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Sourcebooks



The Last Housewife

Ashley Winstead

Sourcebooks Landmark

Hardcover Available Now, Trade Paperback Forthcoming

On sale: April 4, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781728229911 / 9781728269825

\$27.99 / \$16.99

During their senior year of college, Shay Evans and her best friend Laurel escaped from a violent man and his small, burgeoning cult. Eight years later, Shay has built a new life for herself. But when she hears about the horrifying news of Laurel's death, Shay discovers that what happened to her in college was only the beginning. Now Shay must decide: how much is she willing to sacrifice to uncover the truth and take down a cult that praises male superiority and seems to have members everywhere?





The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks

Shauna Robinson

Sourcebooks Landmark

Trade Paperback Original

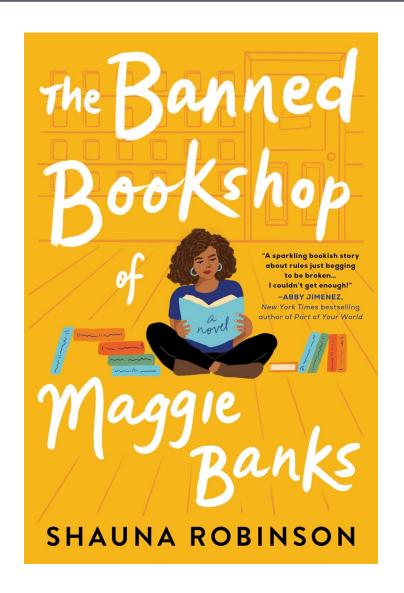
On sale: November 1, 2022

ISBN-13: 9781728246444

\$16.99

When Maggie Banks arrives to run her best friend's struggling bookstore, she expects to sell bestsellers to the small-town clientele. But with the town's tourist society bent on keeping their businesses historic, Maggie is banned from selling anything written this century. When a series of mishaps suddenly tip the bookstore toward ruin, Maggie decides that bookish rules are made to be broken. Even if that means starting an underground book club.





The Mitford Affair

Marie Benedict

Sourcebooks Landmark

Hardcover

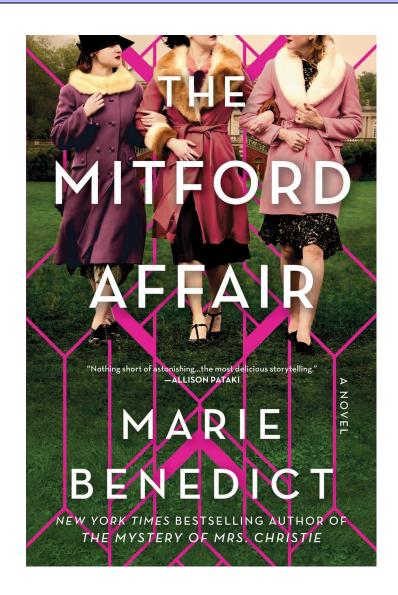
On sale: January 17, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781728229362

\$27.99

New York Times bestselling author Marie Benedict delivers an explosive novel of history's most notorious sisters, one of whom will have to choose: her country or her sisters? Between the World Wars, the six Mitford sisters --- each more beautiful, brilliant and eccentric than the next --- dominate the English scenes. But as the Nazis rise in power, novelist Nancy Mitford grows suspicious of her sisters' constant visits to Germany and the high-ranking fascist company they keep.





The Last Carolina Girl

Meagan Church

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Trade Paperback Original

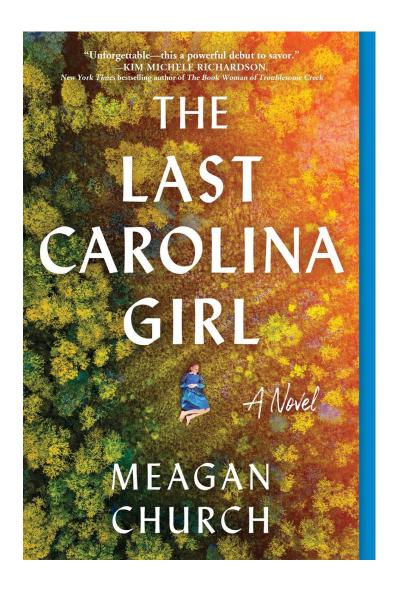
On sale: March 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781728257150

\$16.99

Set against the very real backdrop of 1935 North Carolina where a state eugenics board was mandating forced sterilizations, this novel sheds light on a horrific era of injustice and one young woman's fight to control her future, discover her family, and find her own way forward.





Clytemnestra

Costanza Casati

Sourcebooks Landmark

Hardcover

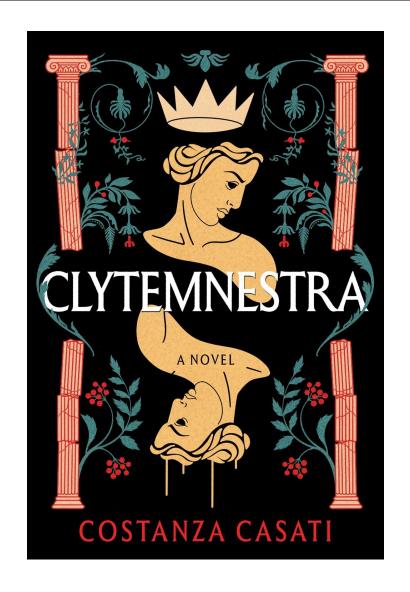
On sale: March 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781728268231

\$26.99

Circe meets Cersei Lannister in *Clytemnestra*, the powerful retelling about the most notorious heroine and favorite villain of the Ancient World who reigned as an unforgettable and ruthless queen, faced the men who wronged her, and forged a treacherous path to ensure everyone would know her name.





The Comeback Lily Chu

Sourcebooks Casablanca

Trade Paperback Original

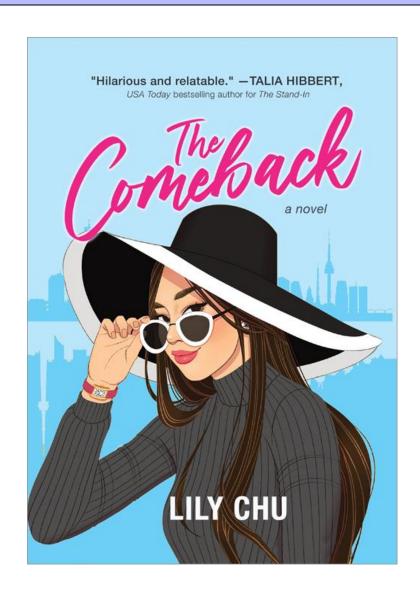
On sale: May 9, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781728242651

\$16.99

From rising star Lily Chu comes a hilarious and thoughtful story of fame, family and love for fans of *Beach Read* and *Crazy Rich Asians*.





Harlequin Trade Publishing



Just the Nicest Couple

Mary Kubica

Park Row Books

Hardcover

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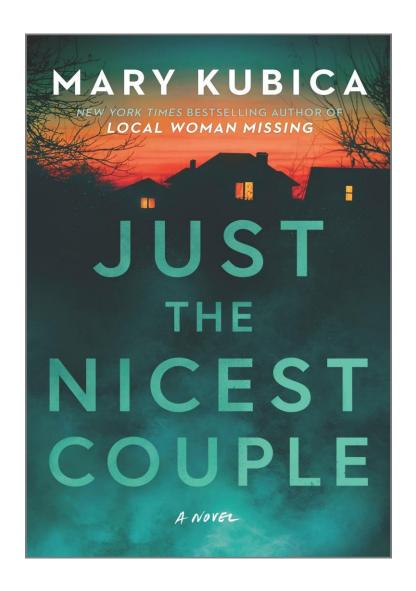
ISBN-13: 9780778333111

\$28.99

A husband's disappearance inextricably links two couples in this twisty thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Kubica.

Two couples, two close friends, one missing spouse...





The Love You Save

Goldie Taylor

Hanover Square Press

Hardcover

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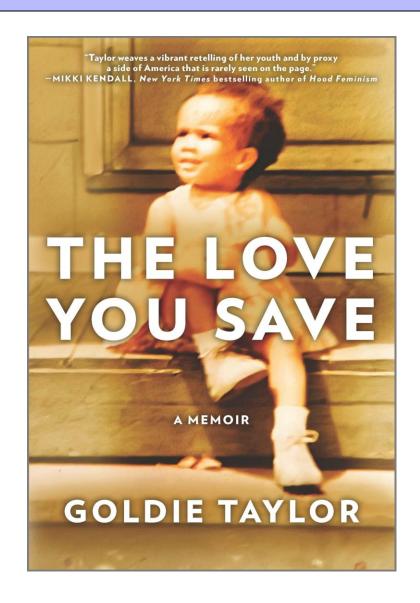
ISBN-13: 9781335449375

\$28.99

For readers of Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and Tara Westover's *Educated*.

Goldie Taylor's debut memoir shines a light on the strictures of race, class and gender in a post-Jim Crow America, while offering a nuanced, empathetic portrait of a family in a pitched battle for its very soul.





Code Name Sapphire

Pam Jenoff

Park Row Books

Trade Paperback Original

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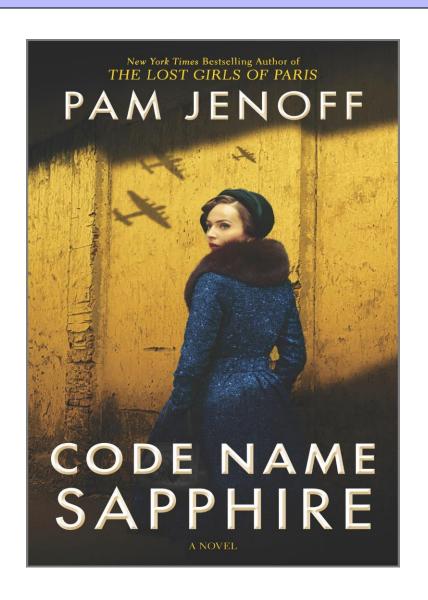
ISBN-13: 9780778387091

\$17.99

A woman must rescue her cousin's family from a train bound for Auschwitz in this riveting tale of bravery and resistance during World War II.

From the bestselling author of *The Lost Girls of Paris* and *The Orphan's Tale*!





Never Never

Colleen Hoover and Tarryn Fisher

Canary Street Press

Trade Paperback Original

On sale: February 28, 2023

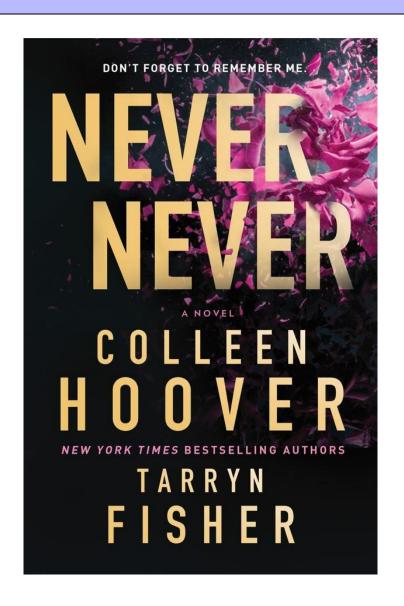
ISBN-13: 9781335004888

\$17.99

New York Times bestselling phenoms Colleen Hoover and Tarryn Fisher's three-part collection is a dark, twisty and ultimately beautiful read about two soulmates trying to find their way back to each other, and the secrets that stand in their way.

What would you want to remember, if you lost all the memories of someone you love?





Black Candle Women

Diane Marie Brown

Graydon House Books

Hardcover

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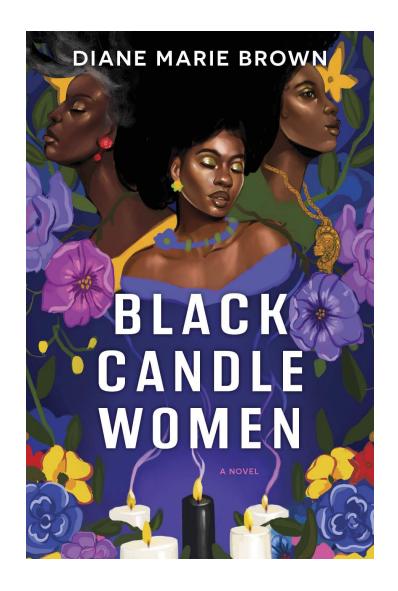
ISBN-13: 9781525899911

\$27.99

Practical Magic meets The Secret Lives of Church Ladies.

Four generations of Black women living under one roof must live with their family curse: any person they fall in loves with, dies.





The London Séance Society

Sarah Penner

Park Row Books

Hardcover

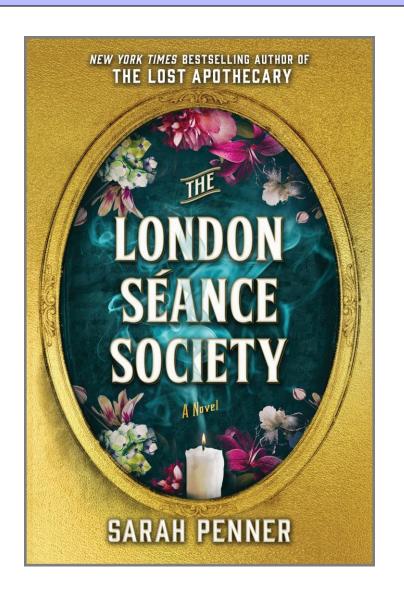
On sale: March 21, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780778387114

\$28.99

From the author of the sensational bestseller *The Lost Apothecary* comes a spellbinding gothic whodunit introducing two enigmatic women who set out to solve a most unusual mystery.





Simon & Schuster



The Night Travelers

Armando Lucas Correa

Atria Books

Hardcover

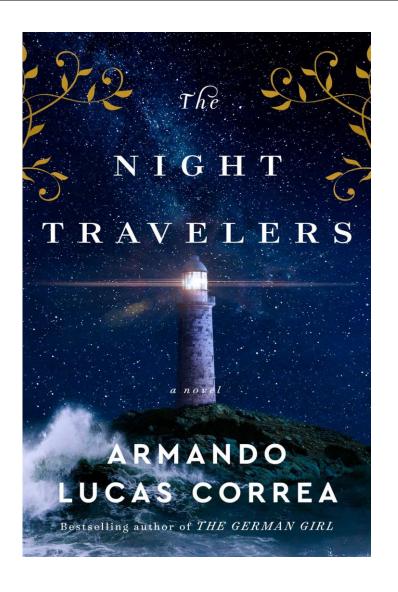
On sale: January 10, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781501187988

\$27.99

The internationally bestselling author of *The German Girl* is back! Though WWII is a popular historical fiction setting, *The Night Travelers* explores a lesser-known story --- that of mixed-race children during the Nazi regime.





Looking for Jane

Heather Marshall

Atria Books

Hardcover

On sale: February 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781668013687

\$27.99

This profound debut is about three women whose lives are bound together by a long-lost letter, a mother's love, and a secret network of women fighting for the right to choose, and is inspired by true stories. It will be of interest to both historical fiction readers along with those interested in modern-day issues. *Looking for Jane* deals with a variety of perspectives on motherhood and womanhood at large.





The House of Eve

Sadeqa Johnson

Simon & Schuster

Hardcover

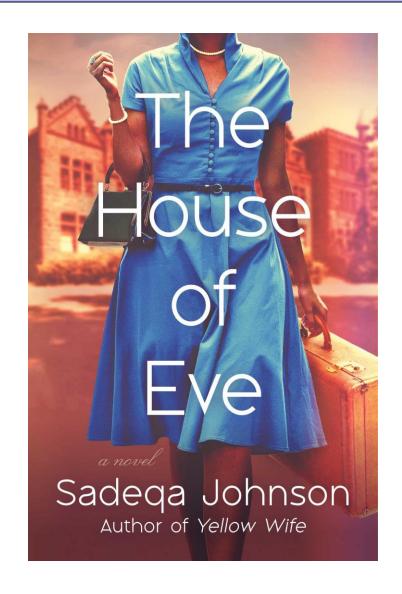
On sale: February 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781982197360

\$27.99

From the award-winning author of *Yellow Wife* comes *The House of Eve*! Readers will be captivated, heartbroken and eager to discuss the ending of *The House of Eve*, a novel about two Black women in the 1950s that explores what it means to be a woman and a mother. Alternating between Ruby and Eleanor, their stories collide in the most unexpected ways, and both will make decisions that shape the trajectory of their lives.





The Lost English Girl

Julia Kelly

Gallery Books

Hardcover

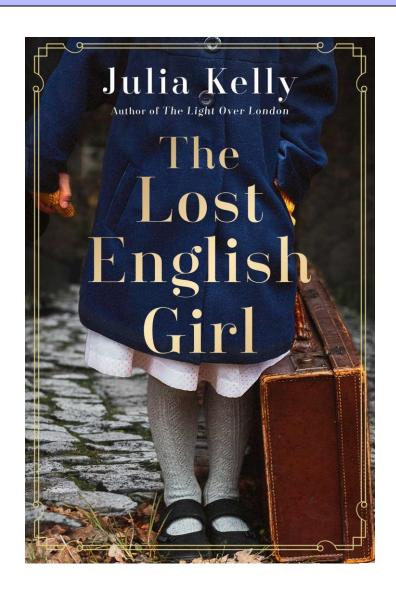
On sale: March 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781982171704

\$28.99

The Lost English Girl has all the ingredients of a perfect book club read! The novel deals with timeless topics, such as regret over past choices, given versus found family, unfair expectations laden on women, and restored relationships. Though the subject of families being torn apart by national conflict remains ever-relevant in today's world, the lessons *The Lost English Girl* offers about the enduring power of love will resonate deeply with readers and provide ample discussion topics for book clubs who have fallen in love with Julia's previous books.





Hang the Moon

Jeannette Walls

Scribner

Hardcover

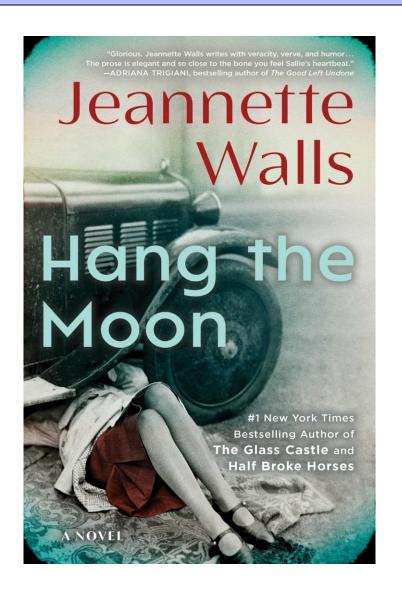
On sale: March 28, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781501117299

\$28.00

Book clubs will know Jeannette Walls from her classic bestselling memoir *The Glass Castle* and novels *Half Broke Horses* and *The Silver Star*. Walls always delivers an epic story, and *Hang the Moon* is no exception. Readers will be riveted by Sallie Kincaid's dramatic coming of age in Prohibition-era Virginia in the shadow of her father, the biggest man in the county.





The House Is on Fire

Rachel Beanland

Simon & Schuster

Hardcover

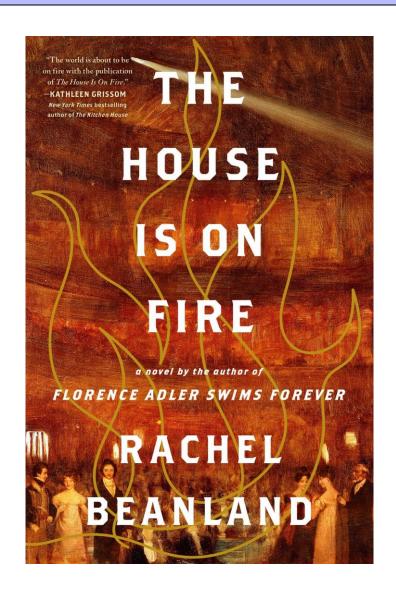
On sale: April 4, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781982186142

\$27.99

Rachel Beanland's debut novel, *Florence Adler Swims Forever*, was a hit among book clubs, and her latest historical retelling, *The House Is on Fire*, is sure to have readers talking once again. Based on the true story of Richmond, Virginia's 1811 theater fire, this novel is told from the alternating perspectives of four survivors in the aftermath whose split-second decisions affect not only their own lives, but also those of countless others. Though it opens with tragedy, *The House Is on Fire* is ultimately a story of love, redemption and finding freedom.





Soho Press



Night Flight to Paris

Cara Black

Soho Crime

Hardcover

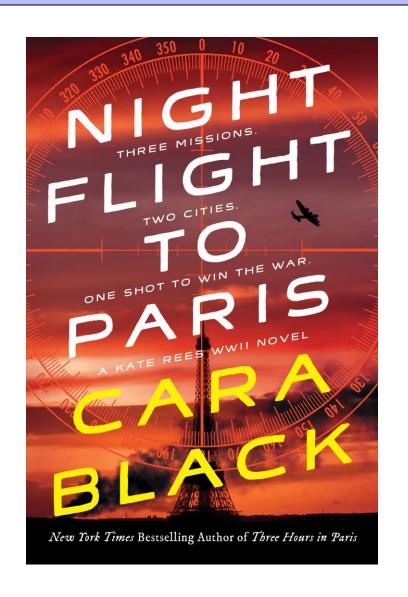
On sale: March 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781641293556

\$27.95

In this follow-up to the national bestseller *Three Hours in Paris*, it is once again up to American markswoman Kate Rees to take the shot that just might win --- or lose --- World War II. Cara Black has crafted another heart-stopping spy thriller that reveals a portrait of Paris at the height of the Nazi occupation in October 1942.





Ozark Dogs

Eli Cranor

Soho Crime

Hardcover

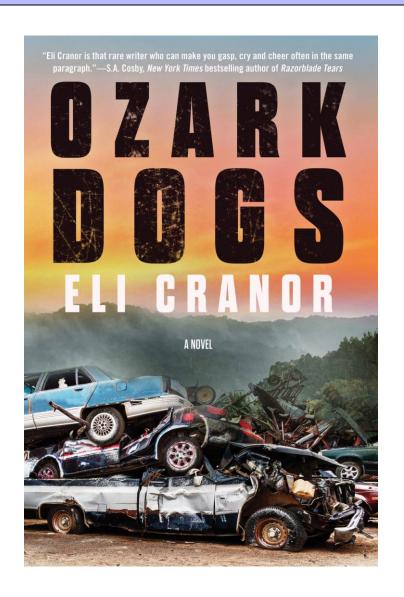
On sale: April 4, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781641294539

\$26.95

From the author of *Don't Know Tough* comes a thriller inspired by a chilling true story about two families grappling with the aftermath of a murder in their small Arkansas town. Eli Cranor establishes himself as a master of Southern noir in this immersive story about family and how far some will go to honor or, in some cases, destroy it.





Aesthetica

Allie Rowbottom

Soho Press

Hardcover

On sale: November 22, 2022

ISBN-13: 9781641294003

\$27.00

In a debut novel as radiant as it is caustic, a former influencer confronts her past --- and takes inventory of the damages that underpin the surface-glamour of social media. The author of the bestselling memoir *Jello-O Girls* delivers a fresh, nuanced examination of feminism, #MeToo and mother-daughter relationships, all while confronting our collective addiction to followers, filters and faux realities.





La Tercera

Gina Apostol

Soho Press

Hardcover

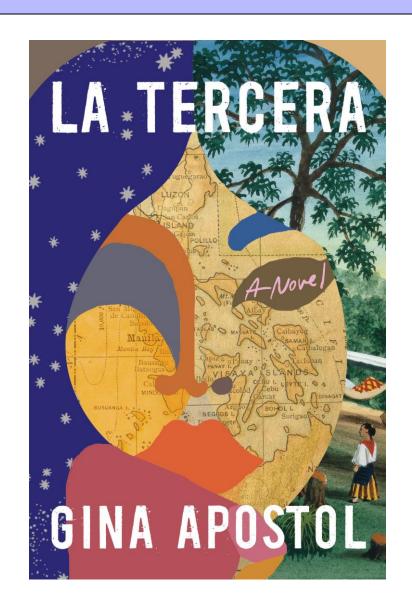
On sale: May 2, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781641293907

\$27.00

In her first novel since *Insurrecto*, Gina Apostol assembles a vision of Philippine history from the 19th century to present day in the fragmented story of the Delgados, a family surviving across generations of colonization, catastrophe and war.





The Light at the End of the World

Siddhartha Deb

Soho Press

Hardcover

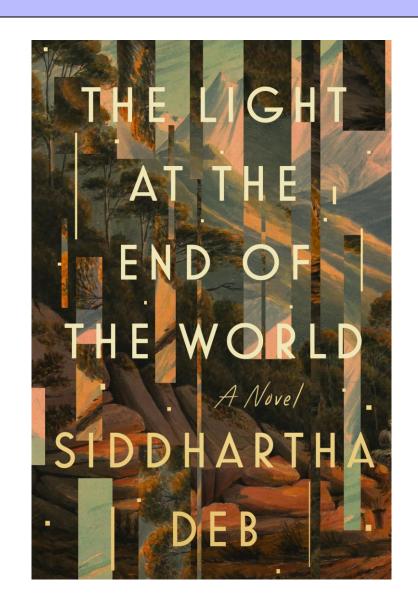
On sale: May 30, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781641294669

\$27.00

Connecting India's tumultuous 19th and 20th centuries to its distant past and its potentially apocalyptic future, this sweeping tale of rebellion, courage and brutality reinvents fiction for our time. *The Light at the End of the World*, Siddhartha Deb's first novel in 15 years, is a magisterial work of shifting forms, reminiscent of *Cloud Atlas* and *Underworld*.





Shutter

Ramona Emerson

Soho Crime

Trade Paperback

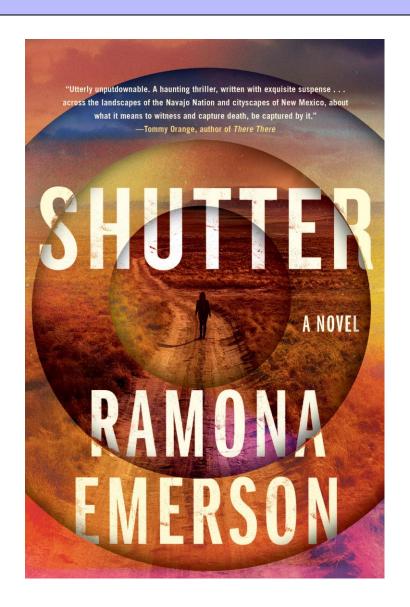
On sale: May 2, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781641294812

\$16.95

Longlisted for the National Book Award. This blood-chilling debut set in New Mexico's Navajo Nation is equal parts gripping crime thriller, supernatural horror, and poignant portrayal of coming of age on the reservation.





Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group



Your Driver Is Waiting

Priya Guns

Doubleday

Hardcover

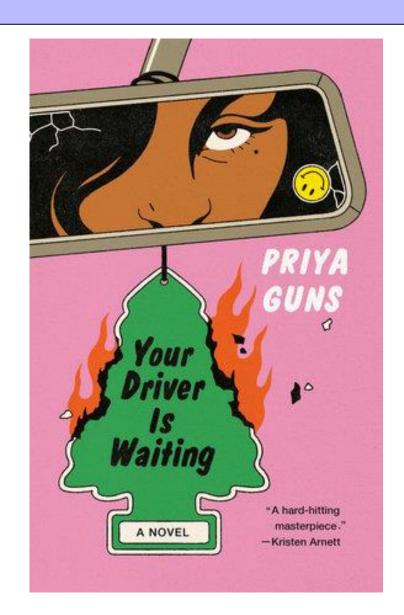
On sale: February 28, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780385549301

\$26.00

In this electrifyingly fierce and funny social satire --- a gender-flipped reboot of the iconic 1970s film *Taxi Driver* --- a ride share driver is barely holding it together on the hunt for love, dignity and financial security...until she decides she's done waiting.





In Memoriam

Alice Winn

Knopf

Hardcover

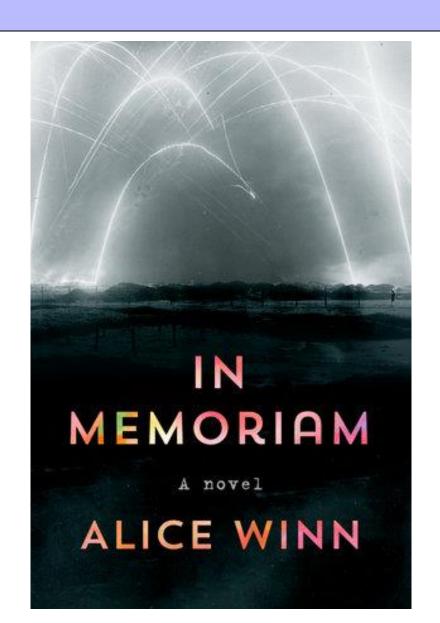
On sale: March 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593534564

\$29.00

A haunting, virtuosic debut novel about two young men who fall in love during a time of war.





The Other Family Doctor

Karen Fine, D.V.M.

Anchor

Hardcover

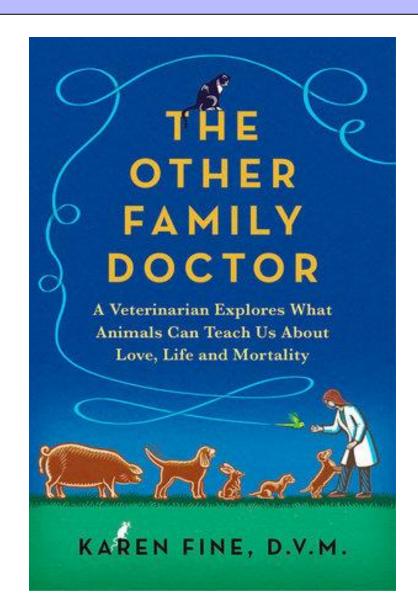
On sale: March 14, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593466896

\$28.00

All Creatures Great and Small meets Being Mortal in this compelling memoir of one woman's dream to become a veterinarian in a field historically dominated by men, and how, through her work both with her patients and their people, she comes to better understand humanity, mortality and the unique role animals play in our lives.





American Mermaid

Julia Langbein

Doubleday

Hardcover

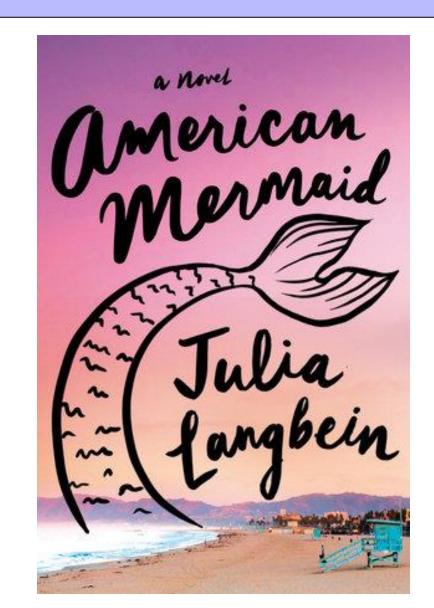
On sale: March 21, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780385549677

\$28.00

A brilliantly funny debut novel that follows a writer lured to Los Angeles to adapt her feminist mermaid novel into a big-budget action film, who believes her heroine has come to life to take revenge for Hollywood's violations.





Spoken Word

Joshua Bennett

Knopf

Hardcover

On sale: March 28, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780525657019

\$30.00

A fascinating history of the art form that has transformed the cultural landscape, by one of its influential practitioners, an award-winning poet, professor and slam champion.





Chain Gang All-Stars Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

Pantheon

Hardcover

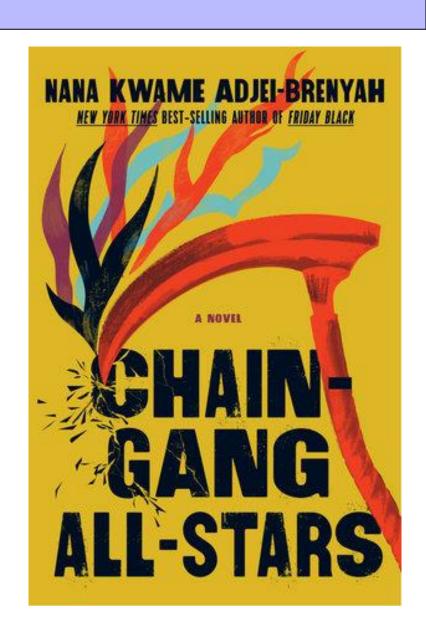
On sale: April 4, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593317334

\$27.00

This explosive, hotly anticipated debut novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Friday Black* is about two top women gladiators fighting for their freedom within a depraved private prison system not so far removed from America's own. • "A new and necessary American voice." —Tommy Orange, *The New York Times Book Review*





Symphony of Secrets

Brendan Slocumb

Anchor

Hardcover

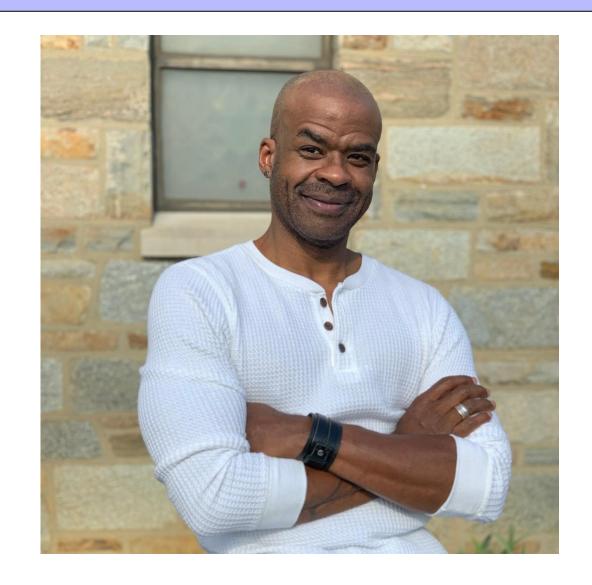
On sale: April 18, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593315446

\$28.00

From the celebrated author of the book club favorite *The Violin Conspiracy*: A gripping page-turner about a professor who uncovers a shocking secret about the most famous American composer of all time --- that his music was stolen from a young Black composer named Josephine Reed. Determined to uncover the truth and right history's wrongs, Bern Hendricks will stop at nothing to finally give Josephine the recognition she deserves.





The Disenchantment

Celia Bell

Pantheon

Hardcover

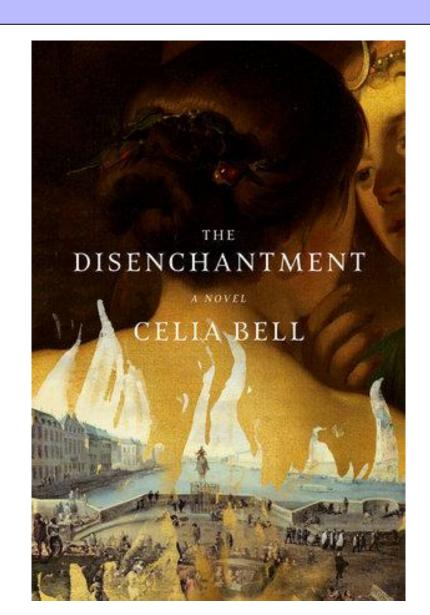
On sale: May 16, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593317174

\$28.00

This radiant and thrilling debut follows a passionate love affair between two noblewomen who wish to free themselves from their repressive society, whatever the cost.





Hachette Book Group



Good Night, Irene Luis Alberto Urrea

Little, Brown and Company

Hardcover

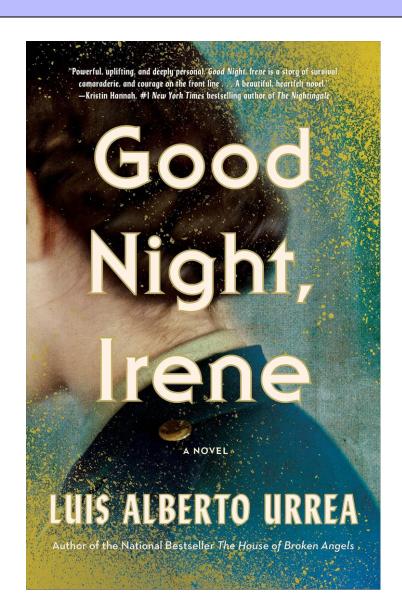
On sale: May 30, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780316265850

\$29.00

In the tradition of *The Nightingale* and *Transcription*, an exhilarating World War II epic that chronicles an extraordinary young woman's heroic frontline service in the Red Cross.





The Snow Hare

Paula Lichtarowicz

Little, Brown and Company

Hardcover

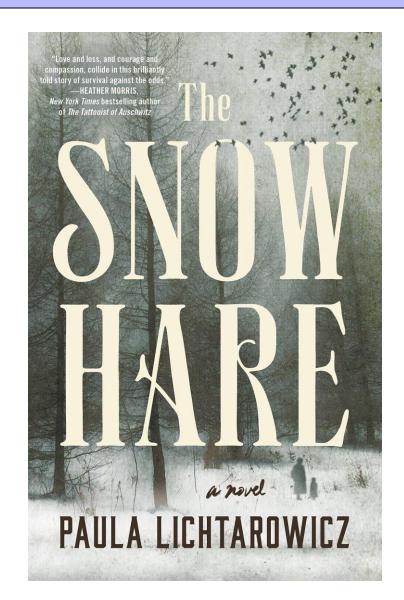
On sale: January 31, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780316461351

\$29.00

A beautifully wrenching novel of love and consequences, *The Snow Hare* follows a woman who dreams of becoming a doctor until World War II gets in the way, sweeping her from her small Polish village to the work camps of the vast Siberian forest, where she falls unexpectedly into love --- and a fateful choice.





Moonrise Over New Jessup

Jamila Minnicks

Algonquin Books

Hardcover

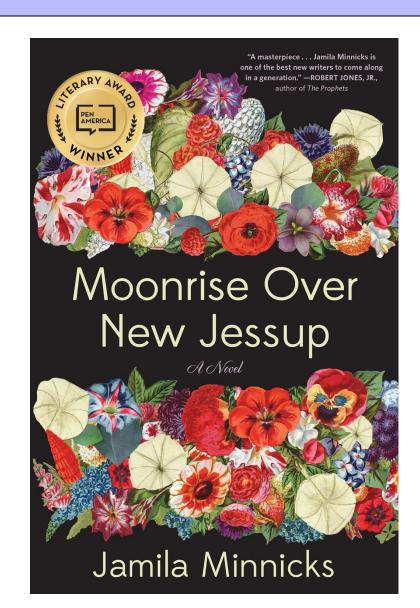
On sale: January 10, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781643752464

\$28.00

Winner of the 2021 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction, a thought-provoking and enchanting debut about a Black woman doing whatever it takes to protect all she loves at the beginning of the civil rights movement in Alabama.





What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez

Claire Jiménez

Grand Central Publishing

Hardcover

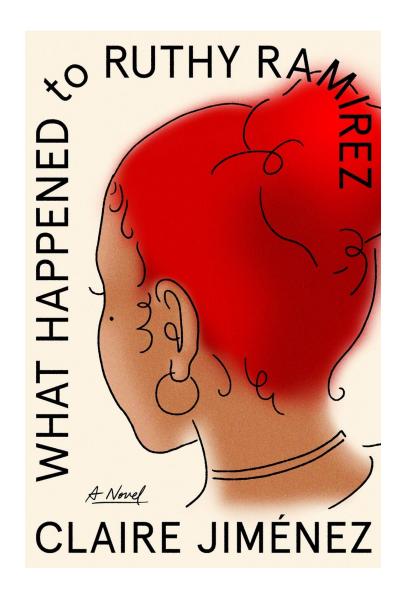
On sale: March 7, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781538725962

\$28.00

A raw, funny and deeply powerful debut novel of a Nuyorican family who discovers their long-missing sister is potentially alive and cast on a reality TV show, and set out to bring her home, for readers of *Black Cake* and *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*.





A History of Burning

Janika Oza

Grand Central Publishing

Hardcover

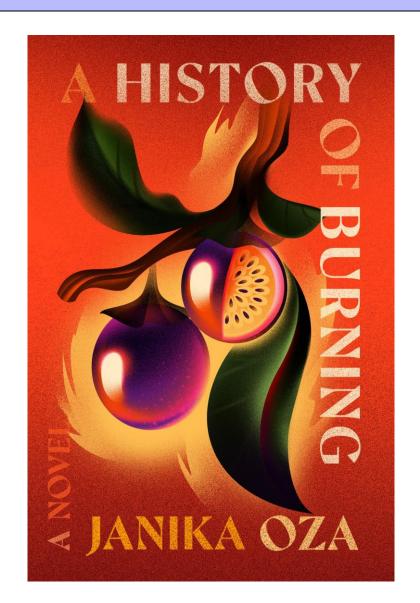
On sale: May 2, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781538724248

\$29.00

In the vein of Min Jin Lee and Yaa Gyasi, an epic, sweeping historical debut novel spanning continents and a century, of how one act can reverberate through four generations of a family and their search for belonging.





Dust Child

Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

Algonquin Books

Hardcover

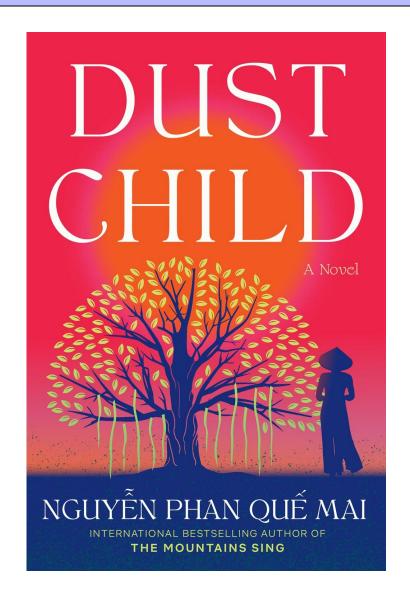
On sale: March 14, 2023

ISBN-13: 9781643752754

\$28.00

From the internationally bestselling author of *The Mountains Sing*, a propulsive and moving tale of wartime love, family and loss, as an American GI, two Vietnamese bargirls and an Amerasian man are forced to make decisions during and after the Việt Nam War that will reverberate throughout each other's lives.





Random House Publishing Group



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Allegra Goodman

The Dial Press

Hardcover

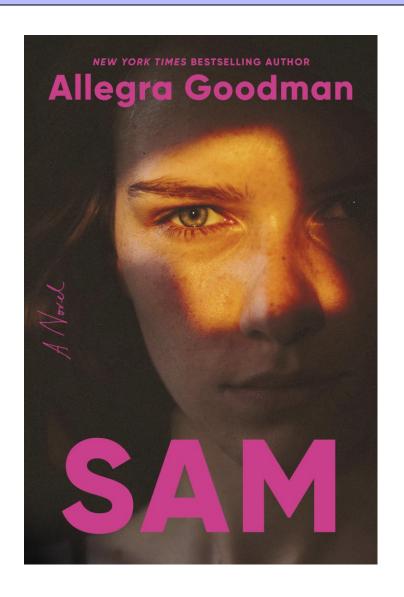
On sale: January 3, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593447819

\$28.00

What happens to a girl's exuberance and wonder as she becomes a woman? This unforgettable portrait of coming-of-age offers a powerful reflection on class, addiction, parenthood, longing and ambition --- from an author hailed as "mesmerizing" (*People*) and "irresistible" (*The New York Times Book Review*).





Hello Beautiful

Ann Napolitano

The Dial Press

Hardcover

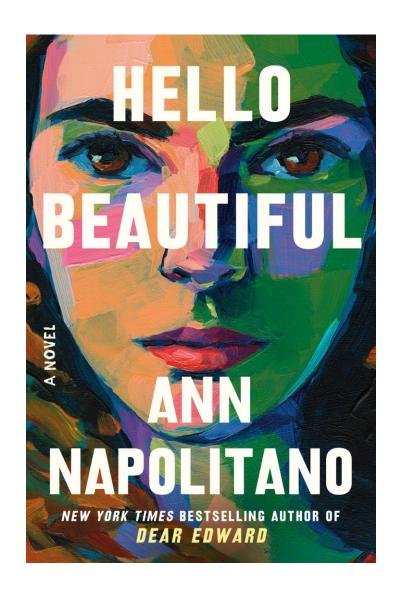
On sale: March 14, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593243732

\$28.00

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dear Edward* comes an emotionally layered and engrossing family story that asks: Can love make a broken person whole?





Earth's the Right Place for Love

Elizabeth Berg

Random House

Hardcover

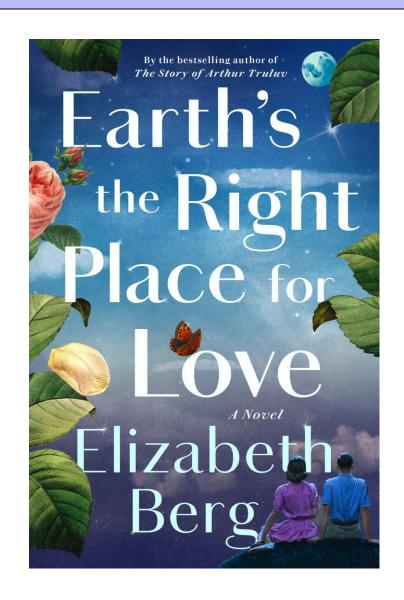
On sale: March 21, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593446799

\$27.00

This beautiful new novel by the beloved author of *Open House* and *Talk Before Sleep* tells the story of two young people growing up in Mason, Missouri, and how Arthur Moses, a shy young man, becomes the wise and compassionate person readers loved in *The Story of Arthur Truluv*.





Dirty Laundry

Disha Bose

Ballantine Books

Hardcover

On sale: April 4, 2023

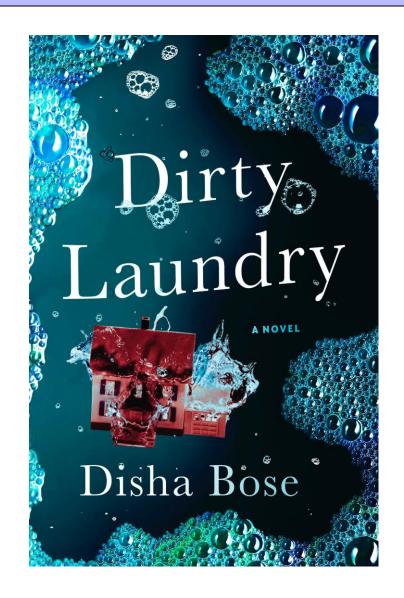
ISBN-13: 9780593497388

\$27.00

A twisty, domestic suspense debut about a clique of mothers that shatters when one of their own is murdered, bringing chaos to their curated lives.

She was the perfect wife, with the perfect life. You would kill to have it.





Romantic Comedy

Curtis Sittenfeld

Random House

Hardcover

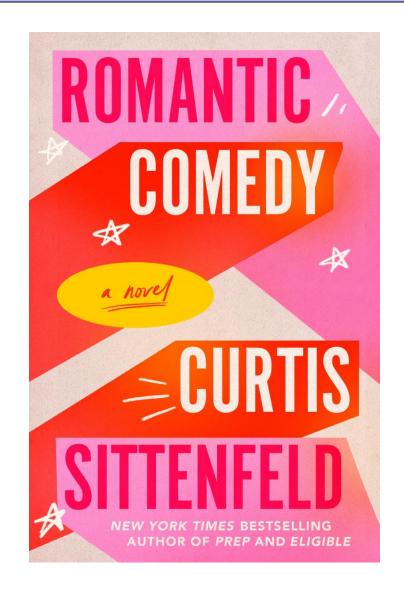
On sale: April 11, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780399590948

\$28.00

A comedy writer thinks she's sworn off love, until a dreamy pop star flips the script on all her assumptions --- a hilarious, observant and deeply tender novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Eligible*, *Rodham* and *Prep*.





The Golden Doves

Martha Hall Kelly

Ballantine Books

Hardcover

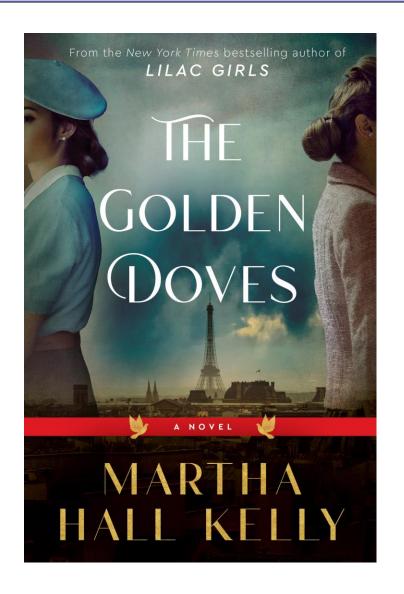
On sale: April 18, 2023

ISBN-13: 9780593354889

\$28.99

Two former female spies, bound together by their past, risk everything to hunt down an infamous Nazi doctor in the aftermath of World War II --- an extraordinary novel inspired by true events from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lilac Girls*.





William Morrow



Really Good, Actually

Monica Heisey

William Morrow

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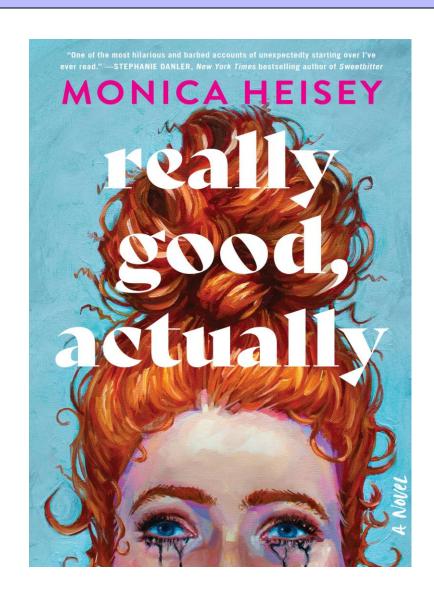
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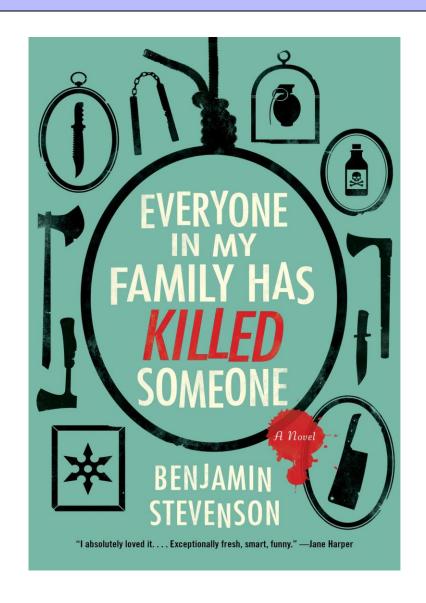
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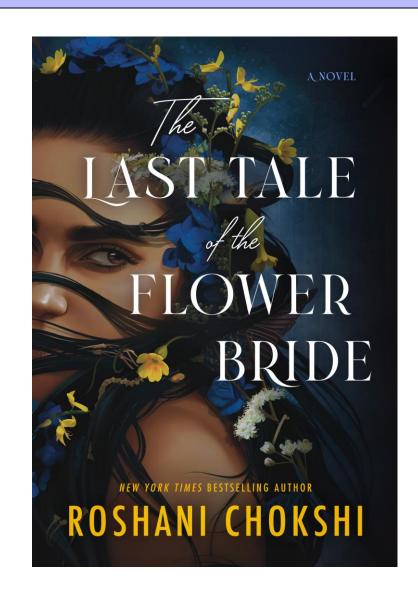
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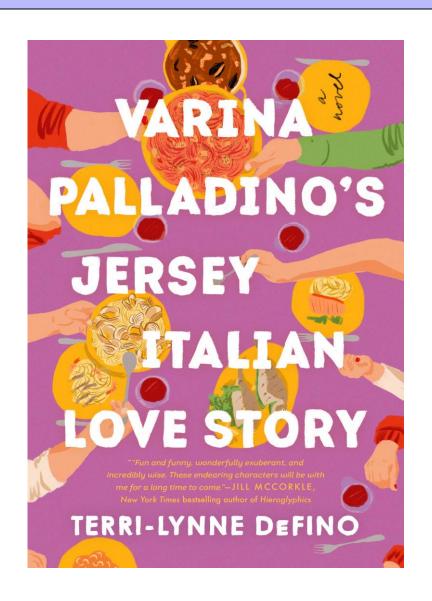
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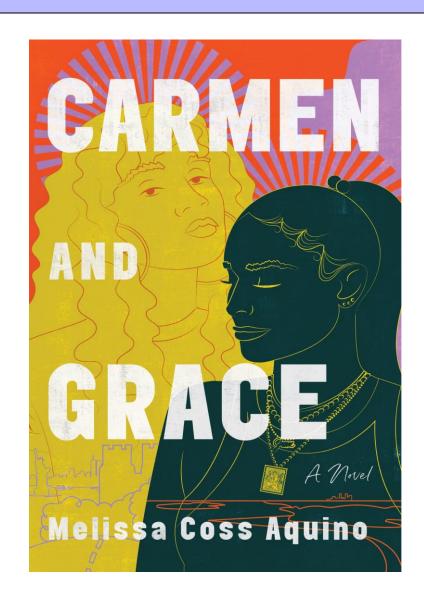
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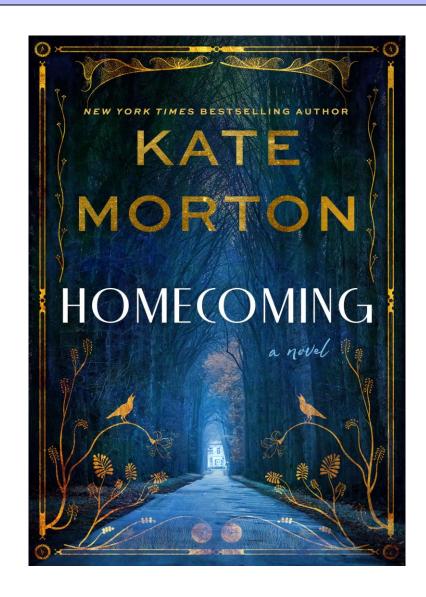
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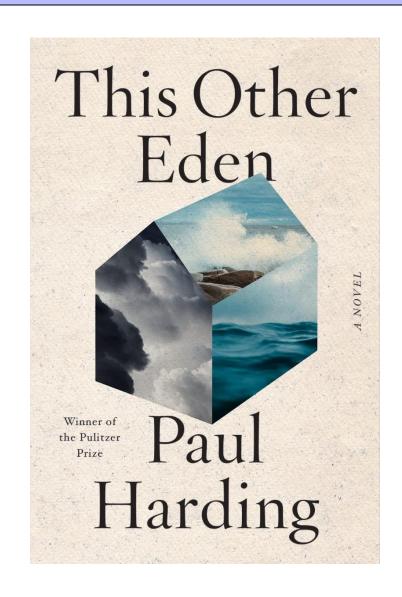
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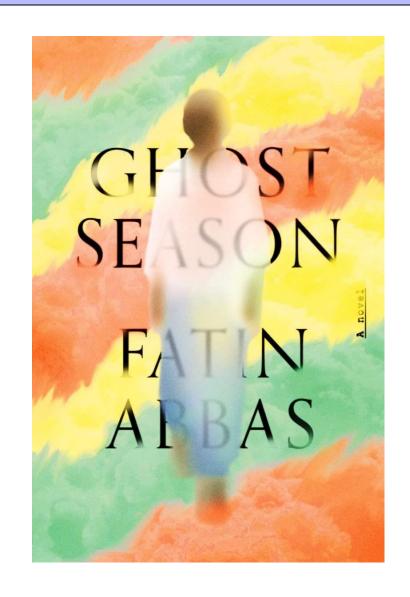
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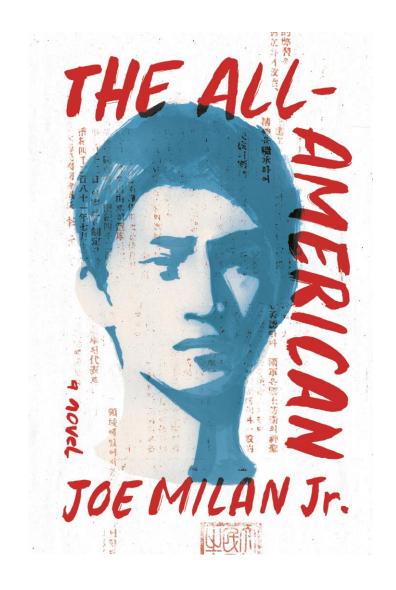
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