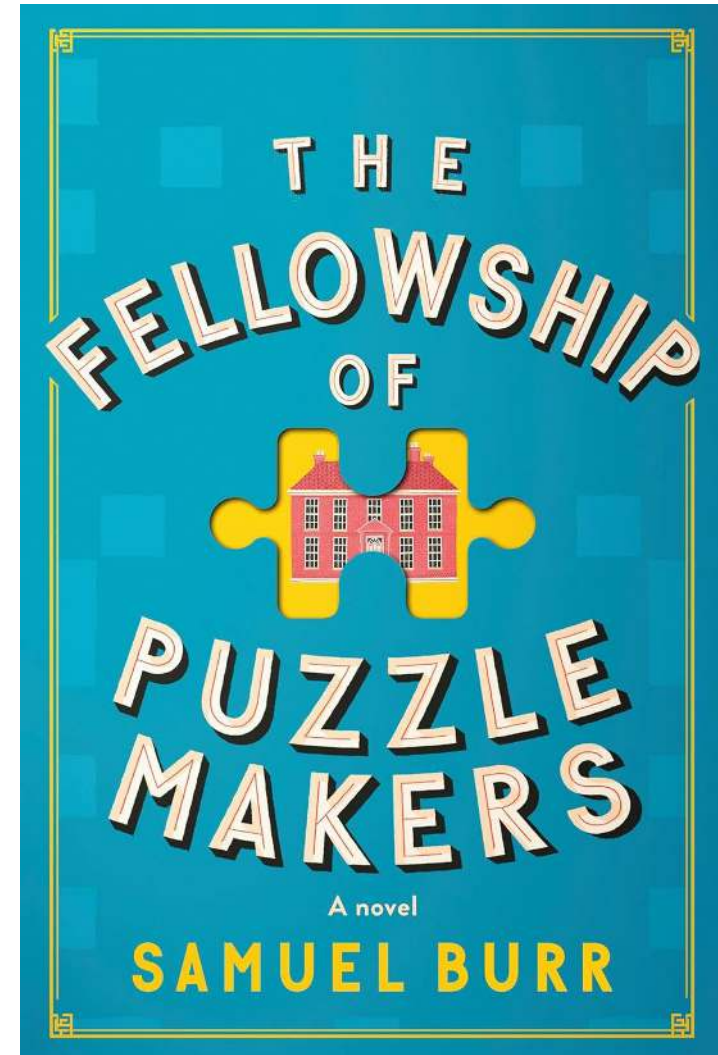
Hardcover

On sale: April 9th

ISBN-13: 9780593470091

\$29.00

A NATIONAL BESTSELLER • An extraordinary, gloriously uplifting novel about the power of friendship and the puzzling ties that bind us • "*The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers* takes readers along on Clayton [Stumper]'s quest to discover his roots, treating us to a literary mood boost about friendship and found family." —*Real Simple*



The Mother of All Things

Alexis Landau

Pantheon

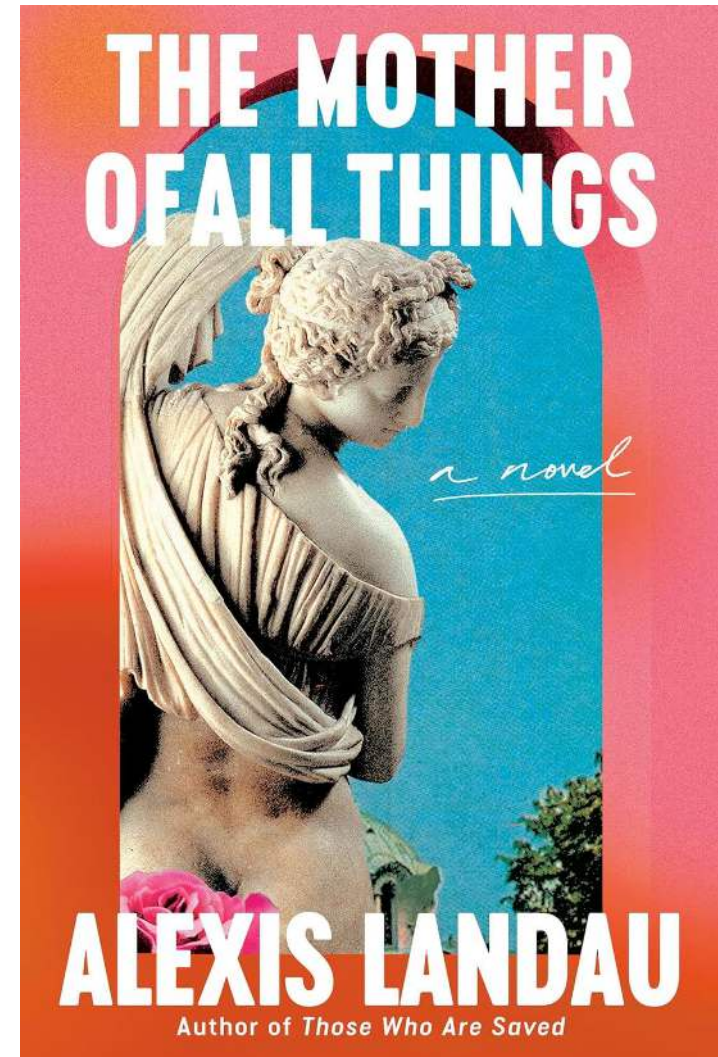
Hardcover

On sale: May 7th

ISBN-13: 9780593700792

\$29.00

A daring novel from the acclaimed author of *Those Who Are Saved*: female rage, grief and creativity collide in the present and animate the past, when a woman reconnects with her essential self during a summer journey and discovers an ancient female world that offers parallels to her own.



Tehrangeles

Porochista Khakpour

Pantheon

Hardcover

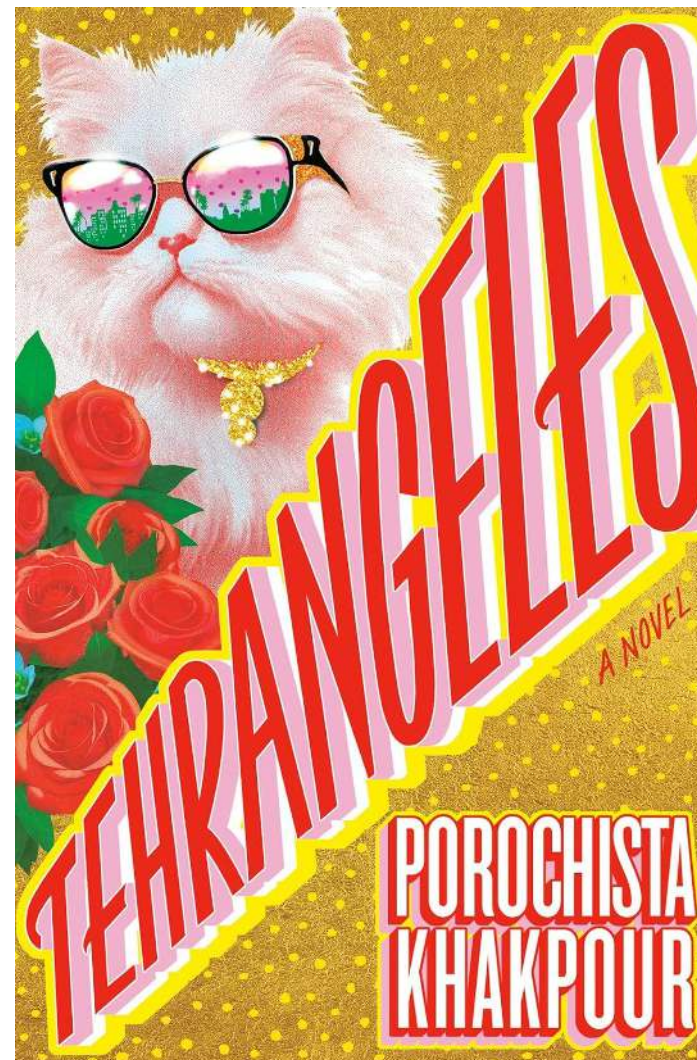
On sale: June 11th

ISBN-13: 9781524747909

\$28.00

A MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK • MEET THE MILANIS. FAST-FOOD HEIRESSES, L.A. ROYALTY, AND YOUR NEWEST REALITY TV OBSESSION

"Delightfully twisted and heartfelt... Khakpour is a satirist extraordinaire... The antics and agonies of the Milani family had me googling pet psychics and turning the pages gleefully --- at turns surprised and horrified, but always charmed and laughing so hard." —Kevin Kwan, author of *Crazy Rich Asians* and *Lies and Weddings*



The Cliffs

J. Courtney Sullivan

Knopf

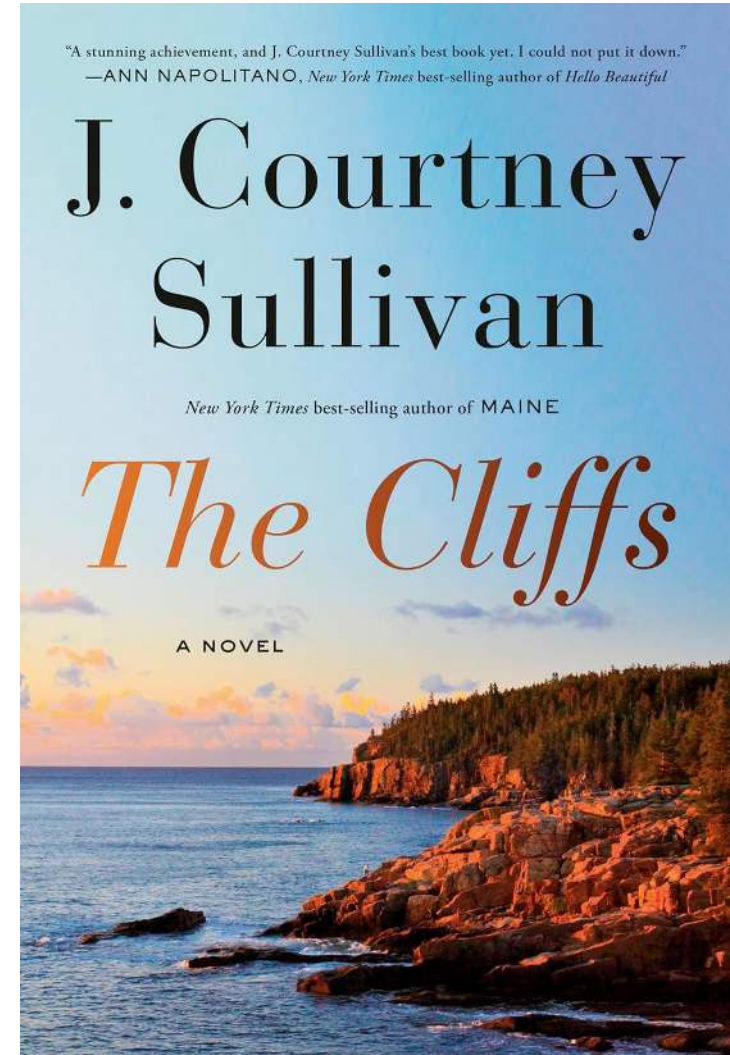
Hardcover

On sale: July 2nd

ISBN-13: 9780593319154

\$29.00

A novel of family, secrets, ghosts and homecoming set on the seaside cliffs of Maine, by the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Friends and Strangers*.



Like Mother, Like Daughter

Kimberly McCreight

Knopf

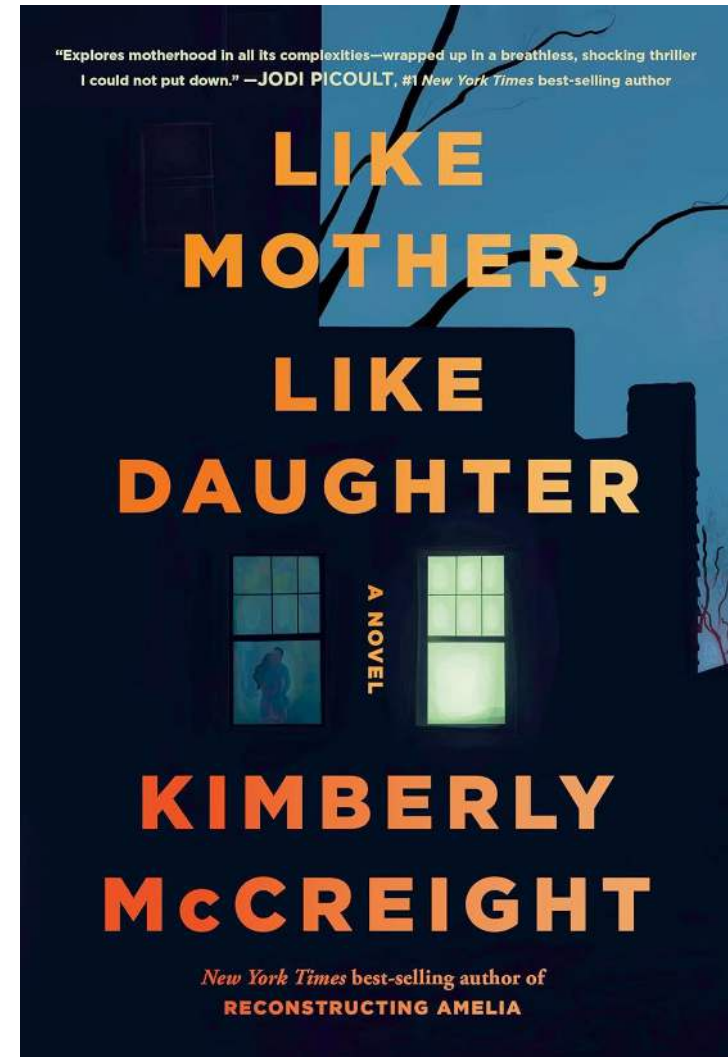
Hardcover

On sale: July 30th

ISBN-13: 9780593536421

\$28.00

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Reconstructing Amelia*: A daughter races to uncover her mother's secret life in the wake of her disappearance in this "breathless, shocking thriller." —Jodi Picoult, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author



Wellness

Nathan Hill

Vintage

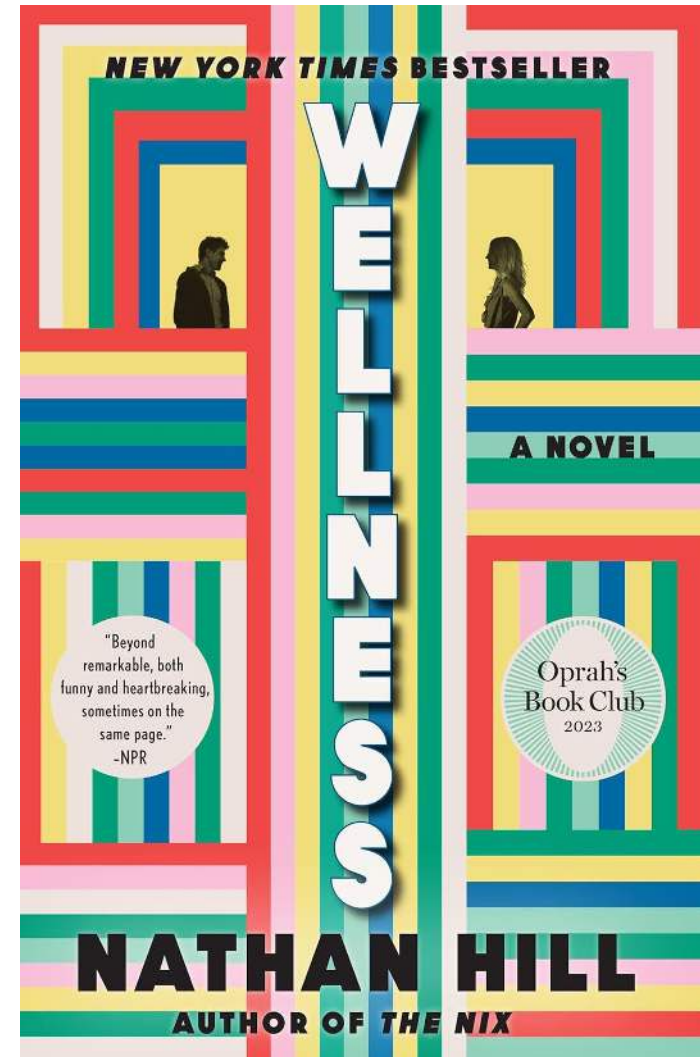
Trade Paperback

On sale: June 25th

ISBN-13: 9780593469835

\$19.00

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK • AN NPR BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR • The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Nix* is back with a poignant and witty novel about a modern marriage and the bonds that keep people together. Mining the absurdities of contemporary society, *Wellness* reimagines the love story with a healthy dose of insight, irony and heart.



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Long After We Are Gone

Terah Shelton Harris

Sourcebooks Landmark

Trade Paperback Original

On sale: May 14th

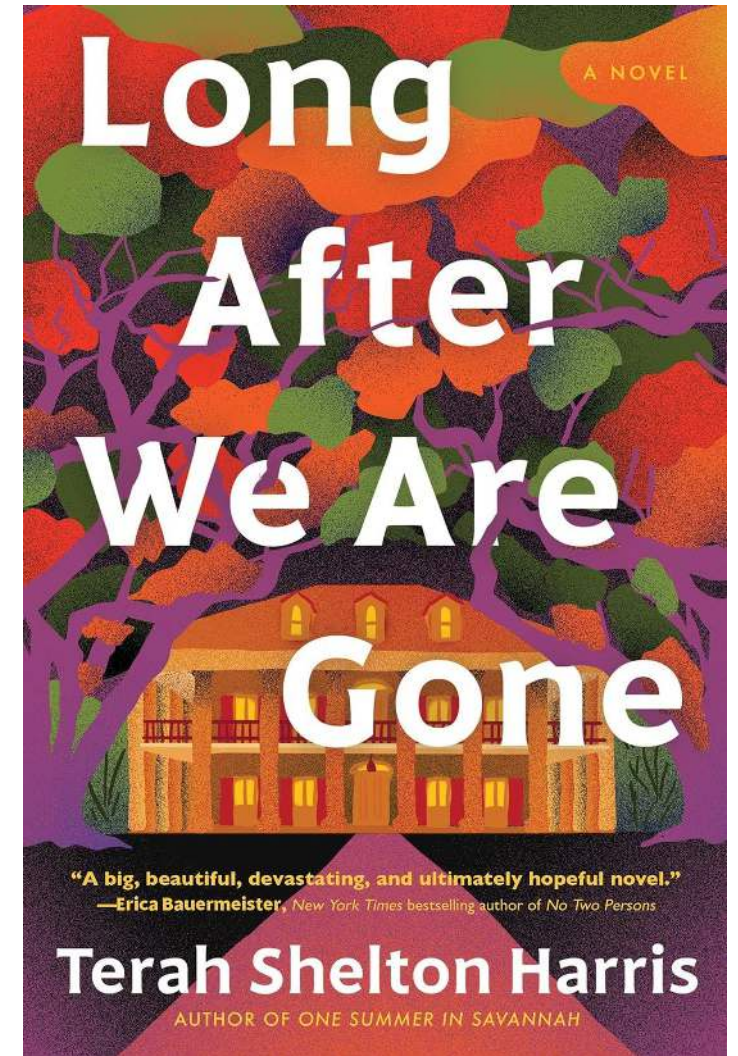
ISBN-13: 9781728265773

\$16.99

"Don't let the white man take the house."

These are the last words King Solomon says to his son before he dies. Now all four Solomon siblings must return to North Carolina to save the Kingdom, their ancestral home and 200 acres of land, from a development company, who has their sights set on turning the valuable waterfront property into a luxury resort.

While fighting to save the Kingdom, the siblings must also save themselves from the secrets they've been holding onto.



The Last Murder at the End of the World

Stuart Turton

Sourcebooks Landmark

Hardcover

On sale: May 21st

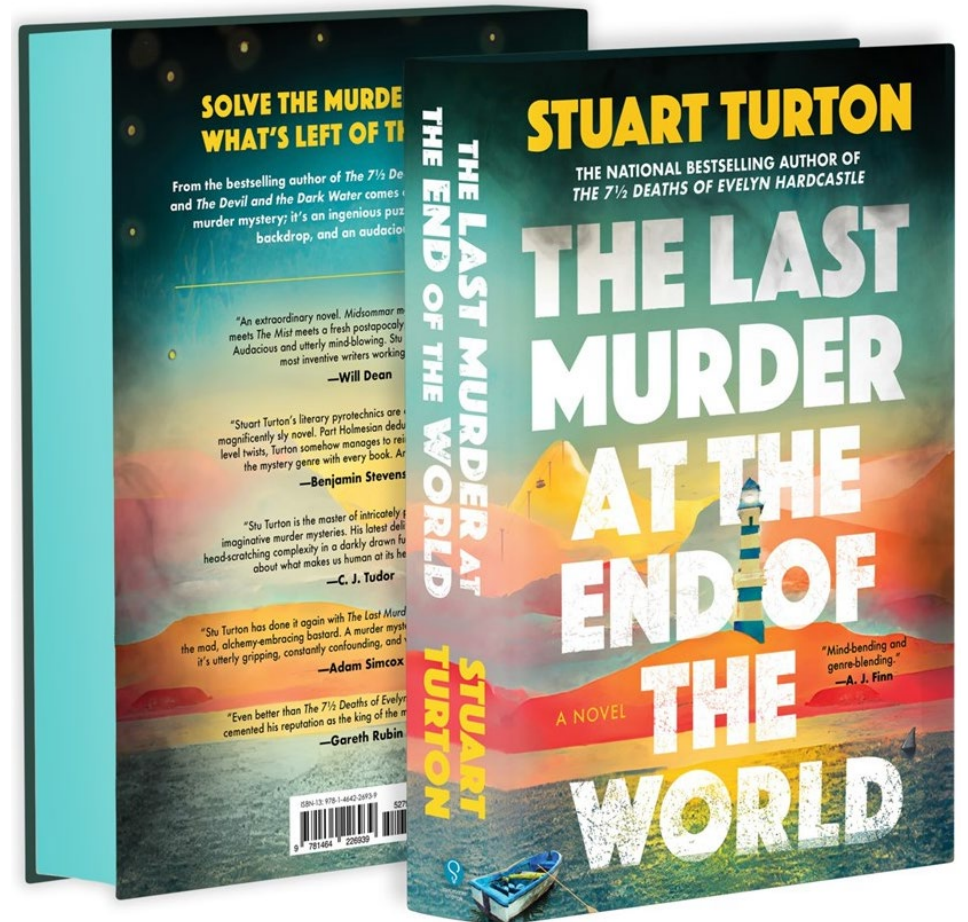
ISBN-13: 9781728254654

\$27.99

Outside the island there is nothing: the world was destroyed by a fog that swept the planet, killing anyone it touched.

On the island: it is idyllic. One hundred and twenty-two villagers and three scientists, living in peaceful harmony. The villagers are content to fish, farm and feast, to obey their nightly curfew, to do what they're told by the scientists.

Until, to the horror of the islanders, one of their beloved scientists is found brutally stabbed to death. And then they learn that the murder has triggered a lowering of the security system around the island, the only thing that was keeping the fog at bay. If the murder isn't solved within 107 hours, the fog will smother the island --- and everyone on it.



My Darling Dreadful Thing

Johanna van Veen

Poisoned Pen Press

Trade Paperback Original

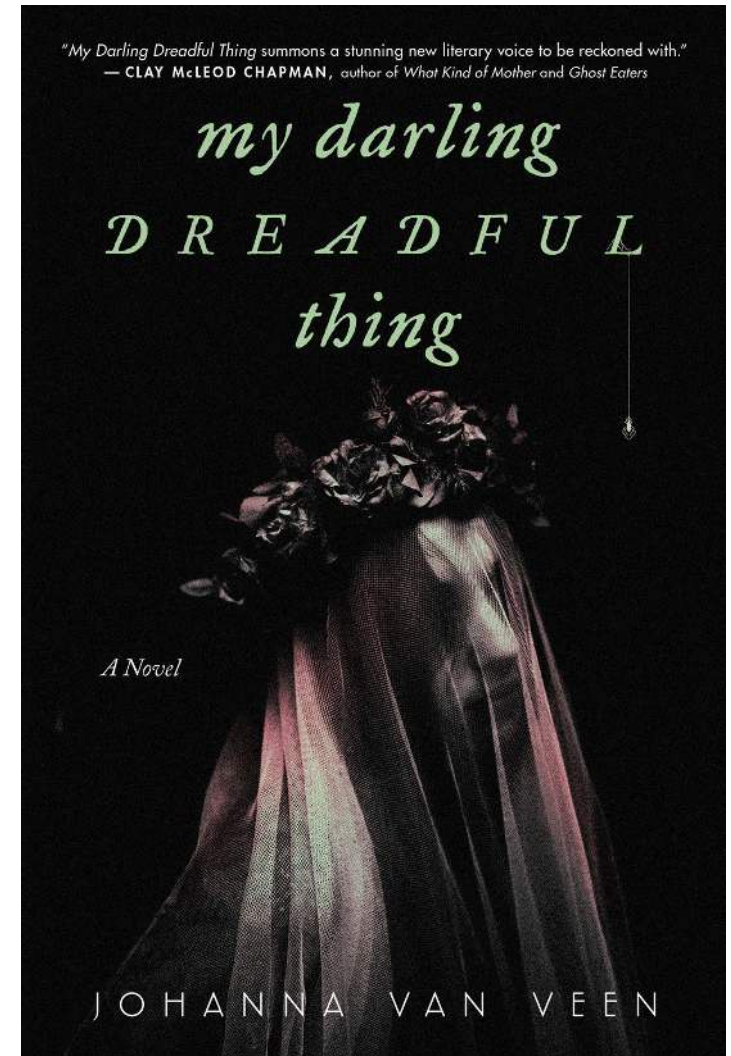
On sale: May 14th

ISBN-13: 9781728281544

\$17.99

In a world where the dead can wake and walk among us, what is truly real?

Roos Beckman has a spirit companion only she can see. Ruth --- strange, corpse-like and dead for centuries --- is the only good thing in Roos' life, which is filled with sordid backroom séances organized by her mother. That is, until wealthy young widow Agnes Knoop attends one of these séances and asks Roos to come live with her at the crumbling estate she inherited upon the death of her husband. The manor is unsettling, but the attraction between Roos and Agnes is palpable. So how does someone end up dead?



That Night in the Library

Eva Jurczyk

Poisoned Pen Press

Trade Paperback Original

On sale: June 11th

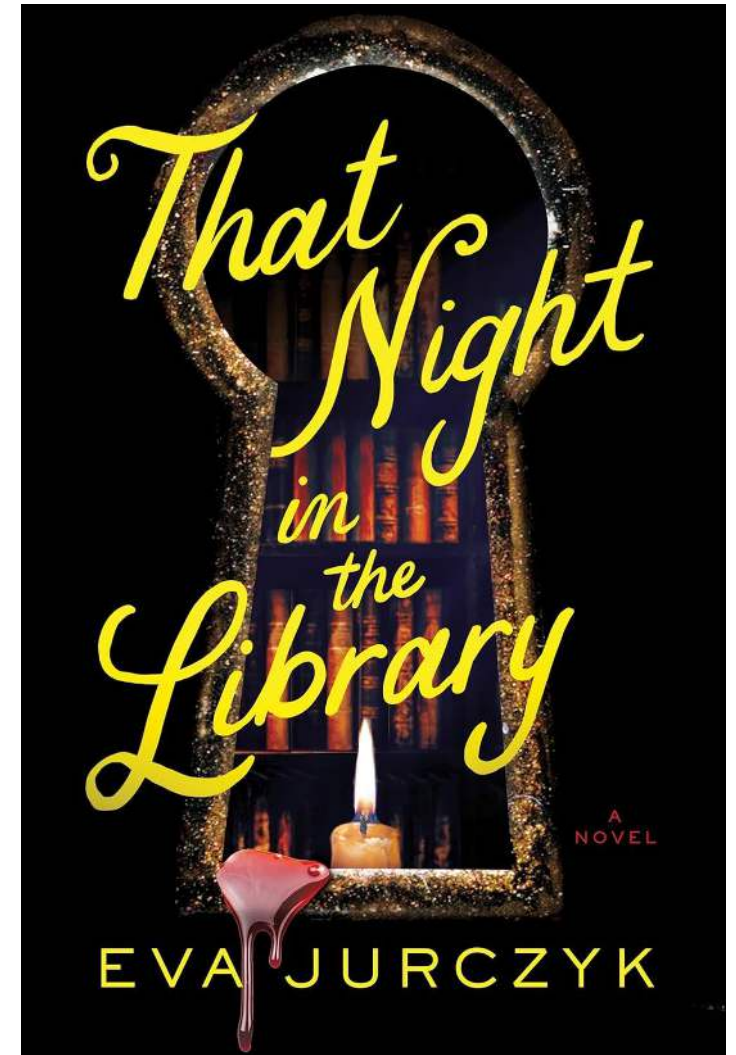
ISBN-13: 9781728295695

\$17.99

You're locked in the rare book library for one night with seven other students, when suddenly, the lights go out. Not everyone is going to make it out alive.

On the night before graduation, seven students gather in the basement of their university's rare books library. They're not allowed in the library after closing time, but it's the perfect place for the ritual they want to perform --- one borrowed from the Greeks, said to free those who take part in it from the fear of death.

But just a few minutes into their celebration, the lights go out --- and one of them drops dead. As the body count rises, with nothing but the books to protect them, the group must figure out how to survive the night while trapped with a murderer.



The Townsend Family Recipe for Disaster

Shauna Robinson

Sourcebooks Landmark

Trade Paperback Original

On sale: July 2nd

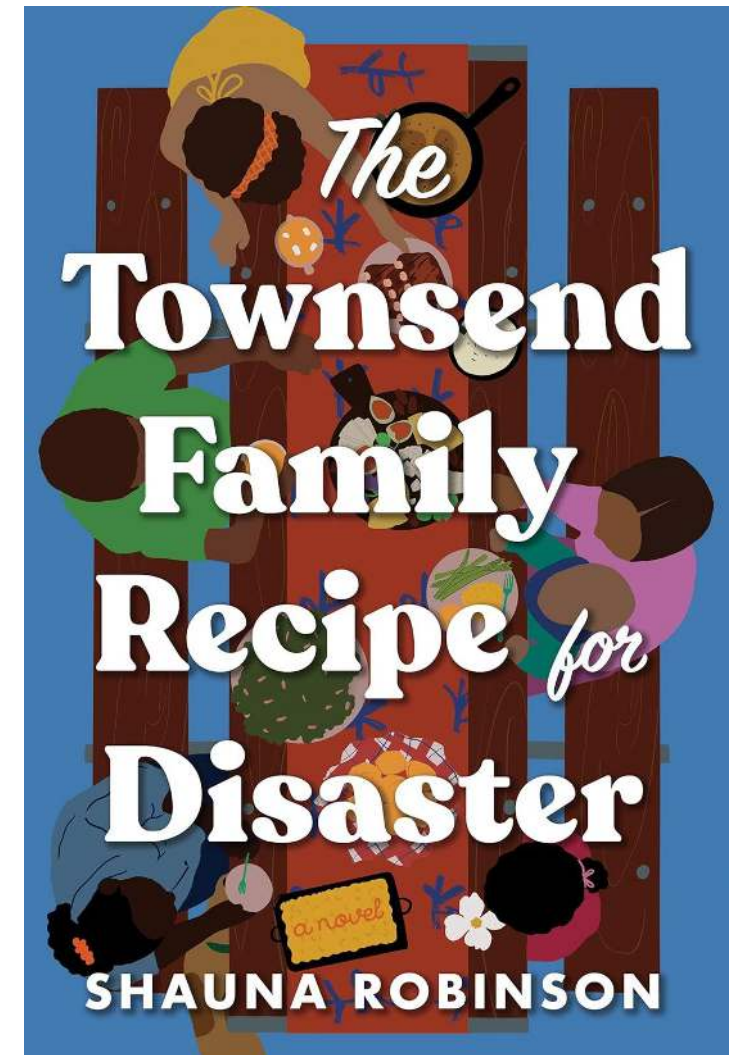
ISBN-13: 9781728268682

\$16.99

One estranged family. One lost recipe. One last barbecue on the line. Mae is about to learn what happens when things go south.

Mae Townsend has always dreamed of connecting with her estranged Black family in the South. She grew up picturing relatives who looked like her, crowded dinner tables, bustling kitchens. And, of course, the Townsend family barbecue.

But as Mae's wedding draws closer, promising a future of always standing out among her white in-laws, suddenly not knowing the Townsends hits her like a blow. So when news arrives that her paternal grandmother has passed, she decides it's time to head South.



Wanted: Toddler's Personal Assistant

Stephanie Kiser

Sourcebooks

Trade Paperback Original

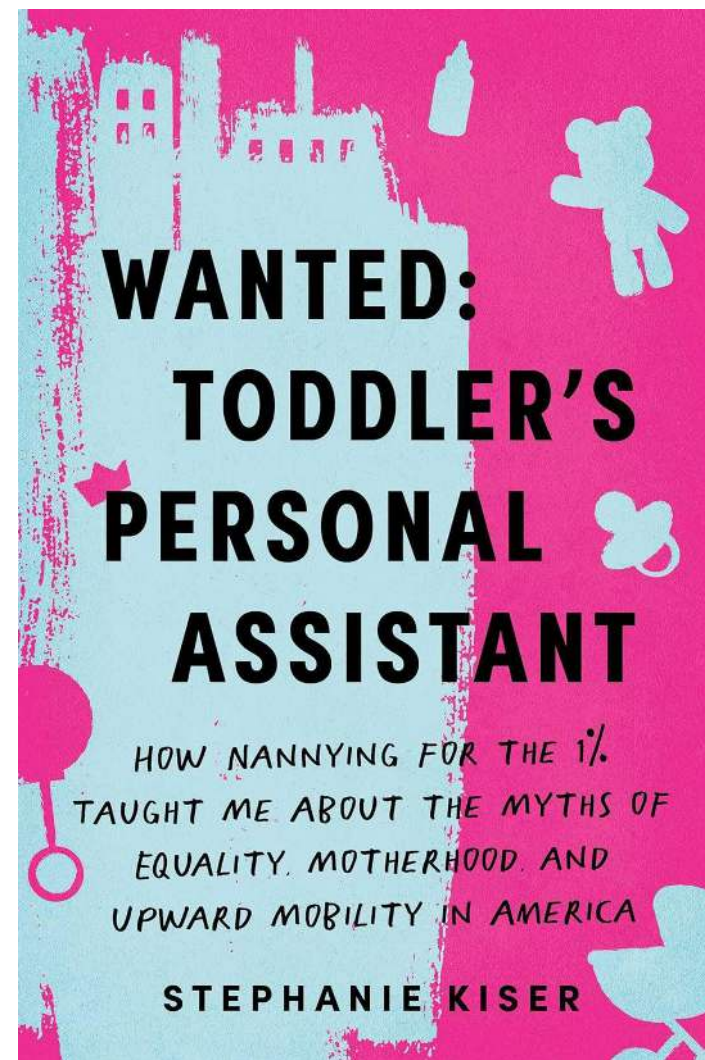
On sale: August 6th

ISBN-13: 9781728298160

\$17.99

What are the lives of America's richest families really like? Their nannies see it all.

When Stephanie Kiser moves to New York City after college to pursue a career in writing, she quickly learns that her entry-level salary won't cover the high cost of living --- never mind her crushing student loan debt. But there is one in-demand job that pays more than enough to allow Stephanie to stay in the city: nannying for the 1%. Desperate to escape the poverty of her own childhood and jump social classes, Stephanie falls into a job that hijacks her life for the next seven years: a personal assistant to toddlers on Manhattan's Upper East Side.



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Playground

Richard Powers

W. W. Norton & Company

Hardcover

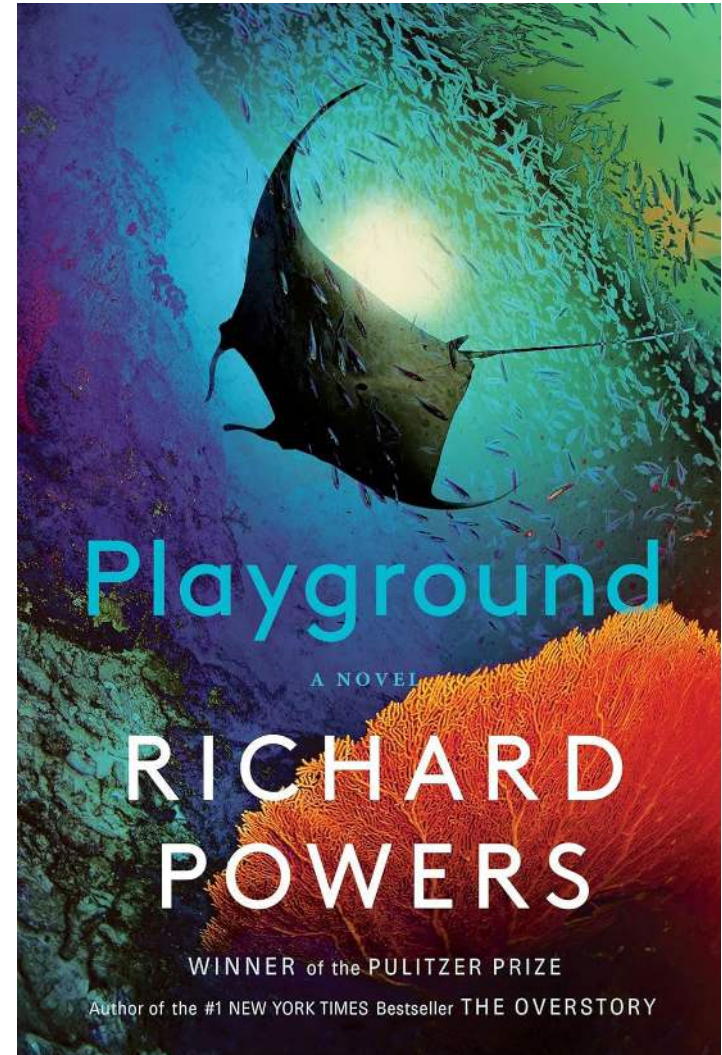
On sale: September 24th

ISBN-13: 9781324086031

\$29.99

Four lives are drawn together in a sweeping new novel from Richard Powers, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Overstory*.

Twelve-year-old Evie Beaulieu sinks to the bottom of a swimming pool in Montreal strapped to one of the world's first aqualungs. Ina Aroita grows up on naval bases across the Pacific with art as her only home. Two polar opposites at an elite Chicago high school bond over a 3,000-year-old board game; Rafi Young will get lost in literature, while Todd Keane's work will lead to an AI breakthrough.



The Seventh Floor

David McCloskey

W. W. Norton & Company

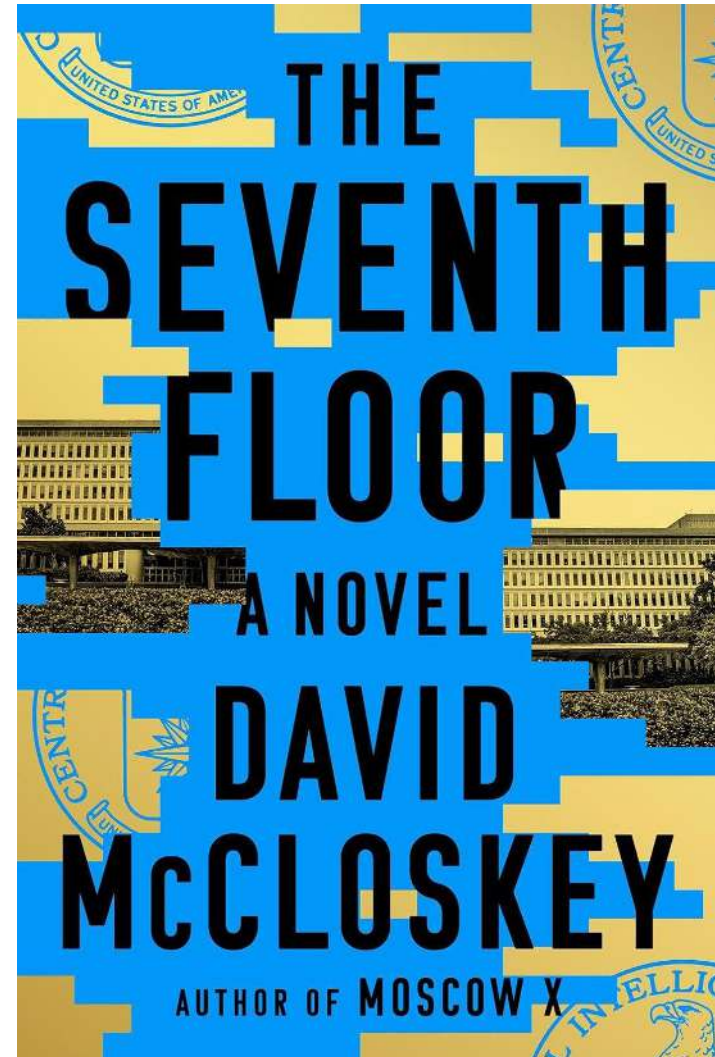
Hardcover

On sale: October 1st

ISBN-13: 9781324086680

\$29.99

A Russian arrives in Singapore with a secret to sell. When the Russian is killed and Sam Joseph, the CIA officer dispatched for the meet, goes missing, Artemis Procter is made a scapegoat and run out of the service. Traded back in a spy swap, Sam appears at Procter's doorstep months later with an explosive secret: there is a Russian mole within the upper reaches of the CIA.



She-Wolves

Paulina Bren

W. W. Norton & Company

Hardcover

On sale: September 17th

ISBN-13: 9781324035152

\$29.99

First came the secretaries from Brooklyn and Queens --- the “smart cookies” who learned on the job despite the obstacles. Then came the first Harvard Business School grads, who, despite their hard-earned diplomas, often settled for less. Eventually came the yuppies of the 1980s in power suits and commuter sneakers. In *She-Wolves*, award-winning historian Paulina Bren tells the story of the first generations of women who fought their way into the bad-boy culture and lavish opulence of the finance world.



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SHE- WOLVES

THE UNTOLD HISTORY of
WOMEN on WALL STREET

PAULINA BREN

Marysue Rucci Books



Tell It to Me Singing

Tita Ramírez

Marysue Rucci Books

Hardcover

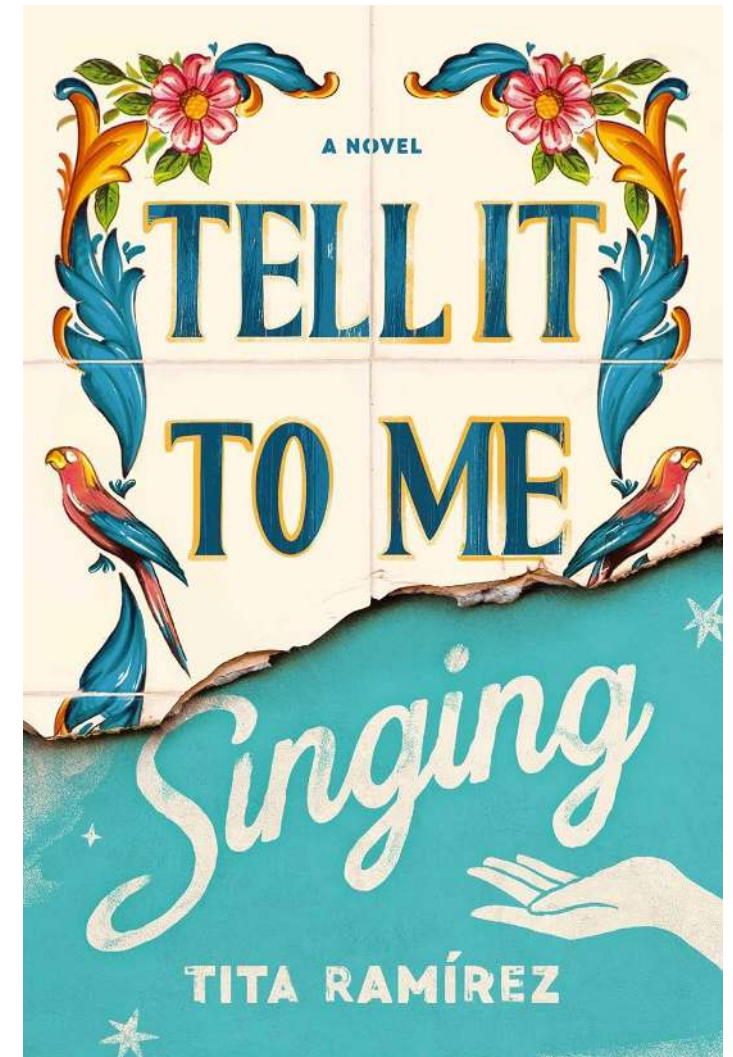
On sale: July 9th

ISBN-13: 9781982157319

\$28.99

Monica Campo is pregnant with her first child when her ailing mother drops a bombshell --- Monica's father is not the man who raised her. This revelation comes just before her mother undergoes emergency heart surgery. But when her mother wakes up, she's confused and having delusional episodes, leaving Monica unsure whether the confession was real or just a figment of her mother's imagination.

Monica's quest for the truth leads her on a journey from Miami to Cuba and the jungles of Costa Rica. Through flashbacks to the early '80s and '70s, we see the struggles of her parents as they arrived from Cuba and fought against Castro's regime. This novel beautifully explores themes of belonging, heritage and the essence of home.



Hum

Helen Phillips

Marysue Rucci Books

Hardcover

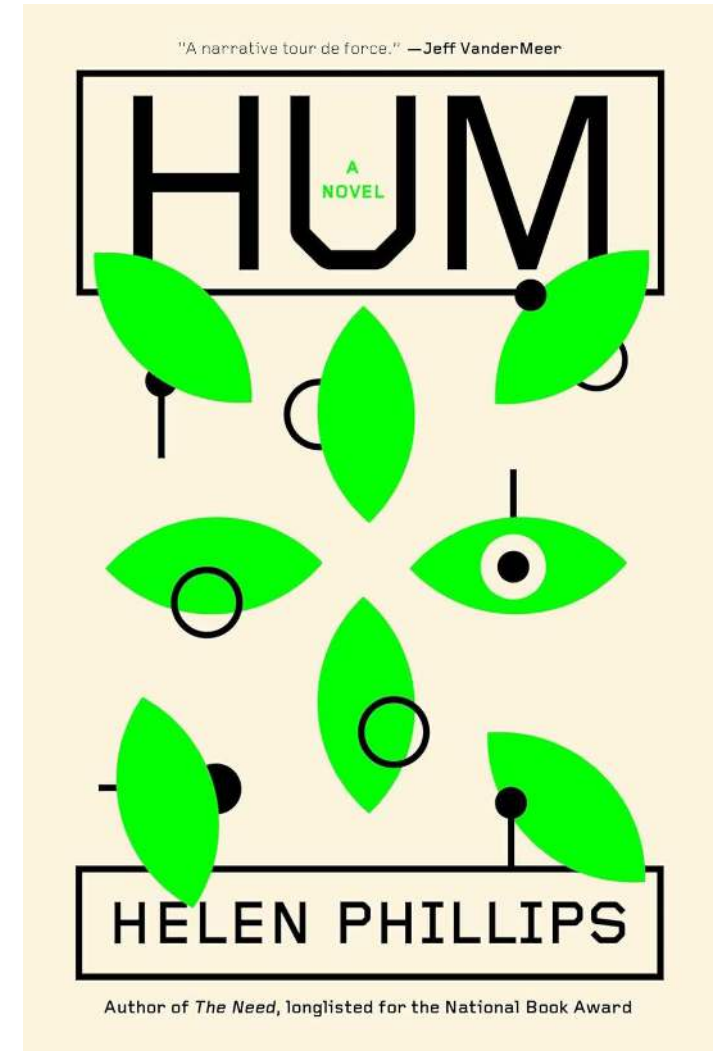
On sale: August 6th

ISBN-13: 9781668008836

\$27.99

Named Most Anticipated by Goodreads, *LitHub* and *Book Riot*, this “tense dystopian thriller” (*TIME*) captures an urgent and unflinching portrayal of a woman’s fight for her family’s security in a world shaped by global warming and rapid technological progress.

Set in a city devastated by climate change and inhabited by intelligent robots known as “hums,” this novel follows a woman who --- after losing her job to artificial intelligence and facing mounting debt --- undergoes an experimental procedure that inadvertently puts her family in more jeopardy than they ever could have imagined.



The Night We Lost Him

Laura Dave

Marysue Rucci Books

Hardcover

On sale: September 17th

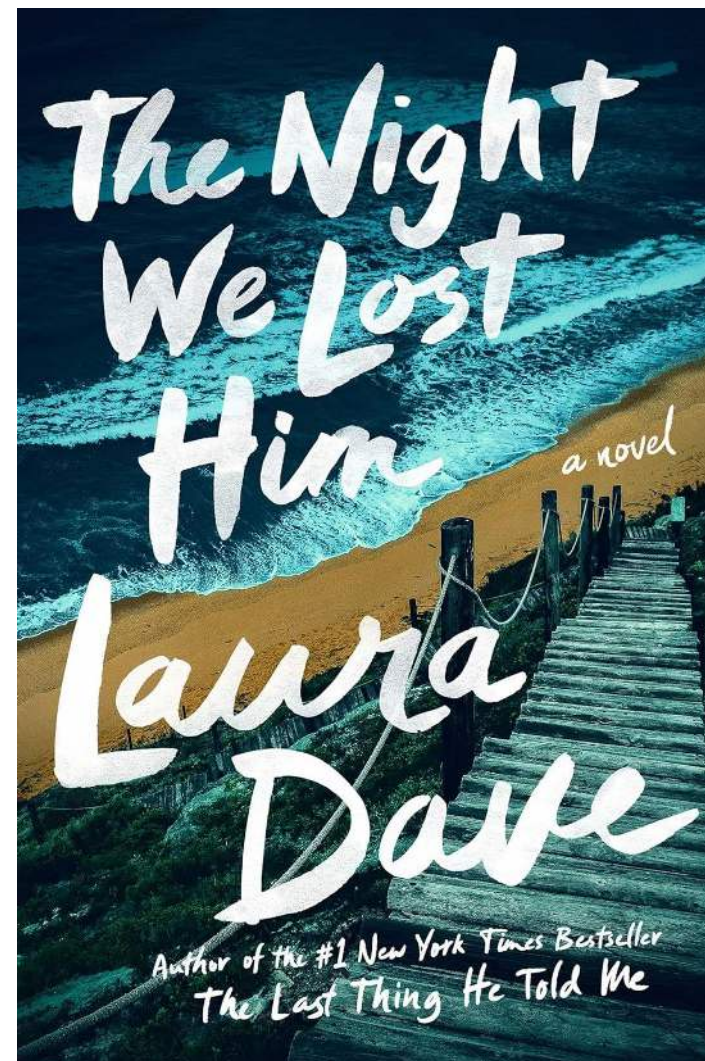
ISBN-13: 9781668002933

\$28.99

From the author of *The Last Thing He Told Me* --- the #1 *New York Times* bestselling blockbuster and Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick --- comes an epic love story wrapped in a riveting mystery.

Liam Noone was many things to many people. To the public, he was an exacting, self-made hotel magnate fleeing his past. To his three ex-wives, he was a loving albeit distant family man who kept his finances flush and his families carefully separated. To Nora, he was a father who often loved her from afar --- notably a cliffside cottage perched on the California coast from which he fell to his death.

The authorities rule the death accidental, but Nora's brother Sam has other ideas. Sam, who she barely knows. As Nora and Sam form an uneasy alliance to unravel the mystery, they start putting together the pieces of their father's past --- and find an unexpected answer about their own future.



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13 ½ Annual Book Group Speed Dating event
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