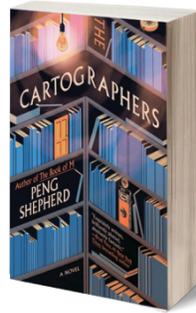


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The Secret World of Weather: How to Read Signs in Every Cloud, Breeze, Hill, Street, Plant, Animal, and Dewdrop
By Tristan Gooley

(The Experiment, 9781615191482, \$17.95, Mar. 14, Nature)

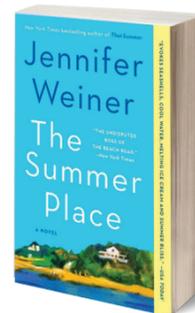
"I first learned of microclimates when I had to drive to work and the weather changed multiple times in 60 minutes. Gooley writes about weather in an engaging and eloquent style. Readers will be entertained in a way that makes learning painless!"
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Disorientation: A Novel
By Elaine Hsieh Chou

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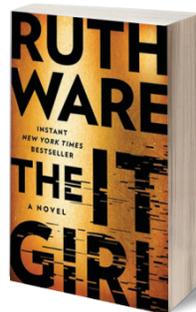
"Part academic satire, part mystery that keeps you reading. Told with sharp and tender wit, *Disorientation* is one of the most original debuts I've ever read."
—Shannon Alden, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI



The Summer Place: A Novel
By Jennifer Weiner

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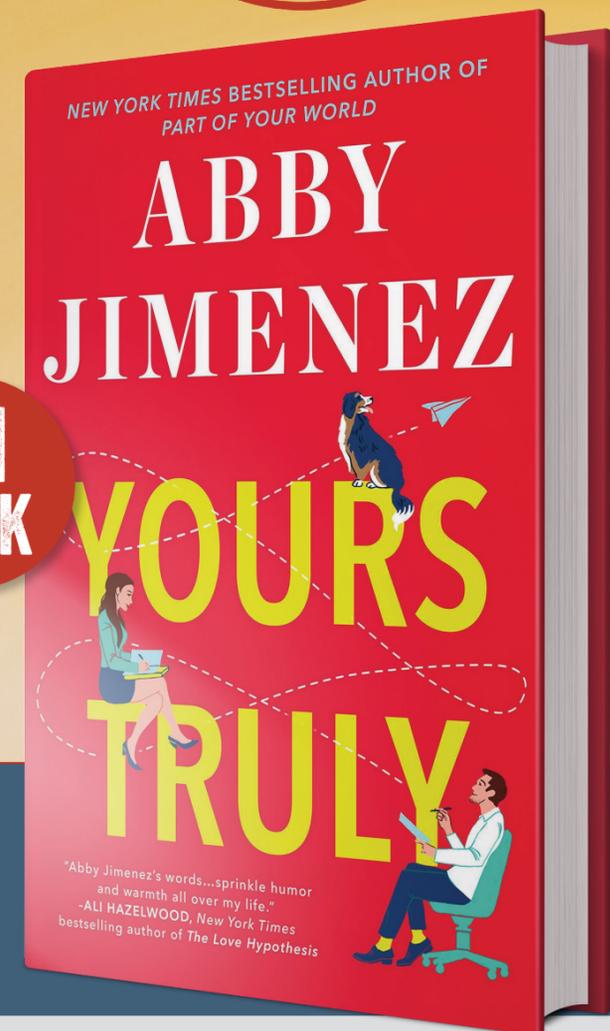
Woman, Eating: A Literary Vampire Novel
By Claire Kohda

(HarperVia, 9780063140899, \$18.99, Apr. 4, Fiction)

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By Curtis Sittenfeld
(Random House, 9780399590948, \$28, Apr. 4, Fiction)

"It's a joy to read Curtis Sittenfeld's fun new novel. Clearly written as a healing project during the pandemic, it emphasizes the magical nature of crushes and human connection, and how we come together with other people against all odds."

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By Megan Miranda
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You Could Make This Place Beautiful: A Memoir

By Maggie Smith
(Atria/One Signal Publishers, 9781982185855, \$28, Apr. 11, Memoir)

"Maggie Smith's first memoir digs deeper into her life after divorce. The writer zooms in close and then offers wider shots, back and forth, to slowly reveal her heart, and in the process, she discovers her power to create something new."

—Linda Kass, Gramercy Books, Bexley, OH



Lone Women: A Novel

By Victor LaValle
(One World, 9780525512080, \$27, Mar. 28, Horror)

"This book was absolutely amazing. Adelaide is a superbly drawn protagonist. You feel for her and the growth of her character was beautiful to read. The novel reads like a wonderful character study, with a shade of horror mixed in."

—Trina Ortiz, Arts & Letters Bookstore, Granbury, TX



House of Cotton: A Novel

By Monica Brashears
(Flatiron Books, 9781250851918, \$27.99, Apr. 4, Fiction)

"I am so, so in love with this book. Monica Brashears is such a skilled writer, and this is a great, macabre, spicy Black Southern gothic novel. It is real and unreal, strange and familiar — that perfect liminal space book."

—Anton Bogomazov, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC



Some Desperate Glory: A Novel

By Emily Tesh
(Tordotcom, 9781250834980, \$28.99, Apr. 11, Science Fiction)

"Some Desperate Glory was palms-sweatingly incredible! I desperately sprinted through its pages to get to the end, then cracked it open again to read more slowly. THIS is the sci-fi book I've been waiting for. Readers won't be disappointed!"

—Annie Carl, The Neverending Bookshop, Edmonds, WA



Beyond That, the Sea: A Novel

By Laura Spence-Ash
(Celadon Books, 9781250854377, \$28, Mar. 21, Fiction)

"When a family takes in a young British girl during World War II, she changes their lives and they change hers. Summers on a Maine island add to the wonder of the story. Told over decades and on both sides of the ocean, this story captured me."

—Sue Boucher, The Cottage Book Shop, Glen Arbor, MI

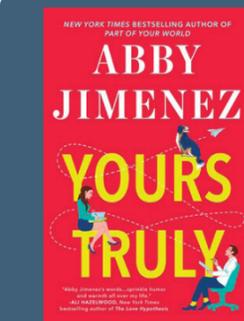


American Mermaid: A Novel

By Julia Langbein
(Doubleday, 9780385549677, \$28, Mar. 21, Fiction)

"American Mermaid is a total charmer of a novel. A crackling satire of the contemporary book market, and a winning portrait of an artist as a young woman, American Mermaid rides a fine line between hilarity and heartbreak."

—John Francisconi, P&T Knitwear Bookstore, New York, NY



Yours Truly: A Novel

By Abby Jimenez
(Forever, 9781538740439, \$28, hardcover, 9781538704394, \$16.99, paperback, Apr. 11, Romance)

"Yours Truly embodies humor and humanity. Readers will laugh hysterically while simultaneously sobbing from Jimenez's page-turning plot. From pen pals to partners, the protagonists' undeniable chemistry brings this story to life."

—Amber Reinhart, Adventures By The Book, San Diego, CA



Dust Child: A Novel

By Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai
(Algonquin Books, 9781643752754, \$28, Mar. 14, Fiction)

"This is one of the most important books I have read this year. Thoroughly researched, beautifully written, Dust Child brings to life and humanizes important dimensions of the Vietnam War otherwise untold."

—Harvey Dong, Eastwind Books of Berkeley, Berkeley, CA



A House With Good Bones: A Novel

By T. Kingfisher
(Tor Nightfire, 9781250829795, \$26.99, Mar. 28, Horror)

"Kingfisher does horror in her own wonderful way. A House With Good Bones is a witty, clever, and fresh take on the haunted house sub-genre of horror. I especially loved Hermes, what a good boy!"

—Hannah Cloutier, The Bookery Manchester, Manchester, NH

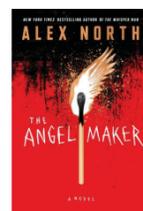


Wandering Souls: A Novel

By Cecile Pin
(Henry Holt and Co., 9781250863461, \$26.99, Mar. 21, Fiction)

"A slim novel, but there is so much here that I just love — beautiful language, devastating subject, and exquisite structure — there is something urgent about the way Pin tells this story. She's created something special!"

—Julie Slavinsky, Warwick's, La Jolla, CA

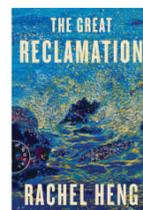


The Angel Maker: A Novel

By Alex North
(Celadon Books, 9781250757869, \$28.99, Feb 28, Thriller)

"What a suspenseful read! I was obsessed with The Whisper Man and this new book held up. I can't wait to show this to our customers who love suspense and horror."

—Jessica Jones, Browseabout Books, Rehoboth Beach, DE

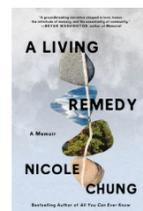


The Great Reclamation: A Novel

By Rachel Heng
(Riverhead Books, 9780593420119, \$28, Mar. 28, Fiction)

"An epic historical fiction in an area most Americans know little about. Ah Boon and Siok Mei's paths diverge between fighting oppression and moving Singapore into the 'modern' world. So many relevant issues in this thought-provoking read."

—Audrey Huang, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA

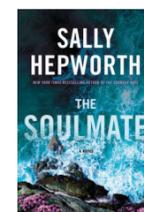


A Living Remedy: A Memoir

By Nicole Chung
(Ecco, 9780063031616, \$29.99, Apr. 4, Memoir)

"A heartbreaking, yet deeply loving memoir about the complexities of healthcare inequality. Chung draws on her experiences in her white adoptive family to understand how inequalities perpetuate distance and divisiveness."

—Erin Pastore, Water Street Bookstore, Exeter, NH



The Soulmate: A Novel

By Sally Hepworth
(St. Martin's Press, 9781250229700, \$28.99, Apr. 4, Thriller)

"Sally Hepworth doesn't disappoint with this latest domestic thriller. She hooked me from the first few pages and shows how any of us can question what we think we see and believe about our spouses."

—Jennifer O'Neal-Rojas, Walls of Books, Oviedo, FL

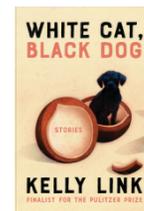


Community Board: A Novel

By Tara Conklin
(Mariner Books, 9780062959379, \$30, Mar. 28, Fiction)

"This is a totally unique story about finding your community — whether that's a couple people you meet or a whole town. It is laugh out loud funny and completely relatable. Highly recommended for those looking for a delightful and funny read."

—Kristen Beverly, Half Price Books, Dallas, TX



White Cat, Black Dog: Stories

By Kelly Link
(Random House, 9780593449950, \$27, Mar. 28, Short Stories)

"Kelly Link doesn't write a bad sentence. Each story is eerie, compelling, and beautiful. Link takes a crumb of each folk tale and twists it until it is nearly unrecognizable, creating entirely new fables that discomf and provoke."

—Fisher Nash, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY



The House Is on Fire: A Novel

By Rachel Beanland
(Simon & Schuster, 9781982186142, \$27.99, Apr. 4, Fiction)

"The House is on Fire captures the early 1800s in the United States through the lens of a theater fire in Richmond. Beanland reconstructs the story of the fire while discussing slavery and abuse, womanhood, misogyny, and child labor."

—Kyle Churman, Werner Books, Erie, PA



Homecoming: A Novel

By Kate Morton
(Mariner Books, 9780063020894, \$32, Apr. 4, Fiction)

"Homecoming provides the perfect atmosphere and suspense to immerse readers in a tale of family both lost and found. The book will take you on a trip down under to a rich, satisfying and surprising conclusion."

—Betsy Von Kerens, The Bookworm of Omaha, Omaha, NE

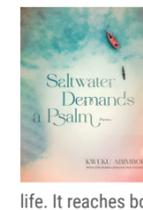


Flux: A Novel

By Jinwoo Chong
(Melville House, 9781685890346, \$28.99, Mar. 21, Fiction)

"If I had to choose one word to describe Flux, it would be sharp. The way that Chong wrote this brilliant book still amazes me. With plot twists so subtle you're not even fully aware you just encountered one. This kept me on the edge of my seat."

—Libby Monaghan, Twice Told Tales, McPherson, KS



Saltwater Demands a Psalm: Poems

By Kweku Abimbola
(Graywolf Press, 9781644452271, \$16, paperback, Apr. 4, Poetry)

"Kweku Abimbola's collection is a dazzling appreciation of Black life. It reaches both backwards, to Ghana and a pre-American cultural past, and forwards to a life beyond violence, where Blackness and joy coexist in a single, uninterrupted river."

—Camden Avery, The Booksmith, San Francisco, CA



Blue Hour: A Novel

By Tiffany Clarke Harrison
(Soft Skull, 9781593767495, \$15.95, paperback, Apr. 4, Fiction)

"Blue Hour is a raw and unflinching look at Black motherhood in America. Tiffany Clarke Harrison's almost stream of consciousness writing style is reminiscent of Natasha Brown and Jenny Offill, making it quick but packing a punch."

—Lizzy Rolando, Salmonberry Books, Port Orchard, WA



Ozark Dogs: A Novel

By Eli Cranor
(Soho Crime, 9781641294539, \$26.95, Apr. 4, Thriller)

"Wow, this southern noir thriller is gripping! Blood is thicker than water in these Ozark towns, but family relationships are complicated and there are no easy answers, leading to hard — and surprising — choices. Absolutely unforgettable."

—Lia Lent, WordsWorth Books, Little Rock, AR

