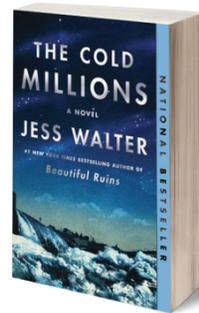


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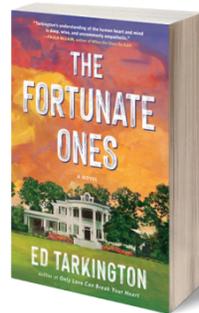
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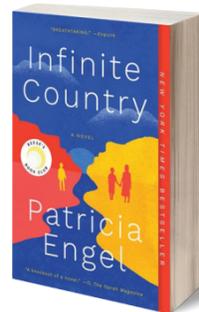
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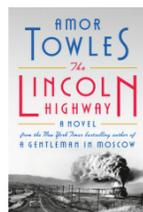
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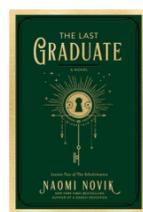


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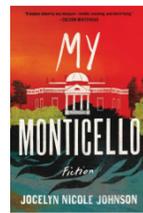


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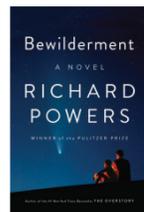


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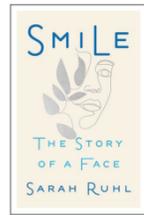
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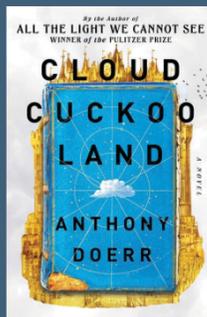
Smile: The Story of a Face
By Sarah Ruhl

(Simon & Schuster, 9781982150945, \$27, Oct. 5, Memoir)

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By Ryka Aoki

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By Christine Pride, Jo Piazza

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By Elaine Feeny

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An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed: Stories
By Helene Tursten, Marlene Delargy (Transl.)

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By Alexis Daria

(Avon, 9780062959966, \$15.99, paperback, Sept. 14, Fiction/Romance)

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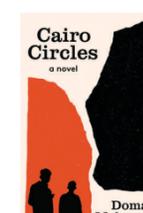


Jacket Weather: A Novel
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(Soft Skull, 9781593766931, \$16.95, paperback, Oct. 12, Fiction)

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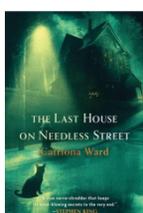


Cairo Circles: A Novel
By Doma Mahmoud

(Unnamed Press, 9781951213367, \$28, Oct. 12, Fiction)

"Mahmoud has crafted a beast of a novel with woven points of view, topics that matter, and enough heart to bring on the feels. I can only hope that this debut is just the beginning."

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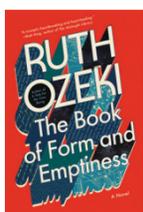


The Last House on Needless Street: A Novel
By Catriona Ward

(Tor Nightfire, 9781250812629, \$27.99, Sept. 28, Fiction/Horror)

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—Robert Connolly, Jabberwocky Bookshop & Café, Newburyport, MA



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By Ruth Ozeki

(Viking, 9780399563645, \$30, Sept. 21, Fiction)

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