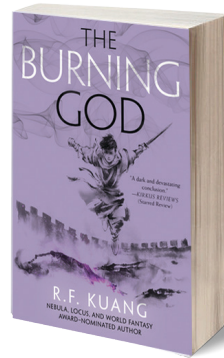


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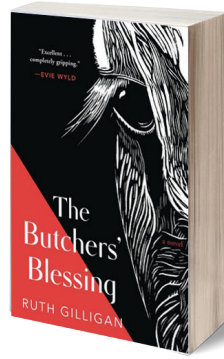
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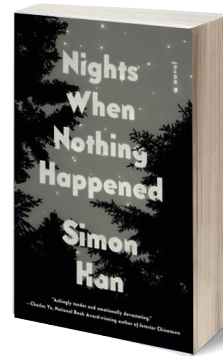


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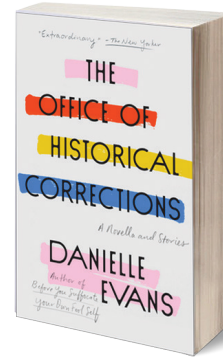


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"Eerie and timely, *Leave the World Behind* will be the next book to talk about. Before you know it, you've stayed up half the night racing to the end of the book. It's a fast read but a powerful book asking important questions."

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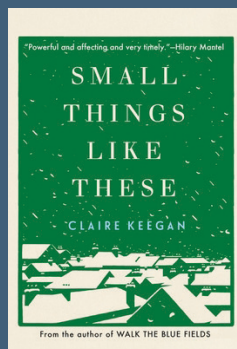
Small Things Like These: A Novel

By Claire Keegan

(Grove Press, 9780802158741, \$20, Nov. 30, Fiction)

"Claire Keegan works magic in this small novel about a truly good man in 1985 Ireland, and the difficult decision he faces at Christmastime. Keegan captures the extraordinary courage required to live an ordinary life with honor."

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People from My Neighborhood: Stories

By Hiromi Kawakami, Ted Goossen (Transl.)

(Soft Skull, 9781593767112, \$15.95, paperback, Nov. 30, Short Stories)

"Hiromi Kawakami writes like no one else. She seamlessly mixes fairytales and folklore into the reality of everyday life with an innocent dreamlike quality. It is a sheer joy to read her, and People from My Neighborhood is no exception."

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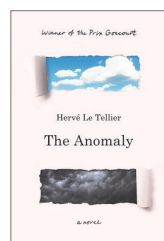
Dava Shastri's Last Day: A Novel

By Kirthana Ramisetty

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"I'm a fan of obituaries—a life whittled down to a handful of words reveals a great deal. In Dava Shastri's Last Day, we see the glorious backfire of secretly outliving your deepest secrets. Intriguing, fast-paced, thought provoking."

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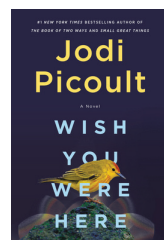
The Anomaly: A Novel

By Hervé Le Tellier, Adriana Hunter (Transl.)

(Other Press, 9781635421699, \$16.99, paperback, Nov. 23, Thriller)

"A mind-blowing examination of who we think we are, what we think we know, and how we might be completely wrong. The dualities, the possibilities, The Anomaly!"

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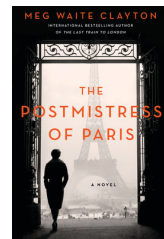
Wish You Were Here: A Novel

By Jodi Picoult

(Ballantine Books, 9781984818416, \$28.99, Nov. 30, Fiction)

"Jodi Picoult continues to amaze us with her masterful storytelling. This time she tackles the difficult subject of Covid with a touching and emotional story. There is a beauty of the human spirit that comes through loud and clear."

—Kathy Morrison, Newtown Bookshop, Newtown, PA



The Postmistress of Paris: A Novel

By Meg Waite Clayton

(Harper, 9780062946980, \$27.99, Nov. 30, Fiction)

"This is a beautifully written story filled with nuanced and compelling characters. Clayton draws the reader into the harrowing world of a young American woman determined to help artists and others flee Vichy France."

—Jean Forstner, Kepler's Books, Menlo Park, CA



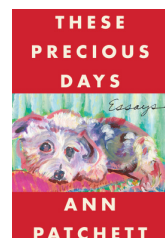
Beasts of a Little Land: A Novel

By Juhea Kim

(Ecco, 9780063093577, \$27.99, Dec. 7, Fiction)

"Encompassing 40+ years of Korea's fight for independence from colonial powers, this book tore my heart out in the best way, and somehow—in the way that only great books can—pieced it back together fuller and more whole than when I began."

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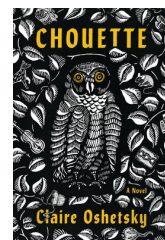
These Precious Days: Essays

By Ann Patchett

(Harper, 9780063092785, \$26.99, Nov. 23, Essays)

"I'm a fiction reader, but the love I have for Patchett's essays is absolutely incandescent. She's the wise friend you wish you had, delivering life advice and hard truths. Patchett dazzles with her honesty, insight, and adroitness."

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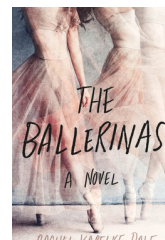
Chouette: A Novel

By Claire Oshetsky

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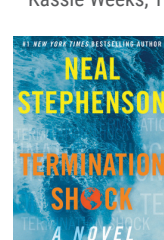
A History of Wild Places: A Novel

By Shea Ernschaw

(Atria Books, 9781982164805, \$27, Dec. 7, Thriller)

"This twisty thriller gave me similar vibes to The Village and absolutely kept me on my toes! Shea Ernschaw really hit it out of the park with this brilliant adult debut."

—Kassie Weeks, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL



Termination Shock: A Novel

By Neal Stephenson

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"Stephenson turns his considerable talent for world-building to our near future. His mix of wit, science, and suspense creates a story of queens, cowboys, and soldiers entangled in the last-ditch effort to save humanity or doom it."

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The Churchill Sisters: The Extraordinary Lives of Winston and Clementine's Daughters

By Rachel Trethewey

(St. Martin's Press, 9781250272393, \$29.99, Nov. 23, Biography)

"A meticulously researched biography of the daughters of one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th century. I greatly enjoyed learning about each of his children and their relationships with their father and their mother, Clementine."

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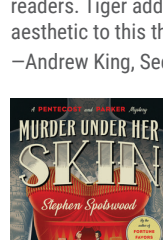
The Cat Who Saved Books: A Novel

By Sosuke Natsukawa, Louise Heal Kawai (Transl.)

(HarperVia, 9780063095724, \$24.99, Dec. 7, Fiction)

"The Cat Who Saved Books is a love letter to book lovers, championing the emotional impact that stories have in the hearts and lives of readers. Tiger adds a bonus charming and Ghibli-esque aesthetic to this thoughtful, tender novel."

—Andrew King, Secret Garden Bookshop, Seattle, WA



Murder Under Her Skin: A Pentecost and Parker Mystery

By Stephen Spotswood

(Doubleday, 9780385547123, \$27, Dec. 7, Mystery)

"Murder Under Her Skin will light a fire under eager fans of Pentecost and Parker. Filled with snappy dialogue, clever plot, and richly imagined characters—readers will clamor for the next installment. It is cracking good fun!"

—Pamela Klinger-Horn, Valley Bookseller, Stillwater, MN



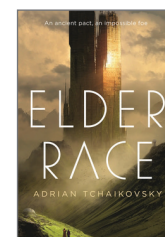
Sex Cult Nun: Breaking Away from the Children of God, a Wild, Radical Religious Cult

By Faith Jones

(William Morrow, 9780062952455, \$27.99, Nov. 30, Memoir)

"Sex Cult Nun offers a shocking glimpse into the Children of God cult from its founder's granddaughter. In a shocking yet hopeful memoir, Jones details her journey to leaving the world she knows to find agency and her dreams."

—Nikita Imafidon, Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS



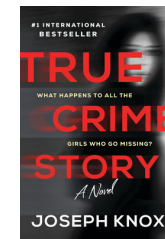
Elder Race

By Adrian Tchaikovsky

(Tordotcom, 9781250768728, \$14.99, paperback, Nov. 16, Science Fiction)

"This smart and snappy novella stitches together a slew of tropes—technology-as-magic, traditional D&D-esque fantasy, alien anthropology—interrogating each element. A rollicking read with intriguing little nuggets of insight."

—Jake Casella Brookins, City Lit Books, Chicago, IL



True Crime Story: A Novel

By Joseph Knox

(Sourcebooks Landmark, 9781728245867, \$16.99, paperback, Dec. 7, Thriller)

"True Crime Story is a riveting work of fiction that reads like a guilty pleasure tabloid. When a struggling writer delves into a mystery, she finds all involved have something to hide. A great twisty thriller where nothing is as it seems."

—Mary O'Malley, Skylark Bookshop, Columbia, MO



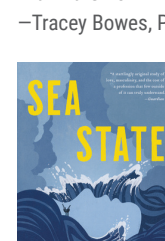
Bright Burning Things: A Novel

By Lisa Harding

(HarperVia, 9780063097148, \$26.99, Dec. 7, Fiction)

"Wow, what a ride. Written from the warped perspective of an alcohol-addicted mother, this book was hard to put down. The writing is genuine and charming, the characters unique within their own individual skins. I absolutely loved it."

—Tracey Bowes, Pressed, Erie, PA



Sea State: A Memoir

By Tabitha Lasley

(Ecco, 9780063030831, \$27.99, Dec. 7, Memoir)

"At its heart, this is a story about men whose lives are filled with toxic masculinity in a world without women—on oil rigs off Scotland. But it's also a story of a woman looking for her place in the world who goes there to write about the men."

—Scott Lange, The Bookman, Grand Haven, MI



You Feel It Just Below the Ribs: A Novel

By Jeffrey Cranor, Janina Matthewson

(Harper Perennial, 9780063066625, \$16.99, paperback, Nov. 16, Fiction)

"You Feel It Just Below the Ribs is a very interesting take on the dystopian alternate future trope. I highly recommend it for fans who like post-societal reads that focus more on the psychological impacts rather than any gore or horror."

—Kaycee Arrowood, Country Bookshelf, Bozeman, MT



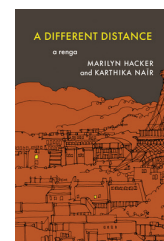
The Teller of Secrets: A Novel

By Bisi Adjapon

(HarperVia, 9780063088948, \$26.99, Nov. 16, Fiction)

"An absolute page-turner of a book, a fiercely feminist coming-of-age tale about a young Ghanaian girl questioning what is expected of her and what she is owed. A mesmerizing and powerful read from a fresh literary talent."

—Meghana Kandlur, Seminary Co-Op Bookstores, Chicago, IL



A Different Distance: A Renga

By Marilyn Hacker, Karthika Nair

(Milkweed Editions, 9781571315519, \$16, paperback, Dec. 14, Poetry)

"Friends, poets, and Paris residents Marilyn Hacker and Karthika Nair wrote a renga (a linked poem) over the course of a year, from March 2020 to March 2021 during the full lockdown. Reading this collection is a lovely, lovely experience."

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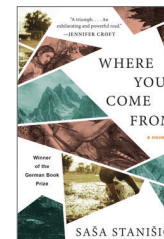
A Thing of Beauty: Travels in Mythical and Modern Greece

By Peter Fiennes

(OneWorld Publications, 9780861540617, \$27.95, Nov. 30, Travel/Essays)

"I really enjoyed this mashup of travel writing, musings on Greek mythology, and thoughts about climate change and its effect on our world. Fiennes drew me in with his study of Lord Byron and from there I was happy to pop in on his travels."

—Kate Storhoff, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC



Where You Come From: A Novel

By Sasa Stanisic, Damion Searls (Transl.)

(Tin House Books, 9781951142759, \$17.95, paperback, Dec. 7, Fiction)

"One of Germany's most important living writers, Stanisic writes of the experience of growing up in the former Yugoslavia, fusing choose-your-own-adventure, multigenerational conflict, and biting witticisms against fascists."

—Spencer Rucht, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA