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NONFICTION HIGHLIGHTS



GIL DURAN is a journalist based in San Francisco. He began his journalism career at the *San Jose Mercury News* in 1998. In 2003, he transitioned into political communications, serving as a spokesman and strategist for Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Attorney General Kamala Harris. Duran returned to journalism in 2018 as the California opinion editor for *The Sacramento Bee*, writing columns and editorials on local, state, and national issues. In 2021, he became the editorial page editor of the *San Francisco Examiner*. He currently writes the FrameLab Newsletter (with Dr. George Lakoff) and *The Nerd Reich* (on tech politics) and regularly contributes to various publications, including *The New Republic*.

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THE NERD REICH

If you want to understand the tech-fueled chaos that rattled Washington as DOGE rampaged through government agencies, you don't start with Elon Musk—you start with a sinister shift in San Francisco that's been underway for decades.

Tech companies were long understood to be broadly liberal, having enjoyed a coziness with the Obama administration and generally pushing back against the worst of Trump's overreaches. But those near Silicon Valley were the first to notice an unsettling authoritarian turn in recent years. Lifelong Democrats began to take surprisingly conservative stances, repeating right-wing talking points and expressing an affinity with MAGA views. Tech leaders were increasingly loud about reactive opinions, pouring money into local campaigns to oppose progressive politicians and policies. Those connecting the dots saw a concerted right-wing drift emerging widely across the industry.

The roots of this tech authoritarianism can be traced back to the early 2000s, when a fringe thinker named Curtis Yarvin started to push what would come to be called Dark Enlightenment ideology. His provocative writing called for dismantling democracy and national power as we know it, enshrining technology and wealth as the controlling centers of authority in our society. His views subsequently have been both evolved and mainstreamed by important tech players like Peter Thiel, David Sacks, Balaji Srinivasan, and Gary Tan—and those ideas are now being put into practice in the highest levels of government by Elon Musk. For these figures, artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency are tools in the fight to transform society, dismantling federal authority and building alternative institutions that will allow tech oligarchs to seize control of power.

Gil Duran has been tracking this emergent technofascist force from the local to the national, writing a series of viral pieces in the *The New Republic* through 2024 and expanding that reporting in his rapidly growing newsletter, "The Nerd Reich." His book *THE NERD REICH* will trace the tech-authoritarian movement from its early days in San Francisco politics to this escalated moment on the national stage. Duran introduces us to the key thinkers and actors of this group, exploring both the philosophical underpinning of the movement and the tactics they plan to use to consolidate control. The book will be a crucial lens to understand this far-reaching, extremely dangerous movement—and an essential road map for how to fight back.



MEGHAN O’GIEBLYN writes essays, features, and criticism for *Harper’s Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *n+1*, *The Point*, *The Baffler*, *Wired*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, and other publications. She is the recipient of three Pushcart Prizes and the 2023 Benjamin H. Danks Award from American Academy of Arts and Letters, and her essays have been included in *The Best American Essays* and *The Contemporary American Essay* anthologies. Her first book, *Interior States*, won the 2018 Believer Book Award for nonfiction. Her book *God, Human, Animal, Machine* was published by Doubleday in 2021.

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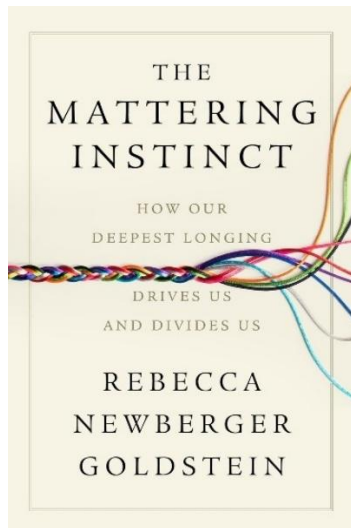
WILL & ATTENTION

A potent blend of memoir and inquiry that explores how to break old patterns and create lasting change when willpower alone isn’t enough

In her most personal book to date, O’Gieblyn asks one of life’s most pressing questions: how do we truly change? With clarity, candor, and intelligence, she traces the struggle between obstinate habits and our highest aspirations, revealing the delicate nature of transformation in a noisy world.

The title is drawn from *Attention & Will*, an enigmatic essay by French philosopher, mystic, and political activist Simone Weil. In the wake of two personal crises—a return to the church she thought she had left behind and a relapse into drinking—O’Gieblyn turned to Weil’s essay daily for a year, sensing strategies beyond sheer willpower in its elusive pages. What she found in her daily routine was a radical alternative: the discipline of attention, not as we understand it in the age of the “attention economy,” but as a posture of openness and humility, more akin to daily prayer than life hacking.

While Weil’s essay braces the inquiry, the heart of *WILL & ATTENTION* lies in O’Gieblyn’s reckoning with her divided self and the lives of those around her. Through intimate storytelling and probing analysis, she considers what fulfills us without succumbing to old compulsions, how we cultivate receptivity, and how community anchors us when willpower fails. A vulnerable, searching narrative layered with philosophical depth and practical insight, *WILL & ATTENTION* is a book for anyone seeking to live with lasting possibilities.



REBECCA NEWBERGER GOLDSTEIN is an award-winning philosopher, writer, and public intellectual. She is the author of ten books, both fiction and non-fiction. She holds a Ph.D. in philosophy of science from Princeton University, and she has taught and researched at Yale, Harvard, Barnard, Rutgers, Columbia, Trinity College, NYU, Dartmouth, and the New College of the Humanities in London. Her work has been supported by the MacArthur “Genius” grant, Guggenheim Fellowship, Radcliffe Foundation fellowship among others. She has received the Whiting Writers’ Award for her fiction and two National Jewish Book Awards. She is a member of The American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2015, Goldstein was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Obama.

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THE MATTERING INSTINCT: *How Our Deepest Longing Drives Us*

MacArthur Fellow and National Humanities Medalist Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, author of *Plato at the Googleplex* and *The Mind-Body Problem*, returns with a revelatory book about the primal drive that in our species alone has been transformed into one of our most persistent and universal motivations: the longing to matter.

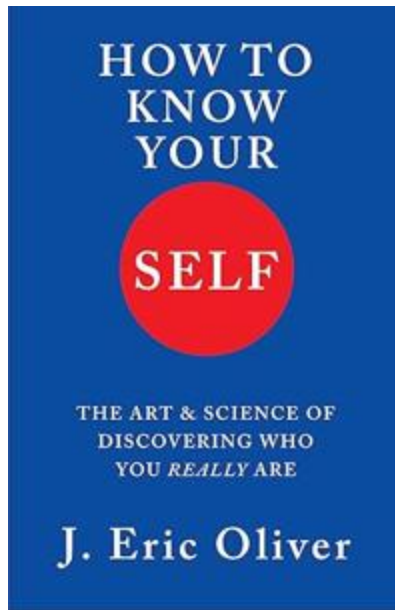
Drawing on biology, psychology, and philosophy, Goldstein argues that this need to matter—and the various “mattering projects” it inspires—is the source of our greatest progress and our deepest conflicts: the very crux of the human experience.

Goldstein brings this profound idea to life through unforgettable stories of famous and not-so-famous people pursuing their unique mattering projects: the ragtime genius Scott Joplin, whose dedication to his ignored masterpiece, *Treemonisha*, ended in tragedy; the pioneering psychologist William James, who rose above the depression of his young adulthood to become perhaps the first great theorist of mattering; an impoverished Chinese woman who rescued abandoned newborns from the trash; and a neo-Nazi skinhead who as a young man dealt racial violence to feel he mattered but ultimately renounced that hateful past after realizing that mattering isn’t a zero-sum game. These portraits illuminate how our instinct for significance shapes identity, relationships, culture, and conflict—and they point the way to a future where we all might see that there is, fundamentally, enough mattering to go around. Deeply revealing and insightful, and decades in the making, *THE MATTERING INSTINCT* is a must read for those curious about why we seek to matter to ourselves and others—and how this insatiable longing that drives us apart may be the key to finally understanding each other.

“[An] extraordinary and urgent book.” —**Jonathan Haidt, #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Anxious Generation* and *The Righteous Mind***

“What drives human beings to do both great good and terrible evil? Rebecca Goldstein brilliantly argues that the answer is strangely simple yet incredibly powerful: it is our need to matter in the world. To understand others—and yourself—read this book”. —**Arthur C. Brooks, #1 New York Times best-selling author of *Build the Life You Want* and *From Strength to Strength***
Humanities Medal by President Obama.

“[...] an important and truly impressive book that gives us new ways to think about human worth and dignity.”— **Sheryl Sandberg, founder of *Lean In***



J. ERIC OLIVER, Ph.D. is Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago and host of the podcast “Nine Questions with Eric Oliver.” He is the author of five previous books including *Democracy in Suburbia* (Princeton University Press, 2001); *The Paradoxes of Integration* (University of Chicago Press, 2010) and *Fat Politics: The Real Story Behind America’s Obesity Epidemic* (Oxford University Press, 2006).

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- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

HOW TO KNOW YOUR SELF: *The Art & Science of Discovering Who You Really Are*

What if everything you thought you knew about yourself was an illusion? And what if *that* was the key to a freer, more meaningful life?

For over two decades, Eric Oliver has transformed the way thousands of students at the University of Chicago understand themselves. Now, in *How to Know Your Self*, he invites readers into that same profound journey of discovery.

Weaving together recent breakthroughs in physics, neuroscience, and psychology with the enduring wisdom of ancient philosophy, Oliver unpacks the most profound questions at the heart of human experience: what exactly is this thing we call a “self,” and how can we make it work better? With clarity, humor, and insight, he leads readers on a delightful tour of the unseen forces that shape our thoughts, feelings, and very sense of being.

Offering something more enduring than simple self-help or life-hacking, HOW TO KNOW YOUR SELF fundamentally transforms our understanding of what it means to be a person.



GABRIEL WINANT is a historian at the University of Chicago and a prominent public thinker and organizer. His first book, *The Next Shift* (Harvard UP, 2021), won awards across the academy, was named a *New York Times Book Review* Editor's Choice, and continues to be invoked in mainstream media. Winant's public writing for *n+1*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *The Guardian*, and *Dissent* (where he serves on the Editorial Board), has sparked significant and far-reaching debates among readers over the past decade. He was recently awarded the 2025 *n+1* Writer's Fellowship, granted annually to an outstanding writer whose work has shaped the magazine's evolution.

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CLASS CONSCIOUS

A groundbreaking new history of class in America, revealing the roots of our global crisis of democracy, from one of the most exciting thinkers on the Left today

It will likely feel apparent, to anyone paying attention, that something is broken in American society, and that this brokenness has something to do with economic inequality. Over the last fifty years, wealth has been redistributed upward, public institutions eroded, and millions of stable jobs destroyed. We can recognize the emergency in the blatant irresponsibility and contempt of those in power; in mounting polarization, isolation, violence, despair. These catastrophes provoke indignation and dread, but we struggle to see the greater social forces that structure them.

Gabriel Winant has spent his career arguing for a new and dynamic understanding of social class as the key to clearly seeing and confronting our global crisis of representative democracy. Reexamining the sweep of American history through the lens of class, from its founding ideologies to the Great Migration, from the rise of the service sector to today's blue-collar Trump voters, Winant traces the fault lines of the relationships that have bound Americans together and broken them apart. The forgotten epics of these class struggles are characterized by brutal repression, climactic battles, and unlikely heroes, but also the most intimate lives of ordinary working people: daily negotiations of dignity and humiliation, money and identity, exhaustion and power. Traversing the vast scales of class experience with brilliance and warmth, Winant helps us to better know the truth about what ails modern America, its past, and a better future that is still possible.

CLASS CONSCIOUS is a remarkably ambitious and clear-sighted reinterpretation of America at a moment of need. It reimagines the country's long history of political crisis and social inequity, like Isabelle Wilkerson's *Caste*, Nancy Isenberg's *White Trash*, and Matthew Desmond's *Poverty, by America*, but it does so while recognizing class as both systemic and individual, and dynamic by its very nature. Winant's electric insight and wide, devoted readership are akin to writers like Malcolm Harris and John Ganz, and the scope and profundity of his thinking bring to mind such greats as Mike Davis and Barbara Ehrenreich. This will be an essential book in understanding the political dominance of Trump and Vance, and in plotting a new course for Left politics, both in America and across the world today.



JUNE JORDAN (1936 - 2002) became, in her lifetime, the most published Black poet in American history. Known for her fierce commitment to human rights and political activism, she founded the Poetry for the People program at U.C. Berkeley and received, among many honors, a congressional citation for her outstanding contributions to literature, the progressive movement and the civil rights movement.

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NOTHING LESS THAN LOVE: *The Selected Essays of June Jordan*

Edited and introduced by Alexis Pauline Gumbs

The definitive selected essays of the revolutionary writer and activist June Jordan, the first publication in an ambitious program to reissue her long out-of-print work

Known in her time as the most widely published African American writer to date, June Jordan was a courageous agitator for change, writing with love and rage at the frontlines of literature and injustice on an international scale. A contemporary of Audre Lorde, Toni Morrison, and Alice Walker, she received a congressional citation for her outstanding contributions to literature, the progressive movement, and the civil rights movement.

And yet Jordan knew that she never got her due within her lifetime. She was too fiery, too fierce in her political commitments to be embraced and lauded by the establishment. In the years after her untimely death in 2001, her remarkable work largely fell out of print. Yet it is the very fierceness and foresight of Jordan's commitment to freedom and human dignity that has fueled a recent, international upsurge of interest in her work. **NOTHING LESS THAN LOVE** will be the first in a major reissue program from Penguin Classics in the US.

Edited by the celebrated poet and Black feminist scholar Alexis Pauline Gumbs, and timed to coincide with the first biography of Jordan (also by Gumbs) for Yale University Press, this definitive selected essays includes hugely influential treatises alongside lesser known gems, all organized around the power of Jordan's unyielding commitment to love.

Alexis Pauline Gumbs is the author of *Survival is a Promise*, the biography of Audre Lorde (FSG, 2024), a Publishers Weekly Top Ten Book of the Year, Guardian Book of the Week, and a finalist for the LA Times Book Award. She is a 2023 Windham-Campbell Prize Winner in Poetry, and a 2022 Whiting Award Winner in Nonfiction.

"In political journalism that cuts like razors, in essays that blast the darkness of confusion with relentless light ... [June Jordan] has comforted, explained, described, wrestled with, taught and made us laugh out loud before we wept... I am talking about a span of forty years of tireless activism coupled with and fueled by flawless art." —**Toni Morrison**



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SOLDIER: A Poet's Childhood

The profoundly moving childhood memoir of the revolutionary poet and activist June Jordan, out of print for over a decade, and now set for a major reissue from Penguin Classics

Captured with astonishing beauty, through the eyes of a child, *SOLDIER* paints the battleground of June Jordan's youth as the gifted daughter of Jamaican immigrants, struggling under the humiliations of racism, sexism, and poverty in 1940s New York. "There was a war on against colored people, against poor people," Jordan writes, as she watches her mother turn inward in her suffering, while her father lashes out, often violently, against his own daughter.

In this precarious environment, Jordan learns to harden herself, to become a "soldier" – and the son her father always wanted – while still managing to preserve a deep capacity for love and wonder. Poignantly exploring the nature of memory, imagination, and familial as well as social responsibility, *SOLDIER* re-creates the vivid world in which Jordan's identity as a social and artistic revolutionary was forged.

"We see that the precocious, increasingly fearless child who would grow up to become one of America's fiercest literary figures and social activists, is also the hope of a generation." —*Ms. Magazine*

"The sly genius of *Soldier* is that Jordan leads the reader so deep into a child's psyche... a memoir that is as unsettling as it is insightful." —*The Village Voice*

"The kind of book that can make you laugh out loud one minute and cry the next." —*The Atlanta Journal Constitution*

"June Jordan is one of the foremost writers on racial, gender and political issues... her compelling autobiography takes readers on a journey through Jordan's troubled, yet ultimately triumphant, girlhood." —*Essence*



SAREE MAKDISI



USSAMA MAKDISI

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ANTI-PALESTINIANISM

From two preeminent scholars of Palestine, a revelatory short history of the specific bias exercised against Palestinians in the West, a form of racism that is as politically potent as it is profoundly poisonous to the wider culture

At a time when the abject destruction in Gaza is being documented and broadcast across social media in real time, prompting ever-wider popular support for the Palestinian cause across the globe, Western media and governments have responded with a sharp censorship of pro-Palestinian speech from the highest institutional levels. This dissonance is hardly a new phenomenon, but rather the latest expression of a longstanding Western bias against Palestinians and the cause of Palestine—a prejudice with deep roots and a long history.

Anti-Palestinianism will be the first book to uncover the formation and logic of a structure of intolerance that is uniquely sanctioned even amid liberal circles and institutions—having often cloaked itself in the language of fighting antisemitism. Saree and Ussama Makdisi explore the untold history of the denial and dehumanization of Palestinian lives, the anachronistic nature of this form of racism in the post-colonial Western world, and its unusual power in driving international politics.

This is the other side of the narrative that Rashid Khalidi revealed in his landmark *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*—the story of how this war's ideologies so powerfully took hold of the West, and never let go. It is a book for readers who want to make sense of the horror that they are observing in Gaza, as well as the culture-war politics of denial emerging from the right wing in the US and Europe. Filling a significant gap in the existing literature of Palestine and Zionism, *Anti-Palestinianism* explains how American and European-funded violence abroad is fueled by a carefully crafted prejudice at home.

USSAMA MAKDISI is the inaugural May Ziadeh Chair in Palestinian and Arab Studies, Professor of History, and Chancellor's Professor at the University of California Berkeley. His latest book, *Age of Coexistence* was praised by Peter Beinart and Rashid Khalidi, among others. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Yale Review*, *Jewish Currents*, and *Aeon*.

SAREE MAKDISI is the Chair of the English Department at UCLA and a scholar of Palestine, colonial history, and its afterlives. He is the author of *Palestine Inside Out*, which counted Alice Walker, Desmond Tutu, and Howard Zinn among its many supporters, and *Tolerance is a Wasteland* (UCP, 2022), which Judith Butler called “a beacon of light.” He writes frequently for the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *n+1*, and the *London Review of Books*. His essay “No Human Being Can Exist” was *n+1*'s most-read piece of 2023.



VIRGINIA EUBANKS is a professor and investigative journalist whose work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Harper's Magazine*, *The Guardian*, WIRED.com, and *Scientific American*. She is the author of the award-winning book *Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor*. When not sleeping in her truck in the Adirondacks, she lives in Troy, NY.

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A GUIDE TO OPEN WATER LIFESAVING

A spirited, wise, often hilarious, deeply moving story of one woman's efforts to survive caregiving, trauma, love, and the systems seemingly set up to fail us

Only if you are a very able swimmer trained in open-water rescue should you approach drowning victims... reach with a rope or branch, row out and offer the drowning person an oar. Do not get in the water.

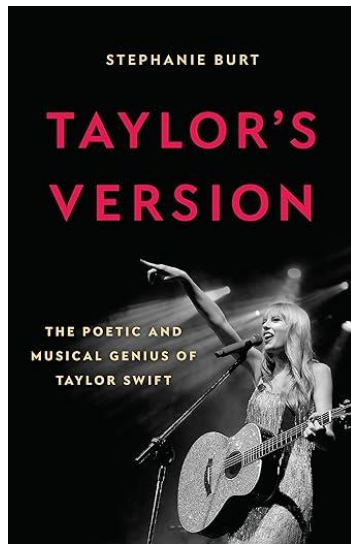
But also:

No one survives the wilderness alone.

One night, Virginia Eubanks received the kind of news we all fear. Her partner, Jason, had been attacked, brutally beaten just steps from their house. In the weeks, then months and years that followed, they faced a cascade of setbacks: police disinterest, suspended health insurance, inadequate medical care, lost income, lost friends, endless paperwork, and a serious case of post-traumatic stress disorder. Then, a second case. In her time tending to Jason, Eubanks had developed what is known as “collateral” PTSD, common among caregivers but rarely discussed.

A reporter and activist, Eubanks turned to reliable sources to figure out how to heal: scientists, therapists, trauma theorists, social movements. But it wasn't until she happened on an old lifesaving manual that she found practical advice that actually helped. Inspired by these lessons, Eubanks signed up for a series of classes: kayak self-rescue, winter survival 101, map and compass, bushwacking, wilderness first aid, lifeguarding. In a memoir as disarmingly funny as it is quietly wise, Eubanks draws lessons in kinship from these experiences, her research, and interviews with everyone from neuroscientists to forest rangers. The result is a genuinely moving, hopeful, darkly funny story of two people caught in their own kind of wilderness, trying not just to survive but to truly care for each other.

Built from cataclysmic loss and tenacious love, *A GUIDE TO OPEN WATER LIFESAVING* challenges readers to reconsider the networks of care that sustain our lives, reminding us that no one survives the wilderness alone.



STEPHANIE BURT is a poet, literary critic, and professor with nine published books, including *Close Calls with Nonsense* (Graywolf Press, 2009) which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her most recent poetry collection is *We Are Mermaids* (Graywolf, 2022). Her culture writing has appeared in many venues including *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, the *London Review of Books* and *TLS*. She is a Guggenheim award winner and the Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Professor of English at Harvard University.

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- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

TAYLOR'S VERSION: *The Poetic and Musical Genius of Taylor Swift*

“With unfailing lucidity, empathy, and wit” (Greil Marcus), a preeminent Harvard professor and poetry expert explains the artistry—and the celebrity—of Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift has become a peerless superstar, ceaselessly productive and internationally beloved. From her teen country debut to her Eras tour and beyond, Swift’s career and her creations have captivated and bewitched us, opening up new ways to see both her life and our own.

In Taylor’s Version, the poet and literary scholar Stephanie Burt offers an insightful and heartfelt critical appreciation of Taylor Swift, her body of work, and the community that her art has fostered. Drawing from her 2024 Harvard course, *Taylor Swift and Her World*, as well as from her years as a Swiftie, Burt examines Swift’s particular form of genius – not the destructive genius of tortured poets, but the collaborative and joyful genius of an artist who has mastered her craft. She highlights the ways Swift’s work remains at once intimate and relatable, portraying people we feel that we know and people we wish we could be, from the first loves and girlhoods on *Fearless* through the public and private angst of *Midnights*. How does she do it (with a broken heart)?

Tracing a path through the Eras, TAYLOR’S VERSION shows what Swift has created, how it works, and why her songs will endure.

“Thorough and thoughtful.... Burt writes in a sober, ruminative fashion that departs from the overheated tone of so much Swift-related commentary. Rather than limit her comparisons to contemporary pop stars, she puts Swift in conversation with writers such as Alexander Pope and Willa Cather.” —*The Atlantic*

“This is an outstanding look at one of the world’s most beloved entertainers... a smart, incisive look at the singer-songwriter who has captured the world’s imagination.” —*Kirkus Reviews (starred)*

“Taylor Swift treats her own life as worthy of artistic obsession and grandeur; Stephanie Burt treats her oeuvre as worthy of academic and poetic attention. In *Taylor’s Version*, Burt not only articulates the force of Swift’s songwriting genius, but—perhaps more importantly—makes the case for her place in the literary tradition. A provocative, sharp, well-argued book for any Taylor Swift fan—or skeptic.”
—**Carmen Maria Machado, author of *Her Body and Other Parties***



MELISSA DAHL Melissa Dahl is an award-winning health journalist who has been covering mental health for over fifteen years. In addition to her bylines at *Slate*, *NBC News*, and *The New York Times*, she has served as the executive editor of *The Cut*, and executive health director at *Bustle Digital Group*. Today she is a health columnist at *New York Magazine* where she covers trending and thorny subjects of the wellness world. She is also the author of the book *Cringeworthy: A Theory of Awkwardness* (Portfolio, 2018), which received coverage in *The Guardian*, *The Washington Post*, *ContraPoints*, NPR, *The Atlantic*, *Vox*, and TED Radio Hour. She is a competitive long-distance runner and coach living with her husband and son in Brooklyn.

- **US & Can:** William Morrow
- **US Editor:** Hannah Philips
- **UK Rep:** Imogen Morrell, Greene & Heaton
- **Proposal Available**
- **Delivery:** June 2026
- **Publication:** Spring 2027
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agents:** Caroline Eisenmann & Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

THERAPY CREEP

A frank investigation into how we lost good therapy to the excesses of therapy culture, and how we can right our course toward a better life in and out of the therapist's office

When Melissa Dahl first started reporting for her 2024 essay, “Maybe You Shouldn’t Talk to Someone,” therapy-mania had reached its zenith. Today, mega-influencers like TherapyJeff and Dr. Nicole LaPera have millions of TikTok followers; dating apps have added prompts inviting us to flex that we go to therapy; our corporate overlords have incorporated therapy-speak into their communication strategies; our favorite podcasts are interrupted by ads for BetterHelp, touting the therapy revolution. The data bears this out: according to a 2023 JAMA study, the number of adults in treatment for mental health has risen 38% from pre-pandemic levels. Therapy, it would seem, is as essential to the ongoing maintenance of a healthy adult life as going to the gym or eating our veggies.

So, what to make of the dozens of people Dahl interviewed who wanted to quit?

In *THERAPY CREEP*, Dahl expands on her much-shared essay, picking apart the thread of dissatisfaction around therapy, and how we got here. In Part I, she inspects the history of the American relationship to therapy, showing that the pendulum has swung hard between favor and disavowal since the early 20th century; in Part II, she situates our current context, and coins the term “therapy creep” to describe how the language and goals of therapy escaped the office and embedded themselves in the rest of our lives; and in Part III, unpacks how the encroachment of therapy culture has changed the practice of therapy itself, and how we can start the process of reforming our relationship to and expectations for what therapy is actually meant to achieve.



JENNY ODELL is a multidisciplinary artist and author. Her books *How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy* and *Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock* were *New York Times* bestsellers. Her writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Sierra* magazine, and other publications. She lives in Oakland, California.

- **US & Can:** Knopf
- **US Editor:** Hilary Redmon
- **UK:** Bodley Head
- **Proposal available**
- **Delivery Date:** January 2027
- **Publication Date:** Spring 2028
- **Germany:** Hanser Berlin
- **Netherlands:** Ten Have
- **Korea:** Dasan
- **Spain:** Editorial Planeta
- **Other Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

ON REPAIR

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *How To Do Nothing* and *Saving Time*, a captivating exploration of the act of repair—from material objects to entire ecosystems—as a practice of care and attention that can restore our agency and feeling of belonging in and to the world

Most of us have an uneasy relationship with our stuff. We crave more of it, chasing the thrill of the buy; we experience guilt over it, confronted with the resulting excess; we get tired of it, and largely throw things away thoughtlessly.

Against this cycle of buying and disposal, Jenny Odell found herself growing fascinated with a practice that seemed quietly subversive: the act of repair. After being taught by a particularly crafty friend how to darn a pair of socks, she marvelled at how intimate the socks became to her—and how the repair both took them backwards in time by restoring their function, but also made them something altogether new. She started paying attention to the repair shops in her neighbourhood – tailors, shoe repair, watch repair—and how anti-consumerist their work seemed, how powerful the simple act of repair could be. In fixing and learning to mend the objects around us, we reject the idea that they are transitory, without value, expendable: we think and learn deeply about their construction and their makeup, we form a relationship of duration and understanding. We intervene in things by repairing them; they in turn become more real to us.

Around the same time that she was learning to restore her own things, Odell got involved in a habitat restoration group with the California Native Plant Society. As she learned more about the native landscape, and the work of beating back invasive species, her thinking expanded to the role of individuals in restoring the complex, damaged landscapes of the natural and social world around us. The work of habitat restoration involves the question of what to restore to and why, as well as acknowledging that human involvement may be necessary, even as many imagine that the earth would be better without us. It's also a practice of showing up, over and over, to reinforce the patches of possibility in a wounded landscape.

In *ON REPAIR* Odell traces, through intimate stories and examples, how repair offers an expanded way of living in the world, a relationship of care and endurance with profound implications for how we treat the people around us, and how we understand ourselves. It's a tangible act that reaches into the deepest levels of feeling and meaning, one in which we reshape things and are reshaped in turn. In a reality where we often feel powerless isolation against the enormity of what's broken, repair presents a concrete practice of hope and restoration, a way to restore our feeling of belonging in and to the world.



MATT KESSLER is a journalist based in Birmingham, Alabama. His reporting appears in *The Guardian* and *The Atlantic* and has been commended by the Mississippi ACLU. His cultural criticism and award-winning short stories have appeared in *Pitchfork*, *Vice*, *The Rumpus*, and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, among others. He holds an MFA from the University of Mississippi and is completing a PhD in creative writing and literature at the University of Southern California.

- **US & Can:** Grand Central Press
- **US Editor:** Colin Dickerman
- **UK:** Penguin Michael Joseph
- **UK Editor:** Rowland White
- **Proposal available**
- **Delivery:** Fall 2025
- **Publication:** Fall 2026
- **Translation Available**
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis
- **Film/TV:** Brooke Ehrlich, CAA

THE WIREGRASS: *A Tale of Murder and Retribution*

A vital and propulsive true crime narrative of corruption, injustice, and two young women's murder in a little-known corner of the American Deep South.

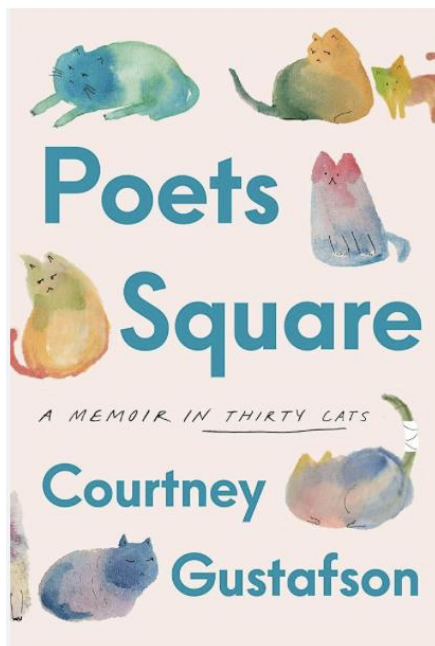
In 1999, in the rural Alabama town of Ozark, high schoolers Tracie Hawlett and J.B. Beasley were found shot in the trunks of their car, weeks before the start of their senior year. The night of their murder remains shrouded in mystery. They were driving between field parties. They were lost. But why were their jeans muddy, soaked to the bone? And what drove someone to kill them?

Twenty years passed, but locals could not forget the girls' deaths. Suspensions of a police cover-up reached a fever pitch until, out of the blue, a softspoken Black man named Coley McCraney—a long-haul trucker and ordained deacon—was arrested for the crime. The dramatic trial and controversial conviction that followed would tear this small farming community in two.

The Wiregrass is an under-documented region of the American Deep South, known for its peanuts. Religiously conservative and historically poor, it stretches from Montgomery, Alabama to Macon, Georgia and south to the Florida Panhandle. Cut off from major highways, effectively run by local law enforcement, it's a place where America's fundamental prejudices present themselves without veneer; inequality, violence and racism run bone deep.

A native Alabamian, seasoned journalist, and student of Maggie Nelson and Percival Everett (who gave the book its title), Matt Kessler has spent seven years researching the tangled case of the Beasley-Hawlett murders, attending the trial of Coley McCraney, and gaining the trust of the local community—as well as the ire of local police enforcement.

THE WIREGRASS is an atmospheric and utterly compelling true crime narrative, as interested in the rippling effects of murder on a small, tight-knit community as it is on exposing truth in places that are otherwise forgotten and neglected. Calling to mind the work of Patrick Radden Keefe (*Say Nothing*, *Empire of Pain*) and David Grann (*Killers of the Flower Moon*, *The Wager*), as well as Michelle McNamara's legendary *I'll Be Gone in the Dark*, this is a thrilling yet profound story of race, class, and the corruption of power.



COURTNEY GUSTAFSON is a cat rescuer, community organizer, and creator of Poets Square Cats on TikTok and Instagram. She lives and works in Tucson, Arizona.

- **US & Can:** Crown (PRH)
- **US Editor:** Libby Burton
- **UK:** Fig Tree (Penguin UK)
- **Final MS & Books Available**
- **Publication:** April 2025
- **Chinese (complex):** Bliss
- **German:** Ullstein
- **Italian:** Mondadori Oscar
- **Dutch:** Nieuw Amsterdam
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

POETS SQUARE: *A Memoir in Thirty Cats*

New York Times Bestseller

An intimate memoir about the importance of community and care in a world that can feel impossibly broken— and a story about accidentally going viral while tending to a colony of feral cats.

When Courtney Gustafson moved into a rental house in the Poets Square neighborhood of Tucson, Arizona, she didn't know that the property came with thirty feral cats. Focused only on her own survival—in a new relationship, during a pandemic, with poor mental health and a job that didn't pay enough—Courtney was reluctant to spend any of her own time or money caring for the wayward animals. But the cats—their pleading eyes, their ribs showing, the new kittens born in the driveway—didn't give her a choice.

She had no idea about the grief and hardship of animal rescue, the staggering size of the problem in neighborhoods across the country. And she couldn't have imagined how that struggle—toward an ethics of care, of individuals trying their best amid spectacularly failing systems—would help pierce a personal darkness she'd wrestled with for much of her life. She also didn't expect that the TikTok and Instagram accounts she created to share the quirky personalities of the wild but lovable cats, like Monkey, Goldie, Francois, and Sad Boy, would end up saving her home.

Courtney writes toward a vision of connectedness—from the dark alleys where she feeds feral cats, from inside the tragically neglected homes where she climbs over piles of trash and occasionally animals, from her own driveway with the cats she loves and must sometimes let go. Compelling and tender, Poets Square is as much about cats as it is about the urgency of care, community, and a little bit of dumb hope.

“Truly moving; a heartfelt exploration of the humanity at the heart of animal welfare. Courtney masterfully weaves together stories of cats with stories of her own life and the lives of her community members—raw, flawed, and striving for goodness in a complex world. Her journey from cat observer to dedicated caregiver and community builder is profoundly inspiring.”—**Hannah Shaw, New York Times bestselling author of *Cats of the World***

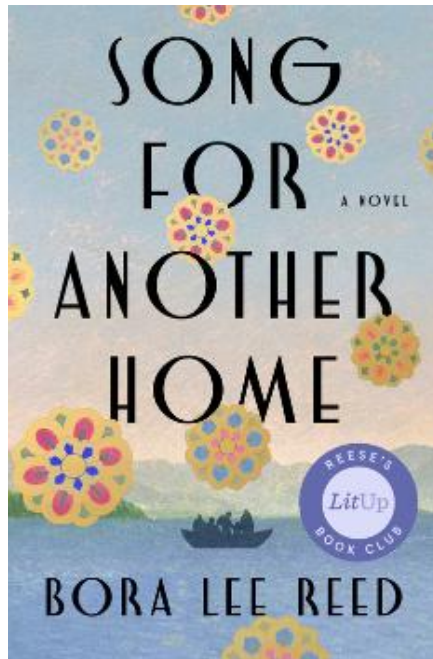
“Cats are mystical beings, bridging the spiritual and the tangible. Courtney Gustafson's Poet Square is a book that helps us connect to this spiritual world, offering a bridge to the ethereal.”—**Ai Weiwei**

“Tender [...] One need not be a cat person to be enchanted by this” — **Publishers Weekly**



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FICTION & POETRY HIGHLIGHTS



BORA LEE REED was born in Seoul, South Korea, and immigrated to the U.S. as a young child. She grew up in Southern California, among a vibrant Korean immigrant community. She holds an MFA from Warren Wilson College and has been awarded residences from Hedgebrook, Ragdale, and UCross. Bora, a Reese's Book Club LitUp Fellow, now lives in Berkeley, CA, where she works as the director of communications for UC Berkeley's public policy school.

- **US & Can:** 37 Ink / Simon & Schuster
- **US Editor:** Dawn Davis
- **UK:** Serpent's Tail
- **UK Editor:** Mehar Anaokar
- **Edited Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** July 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Jade Wong-Baxter

SONG FOR ANOTHER HOME

Min Jin Lee's *Pachinko* meets Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing* in this powerful story of family separation and reunion, as well as love and war from a Reese's Bookclub LitUp Fellow

North Korea, 1950: Oksoon believes that the war is finally over in Pyeongyang. The Americans are here to stay, she's told, but her father and eldest brother have gone south and she anxiously waits for their return. When the Chinese army unexpectedly attacks, Oksoon must flee with her mother and second brother in search of safety and to reunite their family. Journeying from freezing winter in the rural north to the seedy back alleys of Seoul during the summer, Oksoon and her family fall in with an unlikely group of miscreants – a prostitute, a baduk gambler, an opportunistic ferryman – and question how far they'll go, and what moral boundaries they'll cross, to find their missing relatives.

Meanwhile, far to the south near Jinju, Oksoon's close cousin Junho flees the war to find refuge at the Lord's Beloved Home for Children. As the orphanage struggles to keep its doors open, Junho is put in charge of drafting letters to rich American benefactors, convincing them to send money to Korea. But when the enigmatic orphanage director brings her aristocratic niece to stay at the Home – a beautiful young woman harboring a secret – Junho finds himself caught between his impulse for survival and his growing affections, which put him at risk of being expelled from the only safe place he knows.

As Oksoon and Junho make their way towards each other and eventually unite, they fight to save themselves and hold their family together, even as the war threatens to tear everything apart. Told in alternating points of view, *SONG FOR ANOTHER HOME* highlights the tension between personal dreams and duty to family, the power of resilience, and how choices made in a brief moment have consequences that reverberate for lifetimes. Combining the intergenerational scope of Nguyen Phan Que Mai's *The Mountains Sing* with the coming-of-age focus found in Asha Lemmie's *Fifty Words for Rain*, *SONG FOR ANOTHER HOME* tells a powerful story about what it means to build a life for yourself and your family against all odds.



JOYCE MAYNARD is a NYT-bestselling author whose many books include the novels *LABOR DAY* and *TO DIE FOR* (both adapted for major films), and the memoirs *AT HOME IN THE WORLD* and *THE BEST OF US*. She first came to national attention with the publication of her *New York Times* cover story, “An Eighteen Year Old Looks Back on Life” in 1972, when she was a freshman at Yale. Since then, she has been a reporter and columnist for *The New York Times*, a syndicated newspaper writer whose “Domestic Affairs” column appeared in over fifty papers nationwide, and a regular contributor to NPR and national magazines including *Vogue*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and many more. Maynard is a fellow of the MacDowell Colony and Yaddo and the founder of Write by the Lake, a week-long workshop on the art and craft of memoir, held every year since 2001 at Lake Atitlan, Guatemala.

- **World English:** Little A / Amazon
- **Acquiring Editor:** Carmen Johnson
- **Material available:** Unedited MS
- **Delivery:** November 2025
- **Publication:** August 2026
- **France:** Philippe Rey
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

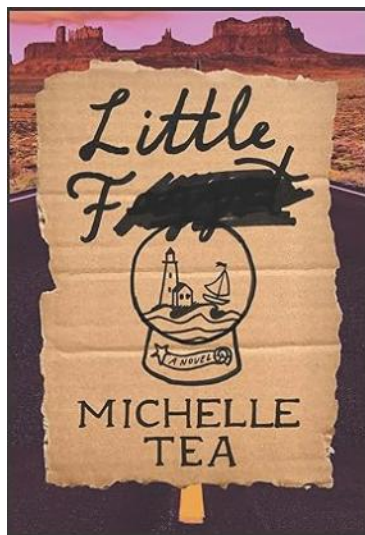
IN WONDERLAND

A propulsive coming of age story with an undertow of suspense, all set against a dreamy Maine locale

The walls are closing in at home for nearly thirteen-year-old Frances as her parents’ long unhappy marriage begins to truly disintegrate. So when she receives a surprise invitation for the summer from one of her father’s oldest friends, Forrest, it sounds like a blissful escape from her lower-class New Jersey life. Frances will be headed lakeside in Maine to serve as a mother’s helper to Forrest’s family, staying in the beautiful home he shares with his wealthy wife and two children. Especially given Frances’s longstanding crush on Forrest, what could be better?

Arriving at Wonderland, the family’s idyllic property, Frances struggles to adjust to the monied rhythms of the house and the surrounding town, as well as the confusing dynamic between Forrest and his emotionally unstable wife, Regina. When it becomes clear that Forrest is having an affair with a new woman in the area, Frances finds herself recruited by Regina to spy on her husband, reporting back on the salacious details of the tryst. Precociously curious about the intricacies of romance and sex, Frances is both fascinated and repulsed by what she observes—and finds herself pulled deeper and deeper into the dark chambers of a complicated marriage. As the summer draws to a close and Frances must face a return to the real world, her tangled involvement will have profound and dangerous consequences, changing several lives forever.

IN WONDERLAND is a story about the terror and thrill of growing up, the dark wilderness of adolescent imagination, and the precarious choices we make out of a simple desire to be recognized. The novel is Maynard at the height of her considerable powers, evoking the emotional punch of her previous novels like *Labor Day*. It will also appeal to those who love the intensity of *The Paper Palace* and *Notes on Your Sudden Disappearance*.



MICHELLE TEA is the author of over twenty books of fiction, memoir, poetry and children's literature including *Valencia*, a cult classic, which won the Lambda Literary Award for Best Fiction, and *Against Memoir*, awarded the PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for The Art of the Essay. Tea is also the recipient of awards and honors from the Rona Jaffe Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Library Association and Logo Television. Her books have been translated into French, Japanese, Slovenian, German, Italian, and Swedish.

- **World English:** Feminist Press
- **Acquiring Editor:** Jeanne Thornton
- **Final manuscript available**
- **UK:** Cipher Press
- **Publication:** October 14, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **UK audio available:** David Evans, David Higham Associates
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

LITTLE F

One of LitHub's Most Anticipated Books of The Year

A new epic novel about a teenage queer runaway from cult classic author of *Black Wave* and *Valencia* Michelle Tea.

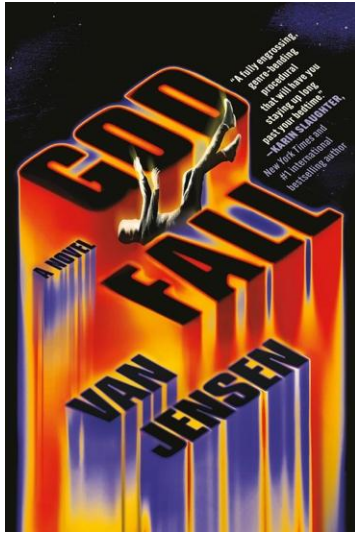
In Spencer's fantasies, the breezy, queer streets of Provincetown, MA, are utopia, a place where he can be free. Yet when a violent attack in his suburban Arizona schoolyard sends him to the hospital, he decides queer utopia can't wait. And one night, with the help of his best friend, the teenage witch Joy, he hitches a ride to find it.

The cross-country road odyssey that follows brings Spencer from new moon rituals in Arizona canyons to Texas bus stations, from the luxe drag stages of Houston's Montrose district to the jazz-soaked streets of the French Quarter and beyond. This new novel from Michelle Tea tells the story, by turns raw, romantic, and sweet, of a sheltered boy taking his first leap into queer life, among all the complicated queers who live it.

"A comical, tender, queer coming-of-age, where the journey is the destination." —**Kirkus Reviews (starred)**

"Dazzling, daring, and darkly hilarious, *Little F* is a novel that breathes new life into the gay coming-of-age story from a writer whose work has helped define the tradition of queer writing. Gritty with a hopeful twist, this gorgeous book is sure to join the canon of classic young adult coming-out fiction." —**Kai Cheng Thom, author of *Fierce Femmes and Notorious Liars***

"*Little F* is the book I've been needing all my life. It's like Michelle Tea has a magnifying glass pointed straight into every angsty teenage queer's soul. I can't wait for everyone to meet Spencer, her heartbreakingly tender and deliciously messy hero, whose cross-country odyssey is equal parts *To Wong Foo* and *My So-Called Life*. I saw the best parts of myself in this book. The anger. The hunger. The private, indestructible yearning. I laughed so hard I cried." —**Edgar Gomez, author of *High Risk Homosexual***



VAN JENSEN is an acclaimed novelist and comic book author. He began his writing career as a newspaper crime reporter before breaking into comics and writing such legendary characters as Superman, The Flash, Green Lantern, and James Bond. In 2013, Jensen was named a Comic Book Ambassador by the U.S. State Department, venturing overseas to teach refugee children to tell their stories through comics. Jensen grew up outside of Lewellen, Nebraska, a town of 300. He credits the wide-open plains for fostering his imagination.

- **US & Can:** Grand Central (3 BOOK DEAL)
- **US Editor:** Colin Dickerman
- **UK:** Transworld (2 BOOK DEAL)
- **Film:** Imagine Entertainment
- **New Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** New edition January 2026
- **Italy:** Atlantide
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

GODFALL: *A Novel*

In this gripping sci-fi mystery perfect for fans of the Southern Reach trilogy and *Under the Dome*, a sheriff investigates a string of murders after a massive alien life form upends his small Nebraska town—soon to be a major television production from Ron Howard.

When a massive asteroid hurtles toward Earth, humanity braces for annihilation—but the end doesn't come. In fact, it isn't an asteroid but a three-mile-tall alien that drops down, seemingly dead, outside Little Springs, Nebraska. Dubbed "the giant," its arrival transforms the red-state farm town into a top-secret government research site and major metropolitan area, flooded with soldiers, scientists, bureaucrats, spies, criminals, conspiracy theorists—and a murderer.

As the sheriff of Little Springs, David Blunt thought he'd be keeping the peace among the same people he'd known all his life, not breaking up chanting crowds of cultists or battling an influx of drug dealers. As a series of brutal, bizarre murders strikes close to home, Blunt throws himself into the hunt for a killer who seems connected to the Giant. With bodies piling up and tensions in Little Springs mounting, he realizes that in order to find the answers he needs, he must first reconcile his old worldview with the town he now lives in—before it's too late.

ADVANCED PRAISE FOR *GODFALL*:

"A gripping, fast-paced, genre-bending novel full of heart and wonder. Give this one to fans of Ben H. Winters and Dan Chaon."—**Portia Kapraun**, *Library Journal*

"A gripping blend of sci-fi mystery and small-town suspense, *Godfall* delivers an unforgettable ride."—**Ron Howard**



JUNE JORDAN (1936 - 2002) became, in her lifetime, the most published Black poet in American history. Known for her fierce commitment to human rights and political activism, she founded the Poetry for the People program at U.C. Berkeley and received, among many honors, a congressional citation for her outstanding contributions to literature, the progressive movement and the civil rights movement.

- **US & Can:** Penguin Classics
- **UK / Commonwealth:** Serpent's Tail
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Book & Final Manuscript available**
- **Publication:** Fall 2027
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

HARUKO/LOVE POEMS

Searingly beautiful poems about compassion, resistance and desire by an iconic Black American activist and writer, with a foreword by Adrienne Rich, soon to be reissued by Penguin Classics

In trailblazing poet, essayist, teacher and activist June Jordan's poems, love is a vision of revolutionary solidarity, crossing borders both emotional and literal with an outstretched hand. *HARUKO* traces the faltering arc of a passionate love affair with another woman while *LOVE POEMS* encompasses relationships with men and women, political resistance, the need for self-care in a demanding, uncaring world and apocalyptic visions of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius that destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

A contemporary of Alice Walker, Toni Morrison and Audre Lorde, June Jordan's spectacular poetry remains profoundly politically potent, lyrically inventive and breathtakingly romantic. First published in 1994, *HARUKO / LOVE POEMS* is a vitally important modern classic.

PRAISE FOR JUNE JORDAN:

"Poetry that looks as closely into lilac buds as into death's mouth...Flawless art." —**Toni Morrison**

"She is the bravest of us, the most outraged. She feels for us all. She is the universal poet." —**Alice Walker**

"A writer of integrity and will." —**Darryl Pinckney, *The New York Times***

"The poetry of June Jordan is fully alive, set free in brilliant, timeless flight." —***The Guardian***

"Her lifelong devotion to justice, equality, and radical democracy seemed to revolve around the pleasure she felt in hurling beautiful words at a world full of racism, poverty, homophobia and inane politicians...There was always joy in her rage." —**Angela Davis**

"A poet of the people ... The legacy of June Jordan is a gift to us in that it allows another opportunity to think not only about what poems are, but also about what poems can do." —**Jericho Brown**



SHELLY JAY SHORE is a writer, digital strategist, and nonprofit fundraiser. She writes for anxious queer millennials, sufferers of Eldest Daughter Syndrome, recovering summer camp counselors, and anyone struggling with the enormity of being a person trying to make the world kinder, softer, and more tender. Her debut novel, *RULES FOR GHOSTING*, was a *USA Today* bestseller and was named one of the *New York Times Book Review*'s Top Romances of 2024.

- **US & Can:** Dell Romance
- **US Editors:** Jesse Shuman and Gabby Colangelo
- **Delivery:** December 2025
- **Publication:** September 2026
- **UK & Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

AMERICAN GOLEM

From the author of the national bestseller *Rules for Ghosting*

Delilah is a lyricist without a muse, looking for inspiration. Emmett is a golem without a master, preparing to be unmade.

When Delilah Cohen's much more famous fiancée leaves her at the altar two weeks before she's supposed to start recording her first solo album, she finds herself without a songwriting partner and with a notebook of love songs that no longer make sense. Picking up a hitchhiker two hours into the cross-country road trip that was supposed to be her honeymoon seems as good a way as any to re-light her spark. The last thing she expects is to start falling for her mysterious new passenger, but what's more inspiring than a rebound-fling with a built-in expiration date?

But there's more to Emmett than meets the eye. Emmett is a golem—a gender-fluid, humanish being of Jewish lore who was made out of clay to serve a now-deceased master. Their final task is to make their way back to the caves in California where they were made, but the longer they are in this van with Delilah as they wind their way across the country to visit historical queer locales from Pittsburgh to Montana, the more uncertain they are that they're ready for an ending, regardless of their foretold purpose. Delilah and Emmett's lyrical road trip soon becomes a journey to something much stranger and more intimate, and despite their physical proximity, secrets begin to pile up. As the California coast, Delilah's writing deadline, and the end of Emmett's road come closer with every passing mile, Delilah has to decide just what song it is she wants to write (and the lengths she'll go to write it), and Emmett must confront head-on the truth of their very existence.

AMERICAN GOLEM is part steamy gay road-trip novel, part exploration of queer culture, agency, and community, and all gay Jewish chaos.

Praise for *Rules for Ghosting*:

"As unabashedly queer as it is loudly and beautifully Jewish, *Rules for Ghosting* is one of the most unique, poignant novels I've read in a long, long time." —**Carlyn Greenwald**

"Top notch drama...that leave[s] you rattled and gasping." —*The New York Times*



KRISTIE FREDERICK DAUGHERTY is a poet and a professor at the University of Evansville. She holds an MFA in Poetry from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She is also a PhD candidate in Literature/Criticism at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she is writing a dissertation which examines how Taylor Swift's lyrics intersect with contemporary poetry.

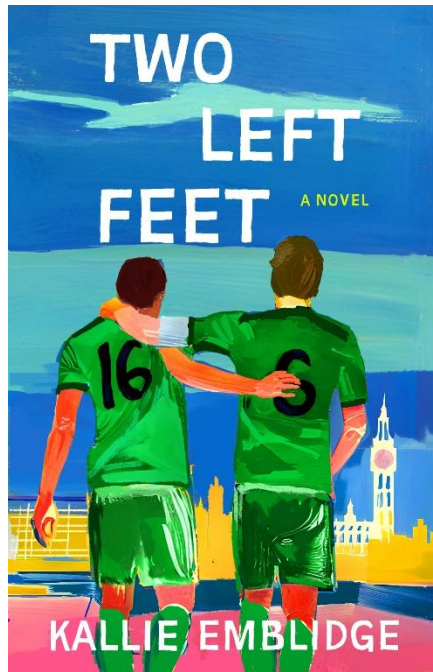
- **US & Can:** St. Martin's Press
- **US Editor:** Brigitte Dale
- **UK Rep:** Rachel Clements / Abner Stein
- **Proposal Available** (MS due Fall 2026)
- **Publication:** Fall 2027
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

RED SCARF STORIES

Thirteen acclaimed voices in contemporary fiction come together in this bold and unforgettable collection, inspired by the enduring symbol at the heart of Taylor Swift's hit song, "All Too Well."

From fleeting romance to devastating heartbreak, these new and original short stories trace love and loss through the lens of one unforgettable image: the red scarf. Both a tribute to the power of storytelling and a fresh reflection on one of pop culture's most enduring symbols, Red Scarf Stories will captivate readers everywhere—those who have longed for what was left behind, fans of some of today's bestselling authors, and the hundreds of millions of Swifties around the world.

Featured authors include: Meg Cabot, Ella Berman, Kandi Steiner, Alexandria Bellefleur, Clare Leslie Hall, Jodi Picoult, Diane Seuss, Lidia Yuknavitch, Shelby Van Pelt, K.L. Walther, Britton Rae, and others.



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- **US & Can:** Ballantine/Dell
- **US Editor:** Jesse Schuman
- **UK:** Bedford Square Publishers
- **First Pass Available**
- **Edited MS Anticipated:** April 2025
- **Publication:** January 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

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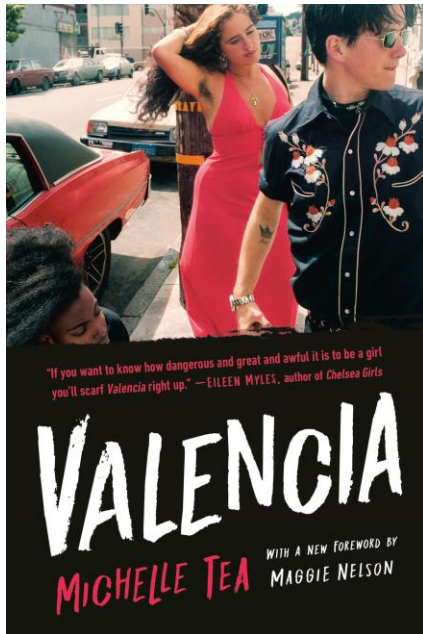
A Premier League football star must defend his roster spot—and his heart—when a threateningly talented and handsome midfielder joins his team in this utterly charming debut romance, a profound love letter to the world’s most popular sport.

Oliver Harris is football royalty in London. Ordinarily the star of the Camden Roses is calm, cool, and collected, keeping his club relevant with his prowess in the midfield and his mighty left foot. But this season, the threats abound: There’s Camden’s management to contend with—complete with a prickly new Dutch coach, eager for better results—and a midseason injury, which sidelines him when his team needs him most. When a recruit is called up to fill in, Oliver fears he’ll be replaced. If he can mentor this younger talent, then they might just have a chance at winning, together.

After a string of lackluster performances in his native Spain, Leonardo Davies-Villanueva is looking for one last shot with the club he always dreamed of, where he once played in the youth academy. Oliver immediately finds confident, eager Leo irritating. He can barely go through the motions, let alone coach him, without outright hostility. When he comes to admire Leo’s skill and warms to his humor and energy, though, he begins to see Leo as a friend—and then, to his mounting horror, as something more.

Leo craves Oliver’s attention and partnership; Oliver can’t afford to fall in love with his teammate. He’s always kept a tight lid on his sexuality in a league that’s never had a player come out. As the season heats up, a lot more than football hangs in the balance. Can Oliver—and Leo—win when it counts most?

“An exuberant heart-squeeze of a book . . . *Two Left Feet* is the kind of joyful, hopeful story the romance genre was made for.”—**Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of *What Happens in Amsterdam***



MICHELLE TEA is the author of over a dozen books, including *Modern Tarot*, *Knocking Myself Up*, and *Against Memoir*. She is the founder and former Executive Director of the literary nonprofit RADAR Productions, where she pioneered the first Drag Queen Story Hour. *Valencia* received the Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Fiction, and was adapted into a feature film.

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- **UK:** Serpent's Tail
- **France:** Hystériques & AssociéEs
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- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

VALENCIA

25th Anniversary Edition

With a New Foreword by Maggie Nelson

An anarchic and unflinching cult novel “charged with reflection, anger, and the feeling of being alive” (*Village Voice*), tracing a year of love and lust in San Francisco’s lesbian underground

VALENCIA is a fast-paced account of one girl’s search for love and high times in the dyke world of 1990s San Francisco.

Fleeing Tucson and her rotten (ex) girlfriend, Michelle lands in the Mission District, where queers from all over the country are arriving in search of themselves and each other. An aspiring poet, she hurls herself into the city’s riotous underbelly, stumbling through nightlife and open mics, drug adventures, and a string of hook ups, break ups, and make ups. As butches and besties spin in and out of Michelle’s orbit, she ponders the powerful force and casual cruelty of their desires, and of her own—all in a singular, biting deadpan voice shot through with humor and heartbreak.

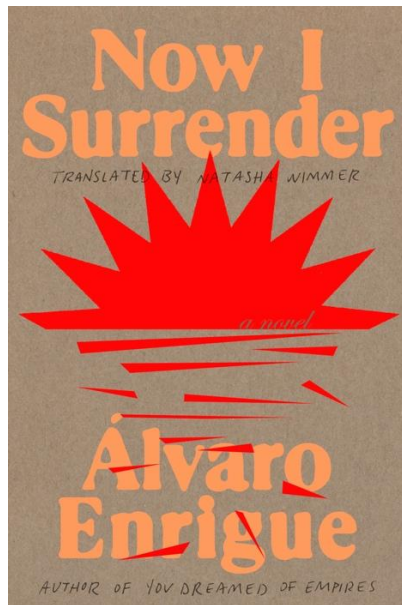
Heady, beer-sticky, and brimming with life, *Valencia* is a sharply observed and piercingly funny chronicle of a year lived close to the bone. Now with a new foreword from Maggie Nelson, this lesbian cult classic is ripe for rediscovery.

“Valencia is one of the few true life-changer books I’ve encountered. One of those books that gets casually slipped to you, and then, a couple hours later, you understand you’ve been living all wrong, that everything must change. I wish you luck in the aftermath of reading it!” —**Torrey Peters, author of *Detransition, Baby***

“I consider Michelle Tea a literary MOTHER—champion, organizer, and co-conspirator of the most potent alt-literature scenes San Francisco has witnessed in decades. I will forever tip my hat to her and the timeless and immortal text that is VALENCIA.” —**Brontez Purnell, author of *100 Boyfriends***

“If you want to know how dangerous and great and awful it is to be a girl you’ll scarf *Valencia* right up. There’s so much colliding and ‘sharing.’ I mean in the good way—sharing bodies, drugs, stories and clothes. The street today is full of girls if you haven’t noticed.” —**Eileen Myles, author of *Chelsea Girls***

“A missive sent straight from the mayhem.” —**Maggie Nelson, author of *The Argonauts***



ÁLVARO ENRÍQUEZ is the award-winning author of five novels and two books of short stories. His first novel *La muerte de un instalador* won the 1996 Joaquín Mortiz Prize. He was, in 2008, *GQ* Magazine’s (Latin America) Writer of the Year. In 2011 he was awarded the Cullman Fellowship by the New York Public Library Center for Scholars and Writers. His last novel *You Dreamed of Empires* (2024) was a *New York Times* Top Ten Book of the Year and published in nine languages.

- **US & Can:** Riverhead
- **US Editor:** Becky Saletan
- **UK:** Harvill Secker
- **WO Spanish:** Anagrama (Sept. 2018)
- **Final Spanish & English mss available**
- **US Publication:** March 3, 2026
- **Brazil:** Companhia das Letras
- **France:** Buchet Castel
- **Italy:** Feltrinelli | **Germany:** Blessing
- **Hungary:** Sonora | **Denmark:** Gyldendal
- **Domestic Agent:** Ría Julien

NOW I SURRENDER

A sweeping epic by visionary, prize-winning novelist Álvaro Enríquez, superbly translated by Natasha Wimmer

A woman’s desperate flight from an Apache raid unfolds into a sweeping tale of the Mexico–US border wars.

Orchestrated with a stunningly imagined cast of characters, both historical and purely fictional, NOW I SURRENDER radically recasts the story of how the West was “won.” In the contested borderlands between Mexico and the United States, a woman flees into the desert after a devastating raid on her dead husband’s ranch. A lieutenant colonel in service to the fledgling Republic, sent in pursuit of cattle rustlers, discovers he’s on the trail of a more dramatic abduction. Decades later, with political ambitions on the line, the American and Mexican militaries try to maneuver Geronimo, the most legendary of Apache warriors, into surrender. In our own day, a family travels through the region in search of a truer version of the past.

Part epic, part alt-Western, NOW I SURRENDER is Álvaro Enríquez’s most expansive and impassioned novel yet. It weaves past and present, myth and history into a searing elegy for a way of life that was an incarnation of true liberty—and an homage to the spark in us that still thrills to its memory.

Praise for YOU DREAMED OF EMPIRES:

“Sublime...Enríquez [is] a major talent.” —*The New York Times*

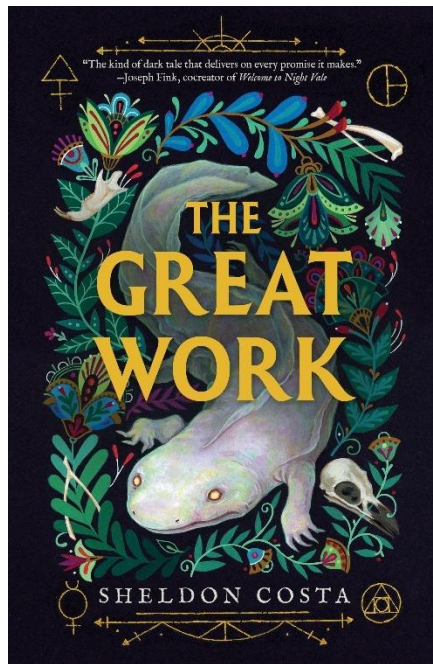
“Incantatory...Enríquez conjures both court intrigue and city life with grace.” —*The New Yorker*

“Enríquez’s genius lies in his ability to bring readers close.” —*Los Angeles Times*

“Riotously entertaining...Enríquez revels in the salacious and the scatological, serving up a sensory feast.” —*The Financial Times*

“[A] delirious historical fantasia...funny, ghastly, eye-opening, marvelous.” —*The Wall Street Journal*

“An alternate history of Mexican conquest, with a Tarantino-ready twist.” —*The Washington Post*



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- **World English:** Quirk Books
- **US Editor:** Jess Zimmerman
- **Final MS Available**
- **Publication:** November 4, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

THE GREAT WORK

A grieving man and his nephew hunt down a myth in this gothic Western adventure for fans of Karen Russell and Victor LaValle.

Alone in a frontier town in the brand-new state of Washington, Gentle Montgomery is grieving his best friend. Liam, a self-taught alchemist, was killed when he tried to capture a creature that shouldn't exist: a giant salamander that drives men mad. When Gentle's nephew Kitt arrives at his doorstep, the two set out together to track the monster down, so they can use its blood in an alchemical formula that will bring Liam back to life.

It's a hard and haunted journey through the Northwestern frontier. The salamander produces surreal nightmares and waking dreams of a blighted, burning future. And Gentle and Kitt soon find themselves pursued by a bloodthirsty hunter, a sadistic judge, and a doomsday cult, all of whom have their own plans for the river monster. Armed with nothing but Liam's alchemical notebooks, they must not only find the salamander but learn to understand it—and the terrifying visions it causes—before it's too late.

Unsettling and profound, *THE GREAT WORK* is an arcane adventure through the wilderness of friendship and the rotten heart of the early American empire.

"The Great Work is a vision of America as both homeland and horror story. And it also is just a good ol' page turner, the kind of dark tale that delivers on every promise it makes." — **Joseph Fink, cocreator of *Welcome to Night Vale***

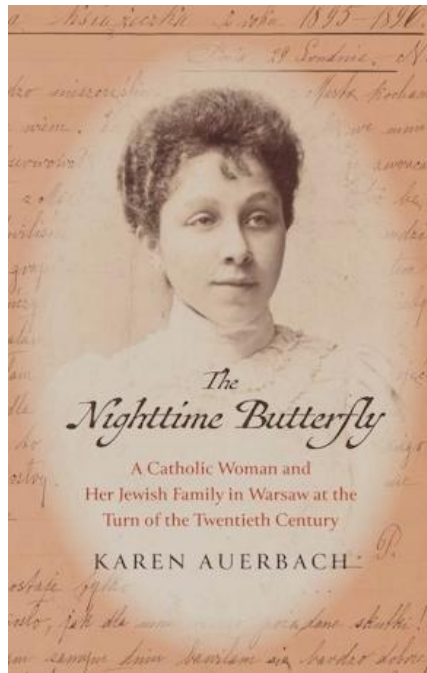
"Costa's rip-snorting debut is a wild ride through freaky old America: backwoods alchemists, a sadistic reverend judge, an animalistic cult, and a quest for a primeval monster of nightmares come together in a hell-for-leather frontier yarn packed with action, wonder, and heart." — **James Kennedy, author of *Bride of the Tornado***

"A moody, atmospheric, and singular novel which navigates corners of American history through the complicated territory of horror, the monstrous, and the heroic." — **Kelly Link, best-selling author of *The Book of Love***



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NONFICTION



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- **World English:** Yale University Press
- **US Editor:** Adina Popescu
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** July 2025
- **Poland:** Osnova
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

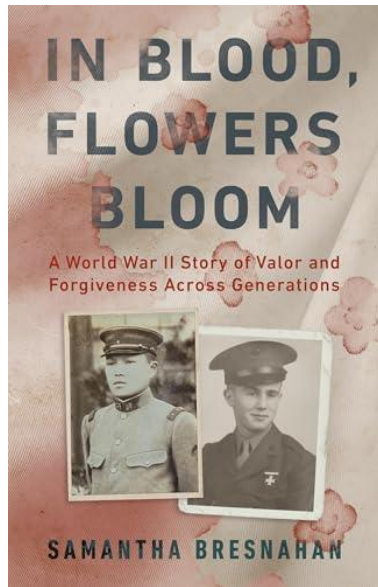
THE NIGHTTIME BUTTERFLY: *A Catholic Woman and Her Jewish Family in Warsaw at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

A dynamic history of life in turn-of-the-century Warsaw through the eyes of a young woman and her Jewish family who converted to Catholicism.

When Alicja Lewental's parents came of age in the middle of the nineteenth century, they believed they did not have to choose between two communities, one Polish and the other Jewish. But by the time Alicja was growing up in the 1890s, it seemed that for some Polish nationalists there was little Jews could do to be accepted unequivocally as Poles. As Alicja entered young womanhood and her father, a prominent publisher, became the target of polemics casting him as an outsider in Polish culture, her mother came to believe that only through her daughters' conversion to Catholicism and marriage to Catholic men could their family achieve acceptance in Polish society. The Lewentals' lives and their aspirations for belonging played out in Warsaw's homes, salons, and bookstores in a modernizing city.

Drawing on Alicja Lewental's diary and other sources, historian Karen Auerbach provides a unique window into how the Lewentals and their circle navigated a time of increasing ambivalence about the possibility for Jewish belonging to the Polish nation. As exclusionary notions of what it meant to be Polish gained traction in politics, Alicja and her family encountered these ideas in their private lives.

"If not for the prodigious research and deep analytic perspective, one might think that Karen Auerbach has written a novel. The individuals on these pages are vivid and soulful...[m]ore historians should be writing like this."—**Hasia Diner, New York University**



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- **World English:** PublicAffairs
- **US Editor:** Anu Roy-Chaudhury
- **Final MS Available**
- **Publication:** April 15, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

IN BLOOD, FLOWERS BLOOM: *A World War II Story of Valor and Forgiveness Across Generations*

An intergenerational story of war, forgiveness, and memory told through stolen and returned battlefield souvenirs.

How do we remember war? How do we forgive? *IN BLOOD, FLOWERS BLOOM* illuminates one of the last untold stories of World War II, the common act of soldiers, sailors and Marines taking their enemy's possessions after victory. This is the story of a single Japanese battle flag found among the belongings of a long-passed American WWII veteran, originally belonging to a Japanese soldier. In telling the story of this flag, and its journey from battle in the Philippines to a shed in upstate New York, award-winning writer, Samantha Bresnahan reveals the way in which objects represent generations of trauma, imperialism, and memory.

Weaving through time, *IN BLOOD, FLOWERS BLOOM* tells the overlapping stories of two families, that flag, and a decades-long quest: here we meet American Iwo Jima veteran Marty Connor, Japanese imperial Naval captain turned Buddhist monk Tsunezo Wachi, and Masataka Shiokawa, the resilient son of a Japanese soldier killed in battle at Okinawa. These three men could have lived and died as enemies—that was their historical prerogative. Instead, they banded together as uneasy allies, and then eventual friends, in their shared mission to return artifacts taken by American GIs to their rightful owners, giving Japanese families a new opportunity for closure and healing the wounds inflicted by loss of loved ones—both physically and spiritually.

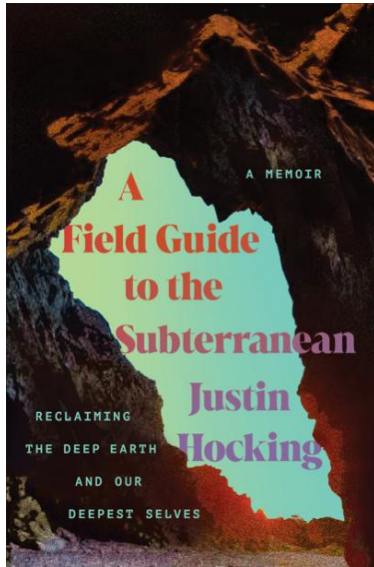
“There are many heroes in this book, on both sides of the Pacific, and Bresnahan does an excellent job piecing together the many aspects of this complex story of war, loss and memory.” —**Bookpage**

“*In Blood, Flowers Bloom* offers renewed understanding of how that war was waged by military leaders but fought by millions of young men, illuminates the legacy of trauma and loss on both sides, and demonstrates the power of deceased soldiers' personal belongings, left behind on a battlefield, to create intimate, cross-cultural connection and healing on both sides of the Pacific.”

—**Susan Southard, author of *Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War***

“With meticulous research and journalistic rigor, Bresnahan crisscrosses time and continents to weave this haunting, human tale of trauma, healing, cruelty and generosity.”

—**Clarissa Ward, author of *On All Fronts: The Education of a Journalist***



JUSTIN HOCKING is the author of *The Great Floodgates of the Wonderworld* (Graywolf 2014). His nonfiction and fiction have appeared in the *Rumpus*, *Orion*, *The Normal School*, *Portland Review*, *The Portland Noir Anthology*, *Tin House*, *Poets & Writers*, *The Columbia Journal*, and elsewhere.

- **US & Can:** Counterpoint
- **US Editor:** Dan Smetanka
- **UK & Translation:** FGLA
- **Final MS Available**
- **Publication:** June 2025
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE SUBTERRANEAN: *Reclaiming the Deep Earth and Our Deepest Selves*

Critically acclaimed author of *The Great Floodgates of the Wonderworld* heralds a radically inventive and kaleidoscopic approach to the genre of nature writing and memoir

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE SUBTERRANEAN is about the lessons of hard-won renewal and the ad hoc spiritual rigging sometimes necessary to overcome existential challenges. Hocking uses various modes—memoir, natural history, cultural criticism, narrative nonfiction, science writing—to investigate the ways in which the environment, not just our polluted natural surroundings but colonial extractive character, thwart self-knowledge and connection to the world. In particular, Hocking reckons with the broken, latchkey household of his 80's childhood in an area of Colorado ravaged by mining and nuclear testing, as well as toxic elements found in Gen X skateboarding and outdoor sub-cultures which led him to struggle to accept his own queerness. Living Frost's adage that "the only way out is through," Hocking boldly mines the self, finding footholds in natural wonder, birding, surfing, a generous partner, and service, to climb out anew.

"A dreamy mixture of memoir, natural history, and environmental worries." —*Kirkus Reviews*

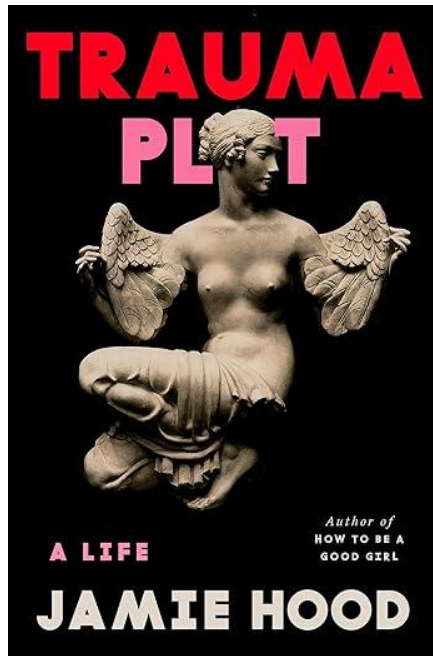
"Simultaneously a haunting memoir and an insightful look at society that mimics the fractured sense of a young man finding his way in a confusing world." —*Shelf Awareness*

"Justin Hocking has created a profound geological journey of the soul, unearthing wisdom about masculinity, the colonization of land and people, and the possibility that we might recover our own hearts if we are willing to be in intimate relationship to the non-human world. A geo love song."

—**Lidia Yuknavitch**

"Justing Hocking is a wizard who crafts his stories with equal measures of passion, poetry, and erudition. His writing voice makes you want to follow him to the end of the Earth, or into its deepest caverns, so that he can show you all of the beautiful and amazing things to be found there."

—**Hector Tobar**, *Publisher's Weekly*



JAMIE HOOD is the author of *how to be a good girl*, one of *Vogue*’s Best Books of 2020, and *regards, marcel*, a monthly newsletter on Proust and other miscellany. Her essays and criticism have appeared in *The Baffler*, *Bookforum*, *The Nation*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The New Inquiry*, *The Drift*, and elsewhere. She lives in Brooklyn.

- **US & Can:** Pantheon/ Penguin Random House
- **US Editor:** Zach Phillips
- **UK rights:** Greene & Heaton
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Final MS Available**
- **Publication:** March 25th, 2025
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

TRAUMA PLOT: A LIFE

A Vogue and Vulture Most Anticipated Book of the Year
A Culture100 Honoree

From a rising literary star and the author of *how to be a good girl* comes a brilliant, biting, and beautifully wrought memoir of trauma and the cost of survival

In the thick of lockdown, 2020, poet, critic, and memoirist Jamie Hood published her debut, *how to be a good girl*, an interrogation of modern femininity and the narratives of love, desire, and violence yoked to it. *The Rumpus* praised Hood’s “bold vulnerability,” and *Vogue* named it a Best Book of 2020.

In *TRAUMA PLOT*, Hood draws on disparate literary forms to tell the story that lurked in *good girl*’s margins—of three decades marred by sexual violence and the wreckage left behind. With her trademark critical remove, Hood interrogates the archetype of the rape survivor, who must perform penitence long after living through the unthinkable, invoking some of art’s most infamous women to have played the role: Ovid’s Philomela, David Lynch’s Laura Palmer, and Artemisia Gentileschi, who captured Judith’s wrath. In so doing, she asks: What do we as a culture demand of survivors? And what do survivors, in turn, owe a world that has abandoned them?

TRAUMA PLOT is a scalding work of personal and literary criticism. It is a send-up of our culture’s pious disdain for “trauma porn,” a dirge for the broken promises of #MeToo, and a paean to finding life after death.

“Rendered with raw-nerve clarity . . . Hood’s writing is exceptional for its own sake.” —*The Telegraph*

“Hood is one of the most interesting literary critics writing today, and her excavation of trauma and survival is a wonder. Moving, thought-provoking, at once intellectual and deeply personal.” —*LitHub*

“A magnificent, norm-shattering work.” —*Kirkus Reviews (starred)*

“Brilliant . . . with piercing intellect and lyrical prose, Hood redraws the boundaries of the tell-all memoir. It’s a rare feat of storytelling.” —*Publishers Weekly (starred)*

“You’ll be rooting for [Hood] through every page.” —*Vogue*



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- **US Editor:** Zach Phillips
- **UK & Translation available**
- **UK rights:** Greene & Heaton
- **Publication:** March 25, 2025
- **Final MS Available**
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

HOW TO BE A GOOD GIRL: *A Miscellany*

One of *Vogue's* Best Books of 2020

The ambitious and experimental debut by Jamie Hood, author of *Trauma Plot*, interrogating the “good girl” archetype and the price one pays to embody it.

In the thick of winter 2020, when so many books were buried beneath the catastrophe of the COVID-19 news cycle, one unlikely debut seemed to cut through the noise. Jamie Hood’s *HOW TO BE A GOOD GIRL* was an inventive and hybrid work of self-making, mingling diary entries, poetry, literary criticism, and love letters to interrogate the archetype of the “good girl,” and the ideas of femininity, passivity, desire, and trauma that come with it. Journeying from the ice age to our modern-day climate crisis, it devoured texts as expansive as Levinas and Plath to the Ronettes and after-school specials, all the while asking: what pound of flesh must a woman pay to be seen as “good.”

HOW TO BE A GOOD GIRL was a critical darling when it was first published by Grieveland. *The Rumpus* praised its “bold vulnerability,” and *Vogue* named it a Best Book of 2020. Now, Vintage is proud to reissue this provocative and genre-bending debut and find new readers for an exciting, new literary voice.

“An utterly compelling blend of lyricism, diary, and criticism that has become my go-to for invoking the brilliant, trans-eye view of the agonies and pleasures of heterosexuality, Hood gives voice to ideas I don’t need until she speaks.”—**Torrey Peters, author of *Detransition, Baby***

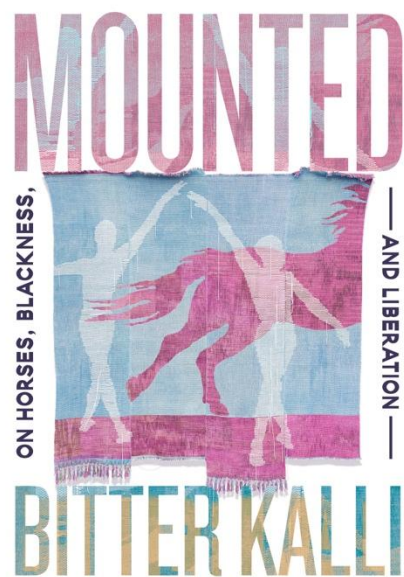
“Hood’s writing probes the ache of attachment to reaffirm, not disavow, a commitment to living (feeling) deeply. If you crave the comfort of a sensitive company of a friend who refuses the temptations of bitterness and cynicism even in the hardest moments, you will find it here.”

—**Charlotte Shane, author of *An Honest Woman***

“It’s not every collection of writing that can move seamlessly from the legacy of European colonization to tepid sex with condescending men to meditations...Jamie Hood has a gift for making many different forms of expression coexist within one work.”—***Vogue***

“*how to be a good girl* reads like a revelation... Hood breaks open notions of goodness and girlhood and rearranges the shards with care. While reading, I had so many moments of recognition that what I’m left with is a feeling of deep gratitude. This is a book I’ll return to again and again.”

—**Kate Elizabeth Russell, author of *My Dark Vanessa***



BITTER KALLI was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Their essays and criticism have been published in *Harper's Bazaar*, *Architectural Digest*, and *BOMB Magazine*, among others. They are a landworker and founder of Star Apple Nursery, a project focused on the stewardship of Caribbean and Southeast Asian heritage crops. Bitter is a child of the Atlantic Ocean.

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US Editor: Alexa Frank
Translation: FGLA
Final Manuscript Available
Publication: August 19th, 2025
Domestic Agent: Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

MOUNTED: *On Horses, Blackness and Liberation*

Joining the growing Black creative movement currently refashioning horses and cowboy imagery, a thoughtful, probing exploration of the shared history of Blackness and horses which reveals what its image can teach us about nationhood, race, and culture.

In a series of astute essays, Kalli explores the work of Black artists and influencers from Beyoncé to filmmakers Tiona Nekkia-McClodden and Jeymes Samuel and explores their own life-long relationship to equines. Alternatively playful and critical, meditative and biting, these essays navigate time and place—from the shadows of racetracks where jockey culture and the ubiquity of “equestrian chic” was born, to the reclamation—or, in Lil Nas X’s word, yeehawification—of the image of the cowboy, to the fraught connections of equestrian sport to slavery, US militarization, and European colonial domination. At heart, Kalli probes a central question: What does it mean for Black people to ride and tend horses in the context of a culture that has also used horses against them?

Throughout these essays, Kalli reflects on the experience of being the only Black member of the equestrian team at Columbia University, and how the aesthetics, ethos, and practice of horse stewardship contributed to their understanding of gender, sexuality, and radical community building. *MOUNTED* moves beyond the reductive stereotypes that dominate our perceptions of “horse people”—the swaggering masculinity, snooty elitism, and assumed whiteness—to reveal how Black people relate to the image and physical presence of the horse in nature and culture, considering violence, sexualization, power, migration, and more through its image.

“Fascinating debut... Kalli writes with urgency and grace [...] Slim but potent, this packs a punch.”
—Publishers Weekly

“At turns funny and poignant...Kalli’s contribution brings a new voice to the table, one that is smart, well articulated, and bighearted.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

“Essential reading for anyone interested in the intersections of race, gender, queerness, and the ongoing quest for freedom.” — **Booklist**

“Reading *Mounted* moved me deeply. [...] This book made me see horses—and freedom—in a whole new light.” — **Kareem Rosser, author of *When You’re Ready* and *Crossing the Line***

“The thrilling pleasure of this collection feels like riding wild and free in the company of a nimble friend: it gives the vivifying joy of being the rider and the horse, all at once.”
— Elaine Castillo, author of *Moderation* and *How to Read Now*



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- **US Editor:** Carrie Napolitano
- **UK:** Jonathan Cape
- **UK Editor:** Zeljka Marosevik
- **Proposal available**
- **Delivery:** December 2025
- **Publication:** Winter 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis
- **Film/TV:** Anonymous Content

AT THE BOTTOM OF EVERYTHING: *Conor Oberst and Our Dystopian Digital Age*

The first and only authorized biography of the indie-rock star Conor Oberst, frontman of Bright Eyes and Desaparecidos—a dramatic, intimate narrative opening a portal into the unhinged decades of millennials’ coming-of-age.

In bedrooms the world over, through the early 2000s, sensitive teens spent untold hours quietly crying over the lyrics of a boy wunderkind from Omaha, Nebraska. With his swoopy, black bangs, his candid realness, and his deep, dark, unknowable heart, Conor Oberst was “indie rock’s reigning poet-prince” – our generation’s Bob Dylan, *The New Yorker* among others speculated. Against a backdrop of global upheaval and financial crisis, he spoke to young millennials’ disillusionment like no one before.

These were the days of LiveJournal, Tumblr, and LimeWire, the advent of online fandom and the mainstream explosion of emo and indie music, and Oberst was catapulted onto a global, digital stage, and into an enduring place in the cultural canon. Yet the man himself remained an enigma: intensely private and clearly tortured, he has never divulged large swaths of his life story to the public.

That is, until he met the writer Emma Kemp. Through years of steady trust-building, Kemp has secured sustained and exclusive access to Oberst and his inner circle, allowing her to track the story of an anxious and existential 12-year-old prodigy up to the dizzying heights of fame, love, and musicmaking – and into the spiraling shadowlands of depression and addiction.

AT THE BOTTOM OF EVERYTHING is an original, intimate, and honest portrait of an artist who shaped the social and political consciousness of a generation. Oberst’s tumultuous personal narrative is deeply compelling in its own right, and will be new even to fans. Yet Kemp’s sharp, critical eye is always turned outwards, tracing his evolution across four decades at the crest of a cultural wave. Through Oberst, she cracks open millennials’ fraught path to maturity, our messy obsession with authenticity and vulnerability, and our fragmented digital selves.



MIRIAM LEWIN is a radio and television journalist with over 30 years' experience. She is the author of *Skyvan, Aircrafts, Pilots And Secret Archives*, an investigation on the death flights as a method of exterminating prisoners during the dictatorship.

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- **World English:** Seven Stories Press
- **WO Spanish:** PRH, Argentina
- **ENG + Translation:** FGLA
- **Final Spanish Pages Available**
- **Final English Pages Available**
- **US Publication:** July 22, 2025
- **Domestic Agent:** Ria Julien

IOSI: The Remorseful Spy

Now an Amazon Prime series, IOSI is a gripping true crime tale of espionage, Jewish history, and antisemitic mass terrorism in 1990s Buenos Aires

An unresolved true story that echoes today, this book shows that even after the military regime ended in Argentina and there was a civilian government, military and national police remained racist and antisemitic.

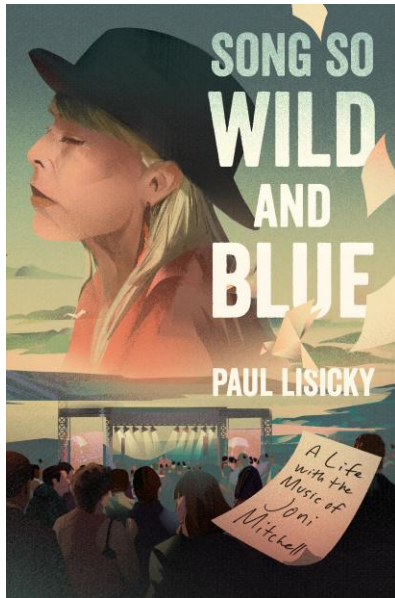
José Pérez, a young intelligence agent of the Federal Police, receives orders from his bosses to infiltrate the Argentine Jewish community by posing as a Jew. The goal is to monitor the development of an alleged Jewish plan to take over Patagonia to create a second state of Israel, known as the “Andinia Plan.”

Iosi, the Hebrew name he chooses, blends in by learning the language, culture, history, religion, and politics of the Jewish people: he becomes a well-respected community leader and obtains valuable information that he passes on to his handler, the enigmatic and seductive Laura, or Red as she is called. Iosi soon understands that there is nothing suspicious going on within the Argentine Jewish community. Prone to amorous adventures, he lets himself go and falls madly in love with a young Hebrew teacher, marries her in secret and plans to convert and emigrate with her to Israel.

When the two most catastrophic terrorist attacks in Argentinian history take place, one against the Israeli embassy in 1992 and the other against Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA), a Jewish Community Centre in 1994, causing hundreds of deaths, Iosi grows fearful that the information he provided was used by his bosses to help organize the attacks. His bosses order him to abandon his mission and move away from Buenos Aires. But Iosi feels driven to get to the bottom of the story and he seeks out two Jewish journalists, Horacio and Miriam. Together, they strive for years to get Iosi's story told. But after initial interest, every contact they make, from supposedly honest politicians to national and international Jewish organizations, ultimately turn their backs on them. Some people are killed, others lose their jobs or are removed from the case. There is no end. This is a true story and it continues unresolved to this day.

“Astonishing, unbelievable, and nevertheless, true.”—**Ana María Shua, author of *The Book of Memories* and Guggenheim Fellowship recipient**

“[A] fascinating noir of corruption, secrecy, and redemption.”—**Julia Kornberg**



PAUL LISICKY is the author of five books, including *THE NARROW DOOR* and *FAMOUS BUILDER*. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, his awards include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the James Michener/Copernicus Society, and the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, among others. He teaches in the MFA program at Rutgers University and lives in Brooklyn.

- **US & Can:** HarperOne
- **US Editor:** Rakesh Satyal
- **UK & Translation:** FGLA
- **Final Manuscript available**
- **Publication:** February 25, 2025
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

SONG SO WILD AND BLUE: *A Life with The Music of Joni Mitchell*

From the celebrated novelist and memoirist Paul Lisicky, a gorgeous account of how Joni Mitchell's work has shaped his writing throughout his life.

From the moment Paul Lisicky heard Joni Mitchell while growing up in New Jersey, he recognized she was that rarity among musicians—a talent whose combination of introspection, liberation, and deep musicality set her apart from any other artist of the time. As a young man, Paul was a budding songwriter who took his cues from Mitchell's mysteries and idiosyncrasies. But as he matured, he set his guitar aside and turned to prose, a practice that would eventually take him to the Iowa Writers' Workshop and into the professional world of letters.

As the decades passed, Paul's connection to Mitchell's artistry only deepened. Joni's music was a constant, a guide to life and an artist's manual in one. As Paul navigated love and heartbreak and imaginative struggles and the vicissitudes of a creative career, he would return again and again to the lessons found in Joni's songs, to the solace and challenges that only her musicianship could give. *SONG SO WILD AND BLUE* is a gorgeously written, beautifully intimate, and unique tribute to the woman who shaped generations of creators and thinkers. Lisicky offers his own coming-of-adulthood as testimony to the power of songwriting and staying true to your creative vision. A guide to life that is part memoir, part biography, and part homage, *SONG SO WILD AND BLUE* is a joy for devoted Joni enthusiasts, budding writers, and artists of all stripes.

"Radiant ...a remarkable act of literary imagination." —*Booklist, Starred Review*

"A beautiful tribute to a legendary musician." —*Kirkus Reviews (starred)*

"An astonishing exploration of what it means to lead an artist's life. There is no writer more attentive than Lisicky, and to see him turn his brilliance to Joni Mitchell is a thrilling wonder." —**Elizabeth McCracken, author of *The Hero of This Book***

"An exquisite, subtle ode to the people we used to be, and their inextricable intertwinement with the artists who change us. Lisicky's love letter to Joni Mitchell left me aglow with recognition and wonder." —**Melissa Febos, bestselling author of *Girlhood***



MADISON MAINWARING is a journalist, cultural critic, and professor of French and Francophone Studies at the University of Notre Dame. She writes for *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, *The Atlantic*, *Harper's*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, and *The Paris Review Daily*. She completed a PhD in French Studies at Yale, where she received the highest honors available to junior scholars in the field. She won a 2022-23 MacDowell Fellowship to support her research for *Her Life to Live*.

- **US, Can., & France:** PublicAffairs / Hachette
- **UK:** Bloomsbury Continuum
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Proposal available**
- **MS due:** December 2025
- **Publication:** Winter 2026
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

BAND APART: *The Women of the French New Wave*

A glamorous narrative history uncovering the work of the French New Wave actresses Anna Karina, Brigitte Bardot, Jean Seberg, and Jeanne Moreau, whose revolutionary artistry has been forgotten behind the long shadows of their male directors (and, often, husbands).

The French New Wave has been remembered through its male directors, famed for elevating film from lowbrow entertainment to art. Jean Luc Godard and Francois Truffaut were cultural heroes of their time, their work in film compared to what Picasso did to painting. They are beloved and celebrated to this day for forever changing the way we make and watch movies.

Forgotten behind these men's long shadow are the women who brought their films to life. It was the verve and nonchalance of Anna Karina, Brigitte Bardot, Jean Seberg, Jean Moreau, and a dozen fellow actresses that made the New Wave so revolutionary, its charm so modern, its influence so widespread and lasting. They became international icons, at once beloved, reviled, and abused for their insistent independence. Yet their part in this sea change has been brushed aside, their strength in the face of trenchant misogyny quickly forgotten.

Recovering the courageous work and lives of these New Wave sisters, BAND APART spirals outwards from the dramatic narratives of Karina, Bardot, Seberg, and Moreau to paint a vibrant portrait of this remarkable community of women and their revolutionary moment. As dramatic and sensitive as Mary Gabriel's *Ninth Street Women*, Tove Ditlevsen's *The Copenhagen Trilogy*, and Sarah Bakewell's *At the Existentialist Café*, it is a story of courage and talent, romance and violence, survival and creation – cinematic in its own right.



JEAN SAID MAKDISI is a Palestinian writer and scholar, best known for her autobiographical writing. Born in Jerusalem, under the British Mandate of Palestine, she is the youngest sister of the literary and cultural critic Edward Said. She has lived in Beirut, through wars and bombardments, from 1972 to this day.

- **US & Can:** Outsider Editions / Doubleday
- **UK:** Profile Books
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** Reissue Summer 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

BEIRUT FRAGMENTS

With new Introductions by Angela Flournoy (US edition) and Susan Abulhawa (UK edition)

An intensely personal yet timelessly crafted portrait of life in a war-torn city, *BEIRUT FRAGMENTS* spans the years of the civil war in Lebanon, 1975-1990. When thousands fled, Jean Said Makdisi chose to stay. She raised three sons, taught English and humanities at Beirut University College—and she wrote. She records the breakdown of society and the physical destruction of Beirut, the massacres of Sabra and Shatila, the Israeli invasion, everyday acts of terrorism, the struggle to maintain ordinary routines amid chaos, and the incredible spirit of a people.

This astounding classic, first published in 1999, rings clearly and urgently in our present moment. It is set to be reissued in the US and the UK with much fanfare in summer 2026.

A *New York Times Book Review* Notable Book of the Year

“An impassioned cry against indifference...Beirut’s long-suffering residents are fortunate that someone as perceptive and compassionate as Ms. Makdisi has come forward to tell their story.”

—*The New York Times Book Review*

“A profound, heartbreaking book.” —*Los Angeles Times Book Review*

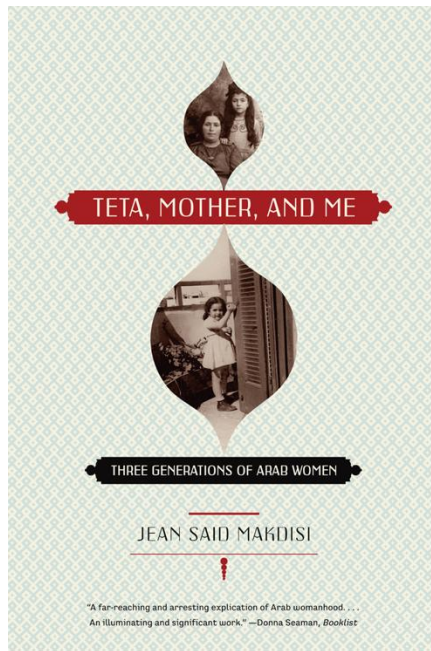
“A work ringing with truth and insight.” —*Arab Book World*

“A beautifully crafted memoir...the first detailed account by a civilian of daily life in the cockpit of the Middle East war.” —*Publisher’s Weekly*

“Attains the vividness of a nightmare.” —*The New Yorker*

“Jean Said Makdisi writes with riveting honesty and eloquence, incisive perception and a vision that can span both sides of the baffling road and still come up hopeful. She speaks for the dignity of citizens everywhere, beneath the headlines. Her clarity and wisdom could heal whole countries, if powerful leaders would only listen.” —**Naomi Shihab Nye**

“An outstanding, sensitive, humane, and moving work.” —**Leila Ahmed**



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- **US & Can:** W.W. Norton
- **US Editor:** Alane Mason
- **UK & Translation:** FGLA
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** 2006
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

TETA, MOTHER, AND ME: *Three Generations of Arab Women*

A literary classic, rich in warmth and insight—and the first book written from a feminist perspective on contemporary Arab women by a contemporary Arab woman.

“Lovingly describes the locations, cultures, conflicts and social influences as they pertain to generations of women in this very impressive Arab family...insightful and thought-provoking – a window into other worlds.” —**Bernardine Evaristo**

In this beautifully written personal and cultural history, Jean Said Makdisi illuminates a century of Arab life through the stories of her mother, Hilda Musa Said, and her grandmother, Munira Badr Musa. Against the backdrop of the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the rise of Arab nationalism, the founding of Israel, the Suez crisis, the Arab-Israeli wars, and civil war in Beirut, she reveals the extraordinary courage of these ordinary women, while overturning preconceptions of “traditional” and “modern,” “East” and “West.”

With a loving eye, acute intelligence, and elegant, impassioned prose, Makdisi has written much more than a memoir; *TETA, MOTHER AND ME* is a powerful embrace of history and culture, through the poignant, unsung lives of three generations of Arab women.



STEVEN PHELPS is director of The Center for Brain, Behavior and Evolution at the University of Texas in Austin, the work of which has been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, National Geographic, Newsweek, and many others. Phelps is a recent Guggenheim and Radcliffe fellow and his writing has been published in The Atlantic, Aeon, Nature, the New York Times, and Scientific American.

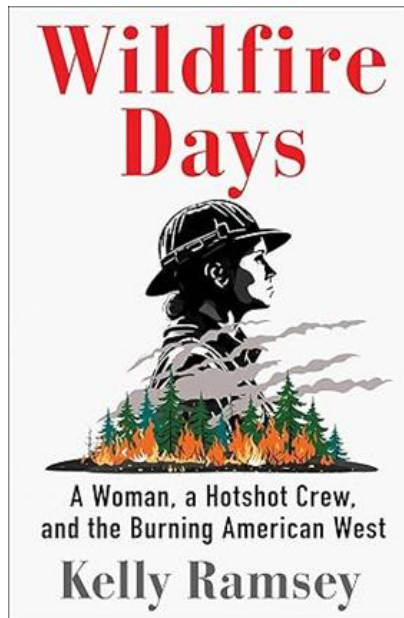
- **US & Can:** Algonquin
- **US Editor:** Madeline Jones
- **UK:** Picador
- **UK Editor:** Ravi Mirchandani
- **Proposal Available**
- **Delivery:** December 2025
- **Publication:** December 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

LET US AVOID HEARTACHE: *A Natural History of Intimacy*

A personal and scientific exploration of intimacy by a leading neurobiologist

LET US AVOID HEARTACHE braids the science of social bonding with personal narrative to deepen the reader's understanding of human intimacy and how it sits within the array of animal affections. The book will move chronologically through a human life, taking us from the physiological tensions of pregnancy to the early networks of care and play among siblings, to pair bonding and the neuroscience of romantic love, and ultimately to the site in the brain where love and grief inextricably reside. Along this journey we encounter a strange but revealing bestiary: the peculiar goose that begat attachment theory, the parenting habits of poison frogs, the alien friendships among bats, the bonding of prairie voles. And we draw close to the author, a half-Arab, gay man who grew up in poverty in the rural Midwest. The story of Steve's relationships deepen the science: his single mother who hid her pregnancy and planned to give him over to the state but for a moment of bonding, hardened childhood friends deprived of care who landed in jail, his own reluctant domestication with his partner (and dog), the aftermath of a close friend who committed suicide and the blossoming of a new friendship with the hiker who found the body.

LET US AVOID HEARTACHE gives us, with scientific fact and emotive force, the hows and whys of the relationships that make us who we are. They shape us indelibly before we're done growing, propel us out into the world, sustain us with all that life can throw at us, and allow us to continue when they come to an end.



KELLY RAMSEY was born in Frankfort, Kentucky. She studied poetry at the University of Virginia and fiction writing at the University of Pittsburgh. She cofounded The Lighthouse Works, an artists' residency program, and later moved to Northern California, where she worked for the US Forest Service as a trail maintenance worker, wilderness ranger, and wildland firefighter. Her writing has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Sierra*, *Electric Literature*, and the anthology *Letter to a Stranger*.

- **US & Can:** Scribner / Simon & Schuster
- **US Editor:** Colin Harrison
- **UK:** Anna Carmichael, Abner Stein
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Publication:** June 17, 2025
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Film:** Sally Wilcox
- **Domestic Agent:** Sam Stoloff

WILDFIRE DAYS: A Woman, a Hotshot Crew, and the Burning American West

In the exhilarating spirit of *Wild* and *A Walk in the Park*, an adventure-filled memoir of one woman's struggle to succeed as a wildland firefighter on an elite, male-dominated crew as they battle some of the fiercest wildfires in the West.

When Kelly Ramsey drives over a California mountain pass to join an elite firefighting crew, she's terrified that she won't be able to keep up with the intense demands of the job. Not only will she be the only woman on this hotshot crew and their first in ten years, she'll also be among the oldest. As she trains relentlessly to overcome the crew's skepticism and gain their respect, megafires erupt across the West, posing an increasing danger both on the job and back home. In vivid prose that evokes the majesty of Northern California's forests, Kelly takes us on the ground to see how major wildfires are fought and to lay bare the psychological toll, the bone-deep weariness, and the unbreakable camaraderie that emerge in the face of nature's fury.

Despite the wear and tear of her rookie year in fire, Kelly gears up for a second season, determined to prove that not only can a woman survive this work, she can excel. But when her plans to marry her partner start to crumble and sparks fly with a fellow crew member, Kelly wrestles with whether she's truly outgrown the self-destructive patterns she's learned from her father, whose drinking and itinerant ways haunt her. And as the season wears on, she discovers how tenuous "belonging" can be amid ever-changing crew dynamics. In this vivid, visceral, and intimate memoir, Kelly wrestles with the immense power of fire for both destruction and renewal, confronted with the questions: Which fires do you fight, and which do you let burn you clean?

"A moving, sometimes funny story about destruction, change, and rebirth, told by a woman tempered by fire. . . . Ramsey's memoir covers a lot of ground, skillfully. . . . personal and entertaining."

—*Los Angeles Times*

"Bringing us along with vivid prose, [Ramsey] battles both the megafires and the insidious psychological toll. . . . In her intimate and action-packed memoir, Ramsey wrestles with the power of fire to both destroy and renew while confronting her own internal struggles and self-destructive patterns." —*Outside*

"The true spine of this inspiring memoir is Ramsey's progression from the 'careful, compliant girl I had been for most of my life, half-starved to stay thin,' to a full-throttle warrior who could hold her own alongside some of the most fearless firefighters in the nation." —*Washington Post*



MEREDITH REICHES is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Boston and a founding member of the GenderSci Lab at Harvard. She has been awarded a fellowship by the Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study) in Berlin and the Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship by *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. Her work has been published in the *LA Review of Books*, and her research has been featured in the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *Slate*. Reiches is herself a childless cat lady, and human guardian to one feline friend named Wren.

- **US & Can:** Random House
- **US Editor:** Maddie Caldwell
- **UK:** Faber & Faber, Hannah Knowles
- **Proposal Available**
- **Delivery:** December 2025
- **Publication:** Spring 2027
- **Germany:** Piper
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

CAT LADY: *A Reckoning*

From anthropologist Meredith Reiches comes a sharp and hilarious investigation of the ‘Cat Lady,’ exploring the hidden history of the archetype and the amazing range of socio-political issues it signifies in our global cultural imagination—from misogyny to anti-queerness, to pronatalism, and beyond.

The stereotype of the ‘Cat Lady’ conjures many images: witches, Egyptian goddesses, 18th-century spinsters, 1950s English teachers, Catwoman, and now even Taylor Swift. Calling someone a cat lady in 2024 might be shorthand for “single White woman, no kids” but the origins of the modern caricature, Reiches explains, do involve *actual* cats. Delving into the history of our feline friends and the women who often accompanied them, the book journeys from Egypt, Ireland, and Scandinavia, exploring the link between cats and feminine spirituality to 19th century England, where Frances Simpson tried to clear a path for single women to make a respectable living through cat breeding.

As Reiches unpacks the various histories that have tied together women and cats, the politics of the contemporary Cat Lady come into sharp focus—as do the questions we should be asking about her. How does this archetype relate to the growing panic about falling birth rates in wealthy nations? Why is the term thrown about like an insult, even when there are no women or cats involved? And now that we understand the Cat Lady’s cultural roots, can we claim this identity and embrace its subversive power in the 21st century?

Searingly intelligent and gloriously spiky, CAT LADY is a must-read for all dangerous women who dare to think and live for themselves. We see it in the vein of nonfiction books that bring a new level of edge and sophistication to a curiosity-inducing topic, such *Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism* by Amanda Montell, *Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution* by Cat Bohannon, and *Butts: A Backstory* by Heather Radke.



NANCY SHERMAN is a distinguished professor of philosophy at Georgetown University. Sherman is a *New York Times* notable author whose publications include *Stoic Wisdom* (OUP, 2021), *Afterwar* (OUP, 2015), *The Untold War* (a *New York Times* editors' pick, Norton 2010), *Stoic Warriors* (OUP, 2007), among others. She has received many prestigious honors recognizing her work, including fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, the Wilson Center, and the National Endowment for the Humanities to name a few. She has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *LA Times*, *Chronicle for Higher Education*, *New Statesman*, and contributes frequently to many other media outlets, appearing as a guest on a broad range of podcasts.

- **World English:** Yale University Press
- **US Editor:** Heather Gold
- **Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** Fall 2026
- **Russia:** Alpina
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

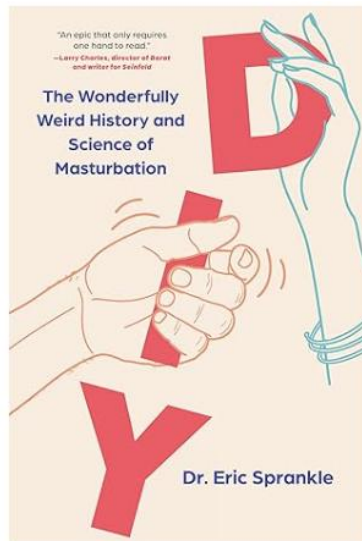
HOW TO HAVE A SOUL: *What Aristotle Teaches Us About Lasting Happiness*

From acclaimed philosopher Nancy Sherman comes a book of popular philosophy that brings Aristotle's enduring wisdom about the human condition to 21st-century readers.

In chapters anchored by thought-provoking quotes from the ancient philosopher on different topics ("Friendship," "Connecting to Nature," "The Old and the Young"), Sherman explores what we can learn from Aristotle about our lives today— particularly what his wisdom can teach us about how to face the challenges and pains of being alive while cultivating resilient souls and communities. After so much cultural airtime given to the Stoics in recent years, readers will find Aristotle invigoratingly honest about the human condition and the importance of social connection. Our self-sufficiency, Aristotle tells us (with some irony), is very much relational.

In Professor Sherman's own words: "With Aristotle as our guide, a new understanding of our souls is within our reach. Only by nourishing our souls can we make peace with the fragility of happiness and find a measure of sturdiness even when we are torn by conflicts, personal and political".

Calling on the tradition of smart philosophically driven books that reflect on the human condition, such as books by Alain de Botton and Oliver Burkeman, Sherman's HOW TO HAVE A SOUL will appeal to readers of Adam Nicolson's *How to Be* and Keiran Satiy's *Life is Hard*.



DR. ERIC SPRANKLE is a professor of psychology at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is a codirector of the sexuality studies undergraduate program. He's also a licensed clinical psychologist and an AASECT-certified sex therapist affiliated with the Minnesota Sexual Health Institute in Minneapolis, where he offers continuing education training to therapists on a wide-range of sexuality and sexual health topics. He is a frequent guest on a number of podcasts, radio shows, and YouTube channels, and he has been interviewed for numerous publications, including *Men's Health*, *The Daily Beast*, *Hustler*, and Dan Savage's *Savage Love* column.

- **US & Can:** Union Square Press
- **Acquiring Editor:** Jessica Fergera
- **Translation + UK Available**
- **Final Manuscript available**
- **US Rights** controlled by: Michael Bourret at Dystel, Goderich & Bourret
- **Publication:** March 19, 2024
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

DIY: The Wonderfully Weird History and Science of Masturbation

The first-ever social and scientific history of masturbation, which unapologetically critiques a system that has sought to control the very human desire for self-pleasure.

Despite decades of medical and psychological research confirming that masturbation is healthy, the act remains shrouded in taboo and pseudoscience. In *DIY*, Dr. Eric Sprankle reveals the untold story of crusaders on a long campaign to suppress masturbation and the sex educators fighting back with science. He introduces readers to a colorful cast of characters: doctors advocating for the use of chastity devices, wellness influencers who believe ejaculation depletes the body of vital nutrients, pastors who preach that masturbation creates mermaids, and vibrator aficionados who teach the curious how to come. *DIY* will challenge what you think you know about the very human need for self-pleasure.

Part sex-positive exposé, part fascinating science, *DIY* spotlights generations of sex education countering anti-masturbation pseudoscience with empowering truths about pleasure. This sex book is perfect for fans of Mary Roach books like *Bonk* or anyone curious about the history of sex and masturbation.

"I could write a book about masturbation. A lot of people could. But Dr. Eric Sprankle, a clinical psychologist and expert in the subject, actually has. And though it is an epic, it only requires one hand to read it." —**Larry Charles, director of *Borat* and writer for *Seinfeld***

"A needed and timely defense of a necessary and timeless activity." —**Dan Savage, columnist of *Savage Love* and host of *Savage Lovecast***

"Chock-full of history, science, and Dr. Sprankle's characteristic humor, this book will inform, educate, and entertain you [...] will set you free from unnecessary guilt about a natural--and pleasurable--human behavior." —**Laurie Mintz, PhD, author of *A Tired Woman's Guide to Passionate Sex and Becoming Cliterate: Why Orgasm Equality Matters—And How to Get It***

"Dr. Sprankle dives, umm, headfirst, into what we know about erotic self-pleasure, exposing all of the dirty secrets about masturbation that THEY want you to not know about. This is THE book to keep on your nightstand. Seriously."

—**David J. Ley, PhD, sex therapist and author of *The Myth of Sex Addiction***



JAN STANLEY is an expert in the fields of leadership, resilience, and social impact who has spent decades training leaders at some of the world's top organizations, like NASA, the World Bank, and LinkedIn. Jan is a member of faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and affiliated with leaders in the broader field of positive psychology.

- **US & Can:** Viking
- **US Editor:** Emily Wunderlich
- **UK:** Ebury
- **UK Editor:** Sam Jackson
- **Proposal available**
- **Delivery:** January 2027
- **Japan:** Nikkei Business Publishing
- **Brazil:** Editora Planeta
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

STEADY: The Power of Going at Your Own Pace

From leadership consultant and UPenn Positive Psychology faculty member Jan Stanley comes a big idea psychology book that tackles a major pain point in modern happiness: the tug-of-war between our drive to achieve and our need to savor our daily lives, both of which are essential to human flourishing.

Modern life is leaving us breathless. What would your life look like if you chased your ambitions at a sustainable pace, while sponging up daily joys? It's time to break the cycle, by finding our own pace and defining success for ourselves. Blending science with storytelling, *Steady* provides strategies for pursuing dreams without burnout and adjusting one's pace across life phases. Breaking steadiness into three key components – pace, anchors, and rhythm— Stanley shows readers that if we strive steadily we not only get where we want to go, we make society steadier as well. For readers of Cal Newport, Susan Cain, Katherine May, Simon Sinek, and Arthur Brooks, *STEADY* will bring profound relief readers of a variety of cultural backgrounds, particularly young professionals seeking meaning beyond the grind, midlife adults spread thin between important goals, and organizational leaders looking to improve resilience in the workplace.

"I absolutely love the idea (and title) for this book. And I couldn't agree more that its message is needed now more than ever. Steady is sustainable. Steady is sane. Steady is what any striver really needs, even though it may not seem so."—**Angela Duckworth, bestselling author of *GRIT***

"This book is a wakeup call and a road map for leading a more balanced life. As a specialist in making positive psychology practical, Jan Stanley is the ideal author to write it. I'm excited for readers to benefit from her sage advice."—**Adam Grant, bestselling author of *THINK AGAIN***

"What an important and counter-cultural message—one that is likely to appeal to readers of Cal Newport and probably of *QUIET* too." —**Susan Cain, #1 NYT bestselling author of *Quiet***



CLARE STAPLETON is a writer, communications consultant, and tech labor activist. She began her career at Google, where she spent 12 years in a variety of influential communications, marketing, and executive ghostwriting roles, before co-organizing the Google Walkout in 2018, in which 20,000 employees loudly protested the company's mishandling of sexual harassment. Claire now advises executives and organizations on navigating the complicated communications landscape, speaks and writes frequently about tech worker issues, and publishes an existential advice column for tech workers on Substack. She lives with her family in Brooklyn.

- **US & Can:** William Morrow
- **US Editor:** Hannah Phillips
- **UK rep:** Kat Aitken, Lexington Lit
- **Proposal Available**
- **Edited Manuscript:** October 2025
- **Publication:** August 2026
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

DON'T BE EVIL: *A Memoir of Falsehoods and Fake Work*

A whip-smart, funny, and timely memoir about one worker's 12 years at Google and her journey from buying in to buying out, and being radicalized in a sea of false promises, fake work, and bad bosses.

When newly graduated Claire Stapleton accepted a position at Google in 2007, she thought she had found the perfect job. The company promised not only a career path, but a mission: to do good, to connect the world, to provide a sense of value and purpose for its employees. It was the heady days of big-tech optimism, a time when it seemed like technology would help change things dramatically for the better—and also make employees rich along the way.

Soon, Stapleton was dubbed the “Bard of Google” and, known for her consummate “Googleness,” was pulled into higher-level meetings, helping to write speeches, emails, and blog posts for executives including Larry Page.

But as she moved into bigger and more prestigious roles—working at the revered Google Creative Lab, and then in marketing for YouTube—she couldn't ignore the way that the company's stated values diverged from its practices, from the toxic workplace to the real-world harms. So in 2018, when company dissatisfaction around Google's mishandling of serious sexual harassment allegations started to swell, Stapleton found herself using her voice in an altogether different fashion: to help lead the 20,000 employee Google Walkouts, a groundbreaking protest against Silicon Valley culture which *The New York Times* would go on to call a “watershed moment in tech.” Overnight, Stapleton became a public face of tech discontent—and realized there was no going back.

Hugely clever and uncanny, *DON'T BE EVIL* is a memoir of one worker's radicalization and a biting look back at a surreal era in tech, asking: How do we disentangle ourselves from work, when work demands our whole self? For readers of *Careless People*, this candid book grapples with what it means to find a sense of identity and power beyond our jobs, in a culture that tells us our career is who we are.



MICHELLE TEA is the author of over a dozen widely acclaimed books memoir, fiction, and cultural criticism, and the recipient of awards from PEN/America, the Guggenheim, Lambda Literary, and the Rona Jaffe Foundation. Her books have been translated into French, Japanese, Slovenian, German, Italian, and Swedish.

- **US & Can:** HarperOne
- **US Editor:** Rakesh Satyal
- **UK:** Nicola Chang, David Higham Associates
- **Translation + UK Available**
- **Proposal available**
- **Delivery:** December 2025
- **Publication:** Fall 2026
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

FREE LOVE: *Adventures in Marriage and Polyamory*

A wildly entertaining, authentic, and profound guide to navigating freedom and commitment, in a society intent on pinning us down.

Polyamory is having a moment. Whether you love it or hate it, the explosion of non-monogamy into the mainstream suggests a widespread frustration and stuck-ness within traditional relationship structures, perhaps especially among women and femmes, whose sexual freedom has long been contained and policed. Why do we have to choose between adventure and security? Why can't we try, at least, to have them both?

Long before its current it-girl moment, polyamory was foundational to many radical subcultures, who saw in it not only the chance for sexual freedom, but a path towards dismantling patriarchal oppression and the zero-sum game of capitalism – a path towards personal, spiritual, and collective growth, care, and empowerment. Polyamory was also foundational to the life of beloved writer and queer icon Michelle Tea, from the clandestine, ill-fated throuples of her late teens, to the punk lesbian underground of 90s San Francisco, through marriage and divorce, Tinder flings and enduring friendships, heartbreak and motherhood.

In **FREE LOVE**, she will share these juicy, hilarious, and moving stories with her characteristic wit and charm, while delving into the radical, forgotten history of openness, and interviewing and researching widely, to guide readers through the thorny choices we make in our own relationships – poly or no. A modern-day *The Ethical Slut* meets Dolly Alderton's *Everything I Know About Love*, it marries the storytelling of Maggie Smith and Samantha Irby with the practical wisdom and heartwarming appeal of writers like Glennon Doyle, Emily Nagoski, and Vanessa Marin.

“Michelle Tea is our luminary of optimistic rebellion—sassy, astute, quicksilver, a master of the hot mess, with a legendary stature reaffirmed by wave upon wave of new readers.” —**Jeremy Atherton Lin, National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author of *Gay Bar***



KATE WAGNER is an architecture critic and journalist based in Chicago and Ljubljana, Slovenia. First known as the creator of the popular blog McMansion Hell, she currently serves as architecture critic at *The Nation* and has previously been a columnist at *The New Republic*, *The Baffler*, and *Curbed*. Her writing about architecture and culture has been published widely in outlets including *The Atlantic* and *The Washington Post*.

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- **US Editor:** Maria Goldverg
- **UK:** Hutchinson
Heinemann/Cornerstone
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- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

STRUCTURAL ISSUES

A highly entertaining journey through why modern buildings look the way they do—and why we dislike them so much—from one of architecture’s brightest and most popular writers.

Kate Wagner got an unconventional start in architecture writing when, at the age of just 23, her blog McMansion Hell went wildly viral. A scathing mixture of humor, architectural explanation, and social criticism, the blog was devoted to deconstructing the American McMansion: shoddily built, aesthetically incoherent, comically super-sized houses which look “less like a cohesive whole and more like a Frankenstein of ornate mini-houses attached to a massive garage”. The project unpacked the way our deeply held ideas and values are expressed in housing, showing how the McMansion was inextricably shaped by the conditions and culture of the time.

Wagner’s ascent through the world of architecture writing has continued dizzyingly from that point: at 25, her architecture column for *The New Republic* made her the youngest ever writer to hold such a post in the field, and she currently serves as Architecture Critic for *The Nation*, which has described her as the successor to the legendary critic Michael Sorkin. Wagner is now known for her unsparing, sharply funny critiques of the built environment, ranging from NYC’s Vessel (“the depth of architectural thinking at work here makes a kiddie-pool seem oceanic”) to windowless bedrooms (“building codes, for all their often problematic stuffiness, do exist to protect us”) to towering new glass constructions (“like a bland, visible scar reminding residents of the city’s gentrification”).

STRUCTURAL ISSUES is a culmination of Wagner’s career thinking and writing about buildings, and why those buildings so often make us unhappy. We live and work inside of architecture—it profoundly shapes our day-to-day experience, our emotional and social lives, and our world—and yet few of us truly can explain why the built environment looks and feels the way it does. Why does interior design use so much endless, mind-numbing gray now? Who on earth thought that open-floor plan offices were a good idea? Why do clothing stores feel less like spaces to buy things, and more like screechy, brand-focused “experiences” meant to be Instagrammed?

STRUCTURAL ISSUES provides a guide to understanding the way we build in the world, moving from private spaces—houses, apartment buildings, and interior design—to the public spaces many of us have come to dread. It ends in the field of architecture itself, explaining the underlying workings of a practice that so often ends up producing these dysfunctional buildings. Wagner’s rejection of much of what she sees in architecture is fueled by a belief that bad architecture springs from the bad conditions in the broader world—or, as she would put it, “we build in a society”. Hating architecture is also a vital expression of wanting architecture to be better, and fighting for better architecture also means fighting for a better world.



LINDSAY ZAFIR is a historian of science, sexuality, and social movements, teaching at the City College of New York. She holds a PhD in History from Yale University, where her dissertation—which laid the groundwork for this book—won the George Washington Egelston Prize. She is the co-editor of *Power Lines* (New Press, 2024), an anthology of writing by labor and climate justice organizers, and was for many years the Editor of *The Forge*, a national publication by and for organizers across the progressive movement.

- **US & Can:** Bloomsbury
- **US Editor:** Mo Crist
- **UK:** Rachel Clements, Abner Stein
- **Proposal Available**
- **Delivery:** Fall 2025
- **Publication:** Fall 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

STATE OF DENIAL: *AIDS and the Rise of Science Denialism*

A forgotten history of the movement that sowed the seeds for the rise of science denialism around the globe, revealing the institutional failures of modern states since the 1980s.

The World Economic Forum recently named the rampant spread of disinformation as the single greatest risk that the world faces today. We saw its consequences in deaths associated with COVID denialism, in the rise of the once-marginal anti-vaccination movement, and in major public figures around the world publicly questioning long-accepted medical consensus – including the cause of AIDS.

Where does science denialism come from, and how does it grow? Many have tried to answer this question, placing the blame variously on social media, AI, right-wing politicians, corporations, the 24-hour news cycle, a general “death of expertise.” But the rise of denialism, Zafir argues, stems back much further. Turning to a science denial movement that was largely forgotten – until it was recently resurrected in Russia and by far-right politicians in the US – she uncovers the historical crossroads that lead to a broad loss of faith in institutions of authority in the late 20th century.

AIDS denialism, which emerged in the US and Australia in the early 1980s among the gay communities hit hardest by the pandemic – and ultimately spread across the globe, leading to an estimated 330,000 deaths in South Africa – signaled a profound transformation in our relationship to scientific authority. Tracing a compelling, untold history, Zafir unearths the profound failures of governments and institutions which fostered a climate of distrust that is still with us today.

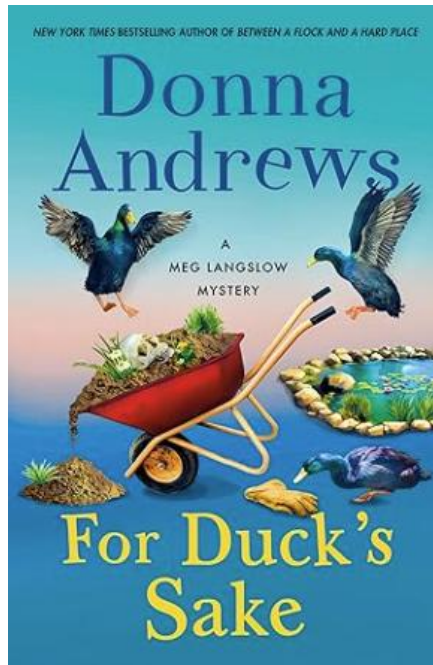
Ultimately, Zafir argues that when we respond to misinformation by digging in our heels on the authority of experts or doubling down on the facts, we risk dangerously eliding the real messiness and uncertainty inherent in scientific knowledge production. And even more crucially, we overlook the historical shifts that have made denialism possible, from the increasing disempowerment of ordinary people, to the growing corporate dominance over all areas of modern life, to the very real failures of the neoliberal state to meet its citizens’ needs.

STATE OF DENIAL is an essential corrective to the history of science denialism, and a key to understanding the turbulent years to come.



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DONNA ANDREWS has won the Agatha, Anthony, and Barry Awards, an RT Book Reviews Award for best first novel, and four Lefty and two Toby Bromberg Awards for funniest mystery. She is a member of the Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and Novelists, Inc. Andrews lives in Reston, Virginia. She has written over 30 books in the Meg Langslow mystery series.

- **World English:** St. Martin's Press / Minotaur Books
- **US Editor:** Peter Wolverton
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** August 5th, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Ellen Geiger

FOR DUCK'S SAKE

Donna Andrews returns with her latest charming addition to the bestselling Meg Langslow mystery series.

Meg is in the backyard of the house her brother Rob, Delaney, and their new baby have moved into, supervising some workmen who are using a bulldozer to start digging out a duck pond. She wants to get away from her own house, which has become the staging site for Caerphilly's first Mutt March, which will be held the next day. Meg thinks it will be more peaceful at Rob's house--and it is until the bulldozers uncover a skeleton whose skull has a hole and a bullet rattling around inside.

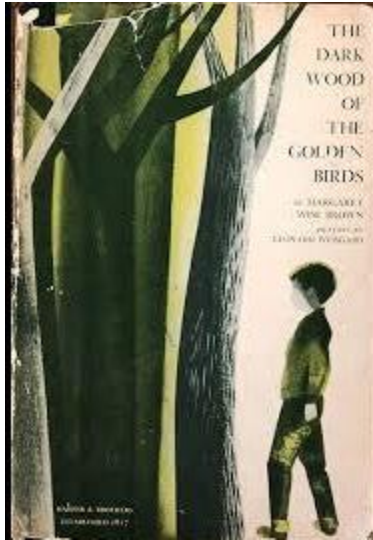
Meanwhile, Chief Burke begins searching the police records to see if he can identify any missing persons who would fit the bill. He doesn't turn down Meg's offer to help with his identification efforts, and she begins looking in the library and talking to old-timers. She's all the more eager to help because Iris Rafferty, who sold the house to Rob and Delaney and still lives in the mother-in-law suite, disappears the morning after the finding of the body... does her disappearance have anything to do with finding the body? Was it voluntary? Or was she kidnapped—possibly by the prowlers who are spotted lurking around the half-finished duck pond at night? Or do the prowlers have sinister designs on one or more of the dogs who will be marching in the parade?

Written with her classic cozy and investigative style, Donna Andrews is sure to delight in the latest in her Meg Langslow mystery series.

Praise for the Meg Langslow Mysteries series:

"If you long for more fun mysteries, a la Janet Evanovich, you'll love Donna Andrews's Meg Langslow series."
—*Charlotte Observer*

"A long-running series that gets better all the time. A fine blend of academic satire, screwball comedy, and murder."
—*Booklist*



MARGARET WISE BROWN (1910 - 1952) is the legendary author of more than 70 children's books, including the iconic *GOODNIGHT MOON* and *RUNAWAY BUNNY*.

- **World English:** McNally Editions / Marginalian Editions
- **US Editor:** Maria Popova
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Full Text and Sample Art Available;**
Final Pages Available Winter 2026
- **Publication:** Spring 2026
- **Domestic Agents:** Ellen Geiger and Tess Weitzner

THE DARK WOOD OF THE GOLDEN BIRDS

A Marginalian Editions rediscovery: *Goodnight Moon* author Margaret Wise Brown's little-known, philosophical children's book about love and loss, lushly illustrated by Ofra Amit.

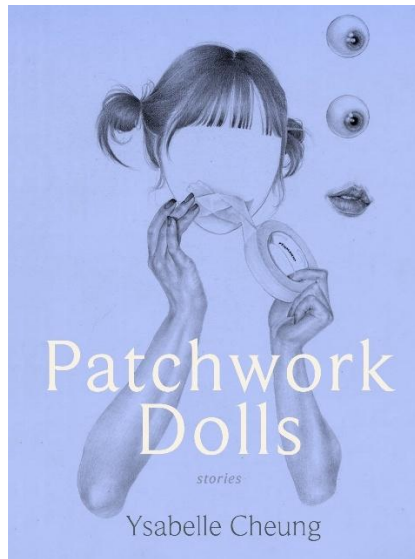
In 1950, when the love of her life fell mortally ill, Margaret Wise Brown turned to the solace of storytelling, writing a love letter in the form of a children's book. *The Dark Wood of the Golden Birds* brings us into a hushed and numinous world, illuminated with elegiac prose. The story begins:

*It happened in the woods
a long time ago.
In the dark woods
where the golden birds
sang all through the night
and the day.*

This magic forest grows behind the house of an old man with white hair and green eyes, who is never a year older or a day younger, and who keeps honeybees and grows asparagus for a living. No one who visits him dares to venture past the edge of the wood of the golden birds, believing it to be magic: "the unknown from which there is no return." The old man himself never goes into the dark wood, but sometimes—at night, or early in the morning—he can hear laughter and singing, and the songs his mother sang to him long ago: the song of the golden birds.

One day, a brother and a sister whose parents have died wander to the old man's house, and he gives them a home. The children ask again and again about the magic forest, but the old man simply tells them that "on the other side of the dark wood is the land that no one knows." When the old man falls ill, the boy decides to brave the wood in search of the birds, who he's convinced will heal him. What secret knowledge will he find there?

Written with her signature poetic prose that enchanted the world with *Goodnight Moon* and other stories, Margaret Wise Brown's *THE DARK WOOD OF THE GOLDEN BIRDS* is a work of uncommon beauty and tenderness that lights a path through love and loss for readers of all ages.



YSABELLE CHEUNG is a writer and editor based in Hong Kong. Her fiction, including stories from this collection, has appeared in *Granta*, *The Rumpus*, *Joyland*, and *Slate*. Her essays and cultural criticism have appeared in the *Atlantic*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Artforum*, and *Lithub*, among others. She holds a BA in English Literature and Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia.

- **World English:** Blair/Carolina Wren Press
- **US Editor:** Robin Miura
- **Edited Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** February 2026
- **Translation Available**
- **Audio Rights Available**
- **Domestic Agent:** Jade Wong-Baxter

PATCHWORK DOLLS: STORIES

Set between Hong Kong and America, between the present day and an uncannily altered future, this speculative collection warps the familiar rules of our world to ask: what does it mean to be Asian, and to be a woman, living under the specter of state and technological surveillance – or trying to break free from it?

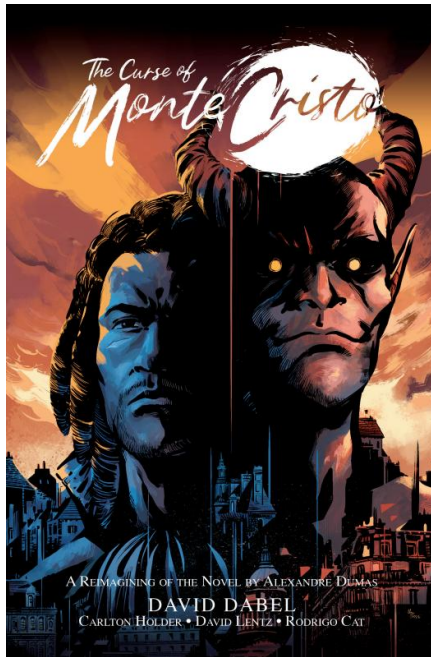
In the collection’s title story, a young woman of color realizes she can make her fortune by surgically selling her facial features to whiter, wealthier clients, plunging her deep into the ethical conundrum of racial passing and the thorniness of ‘selling out’ women’s bodies. In *PATCHWORK DOLLS*, a group of rebels escapes a city that is literally disappearing around them – building by building, person by person – to migrate to a new home beneath the ocean, defying their government’s mandate. And “Herbs” follows an elderly widow who, when the clones of her dead husband start to appear uninvited in her home, must grapple with her memories and the question of whether it’s possible to break free from the cycles of past relationships.

PATCHWORK DOLLS weaves together eerie fabulism in the tradition of Carmen Maria Machado or Kelly Link with the surrealism of Te-Ping Chen’s *Land of Big Numbers* and the dystopian-adjacent elements of Sequoia Nagamatsu’s *How High We Go in the Dark*. In each of these stories, Ysabelle tilts the world just slightly off its axis – moving between technology and nature, womanhood, violence, surveillance and escape – to bring together a haunting meditation on what it means to survive within our increasingly digitized and mechanized world.

“Cheung’s protagonists grapple with intimacies of power from the personal to the political to the changing natural world. Yet, what draws me to these stories is not only their relevance, but their intelligent dedication to accuracy of individual feeling, no matter what the form, device, or imagination required. In other words, while these stories are set in various times, Cheung does not shy away from the present. Neither science fiction, myth, nor magical realism, but some amalgamation of it all, *Please Get Out and Dance* offers fugitive possibilities against the hauntings of our historical moment.”

—Yanyi, author of *Dream of the Divided Field* and *The Year of Blue Water*

“With grace and precision, Ysabelle Cheung conjures up uncanny worlds... that cove[r] a full spectrum of human emotions resting underneath a glaze of unreality. A startling debut with evocative haunting tales that evoke Angela Carter, Kazuo Ishiguro, and Carmen Maria Machado; I devoured this book in one sitting.” —Karen Cheung, author of *The Impossible City*



DAVID DABEL was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He grew up speaking French Creole, and hearing of the amazing adventures and bravery that led to the freedom of his people. In the past, David has worked in partnership with his brothers to establish Dabel Brothers Productions, through which they created graphic novel adaptations with authors such as George R.R. Martin, Robert Jordan, Dean Koontz, and more. Some of these projects went on to become New York Times Best Sellers for upwards of nine weeks, and their title *The Dresden Files: Welcome to the Jungle* was nominated for a Hugo Award.

- **World English:** Andrews McMeel
- **US Editor:** Katie Gould
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** March 25th, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Tess Weitzner

THE CURSE OF MONTE CRISTO

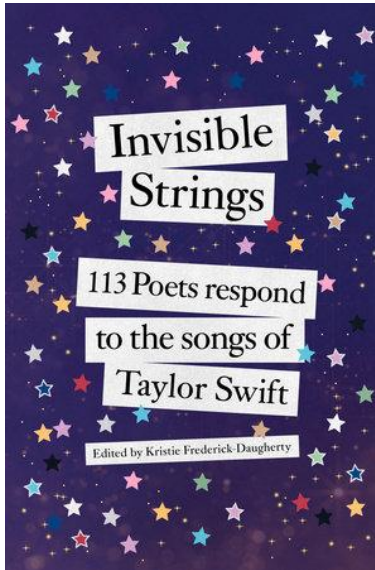
Journey to the beginnings of the bloody days of the Haitian Revolution, with a classic tale of revenge and reclamation, reimagined with a horror twist.

France, 1788. Edmond Dantès, a Haitian of African descent and Parisian citizen has been sentenced to a life of hell at Château d'If for treason against the Ancien Régime. Once a man of faith, Edmond believes he's been abandoned by God, and the only thing that keeps him going is his deep hatred of those who he believes have framed him. Faria, an older prisoner who becomes a mentor to Edmond, confesses, "I am not flesh of this realm. Your lust for revenge drew me here."

Together, they escape the prison and return to Saint Domingue, where the smell of rebellion is thick in the air. Edmond, once an enslaved man himself, thought he had escaped the colonized land and his past life for good, only to return as the wealthy and mysterious Count of Monte Cristo. In pursuit of his enemies – including Mercedes, once his fiancée – he finds his careful rage growing only more reckless and ravenous. Haydee, a young revolutionist, tries to use his fury for good, while Faria, drunk off the misery Edmond has caused, hungers for the fresh taste of innocent blood. As Edmond's enemies begin to catch on to the count's true identity, and the fight for liberation from the French colonists swells to a pop, Edmond must reckon with the deal he's made with Faria. Is it any more sinister – or any different – than the pact he's made with his own inner demons?

"This reimagined version of a classic is such a clever and entertaining mash-up of genres that I suspect Dabel and Holder are from an alternate universe where Alexandre Dumas wrote it this way. Kudos as well to the letterist and illustrator, Lentz and Catraca, who were obviously inspired." —**Dean Koontz**

"Unexpected twists and plot interconnections simplify yet add different depths and meanings to the story. The excellent glowing art [...] breaks up the page in eye-catching ways, working brilliance and darkness to dramatic effect. Verdict: Horror fans and classics literature lovers will enjoy this unique take on centuries-old characters that make their struggles feel timeless. Highly recommend." —**Library Journal (starred)**



KRISTIE FREDERICK DAUGHERTY is a poet and a professor at the University of Evansville. She holds an MFA in Poetry from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She is also a PhD candidate in Literature/Criticism at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she is writing a dissertation which examines how Taylor Swift’s lyrics intersect with contemporary poetry.

- **US & Can:** Ballantine
- **US Editor:** Sara Weiss
- **UK:** Headline
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** December 3rd, 2024
- **Brazil:** Planeta Brasil
- **Hungary:** Könyvmolyképző Kiadó
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

INVISIBLE STRINGS: *113 Poets Respond to the Songs of Taylor Swift*

With an introduction by Sir Jonathan Bate

Over 30,000 copies sold in the US

An anthology of brand-new poems inspired by Taylor Swift songs, from a powerhouse group of contemporary poets, including Kate Baer, Maggie Smith, and Joy Harjo.

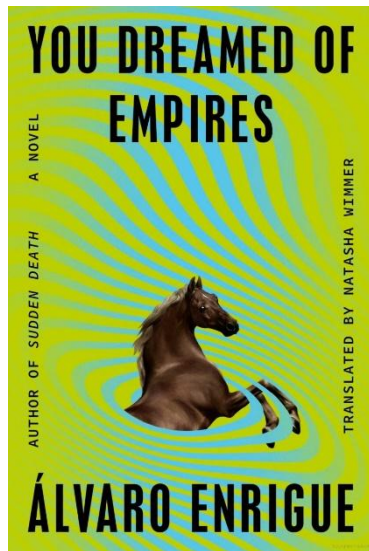
With a record-breaking four Grammy awards for Album of the Year, Taylor Swift stands alone in the world of pop music. One of the most talented lyricists of all time, her music captivates millions of fans throughout the globe with the narrative depth and emotional resonance of her songwriting. In *INVISIBLE STRINGS*, poet, professor, and dedicated Swiftie Kristie Frederick Daugherty has brought together 113 contemporary poets, each contributing an original poem that responds to a specific Taylor Swift song.

In a spirit of celebration and collaboration, poets have taken a cue from Swift’s love of dropping clues and puzzles for her fandom to decode, as each poem alludes to a song without using direct lyrics. Swifties will enjoy closely reading each of the poems to discover which song each poet responded to; each poem responds to only one song.

The collection showcases a diverse and accomplished array of writers including the 23rd US Poet Laureate **Joy Harjo**, Pulitzer Prize winners **Diane Seuss**, **Yusef Komunyakaa**, **Carl Phillips**, **Rae Armantrout**, **Paul Muldoon**, and **Gregory Pardlo**, and bestselling poets **Maggie Smith**, **Aimee Nezhukumatathil**, **Kate Baer**, **amanda lovelace**, **Tyler Knott Gregson**, **Lang Leav**, **Shikha Malaviya**, **Richard Siken**, and **Holly McNish**.

Swifties will experience the profundity and nuance of Swift’s lyrics through these poems, while having fun matching the poems to songs from all of her eras—vault tracks included! For poetry lovers, this one-of-a-kind anthology is an unparalleled collection of new work from today’s most lauded and revered poets.

“Meditative, varied, and visceral, paying tribute to Swift’s love of words and her deeply felt passions...[an] indelible, beautiful collection.”—*Booklist*



ÁLVARO ENRIGUE is the award-winning author of five novels and two books of short stories. His first novel *La muerte de un instalador* won the 1996 Joaquín Mortiz Prize. He was, in 2008, *GQ* Magazine's (Latin America) Writer of the Year. In 2011 he was awarded the Cullman Fellowship by the New York Public Library Center for Scholars and Writers. His novel *SUDDEN DEATH* (2013) was awarded the Premio Herralde and published in 14 languages.

- **US & Can:** Riverhead (PRH)
- **UK:** Harvill Secker
- **WO Spanish:** Anagrama (Oct 2022)
- **Publication:** January 9, 2024
- **French:** Memoire d'Encrier
- **Germany:** Blessing
- **Lithuania:** Rara | **Italy:** Feltrinelli
- **Norway:** Svejk | **Turkey:** Domingo
- **Ukraine:** Bez Nazvy
- **Croatia:** Vukovic Runjic
- **Domestic Agent:** Ria Julien

YOU DREAMED OF EMPIRES

A *New York Times* Top Ten Book of 2024
A New York Public Library Top Ten Book of the Year
A *Guardian* Best Book of the Year

From the visionary author of *Sudden Death*, a hallucinatory, revelatory colonial revenge story.

One morning in 1519, conquistador Hernán Cortés enters the city of Tenochtitlan – today's Mexico City. Later that day, he will meet the emperor Moctezuma in a collision of two worlds, two empires, two languages, two possible futures.

Cortés is accompanied by his captains, his troops, his prized horses, and his two translators: Friar Aguilar, a taciturn friar, and Malinalli, an enslaved, strategic Nahua princess. After nearly bungling their entrance for the city, the Spaniards are greeted at a ceremonial welcome meal by the steely Aztec princess Atotxtli, sister and wife of Moctezuma. As they await their meeting with the emperor – who is at a political and spiritual crossroads, and relies on hallucinogens to get by – Cortés and his entourage are ensconced in the labyrinthine palace. Soon, one of Cortés's captains, Jazmín Caldera, overwhelmed by the grandeur of the place, begins to question the ease with which they were welcomed into the city, and wonders at the chances of getting out alive, much less conquering the empire. And what if...they don't?

"Sublime...Enrigue [is] a major talent." —*The New York Times*

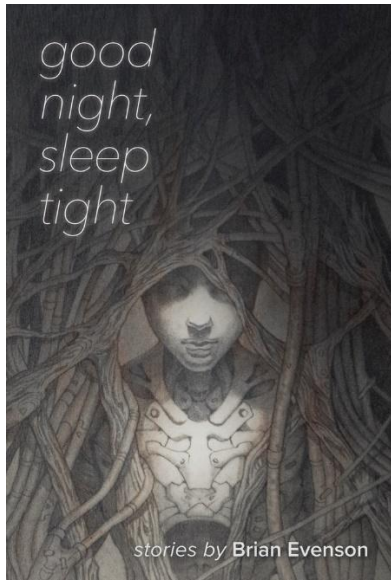
"Incantatory...Enrigue conjures both court intrigue and city life with grace." —*The New Yorker*

"Enrigue's genius lies in his ability to bring readers close." —*Los Angeles Times*

"Riotously entertaining...Enrigue revels in the salacious and the scatological, serving up a sensory feast."
 —*The Financial Times*

"[A] delirious historical fantasia...funny, ghastly, eye-opening, marvelous." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"An alternate history of Mexican conquest, with a Tarantino-ready twist." —*The Washington Post*



BRIAN EVENSON is the author of several books of fiction. He is the recipient of the Shirley Jackson Award and the American Library Association’s award for Best Horror Novel, and has been nominated for an Edgar award and an International Horror Guild Award. He lives in Los Angeles and teaches in the Critical Studies Program at CalArts.

- **WO English:** New Directions
- **US Editor:** Brittany Dennison
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** March 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

GOOD NIGHT, SLEEP TIGHT

The Millions, “Most Anticipated Books of Fall 2024”

Literary Hub, “Most Anticipated Books of 2024”

SIBA Read This Next! September Pick

Chicago Review of Books September Must-Read

From the “master of literary horror” (*GQ*) comes a collection of new stories tracing the limits and consequences of artificial intelligence and “post-human” relationships. Populated by twins stepping into worlds of absence, bears who lick their cubs into creation, and artificial beings haunted by their less-than-human nature, each page sketches a world where our all-too-real feelings of isolation and ecological dread take on an otherworldly tinge.

In *GOOD NIGHT, SLEEP TIGHT*, Brian Evenson deftly weaves ethical dilemmas, maternal warmth, and echoes of apocalypse into his most tender, disquieting book yet.

Praise for *Good Night, Sleep Tight*:

“This collection of unsettling stories blurs the lines between dream and reality, life and death, human and not, Bradbury and Borges.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

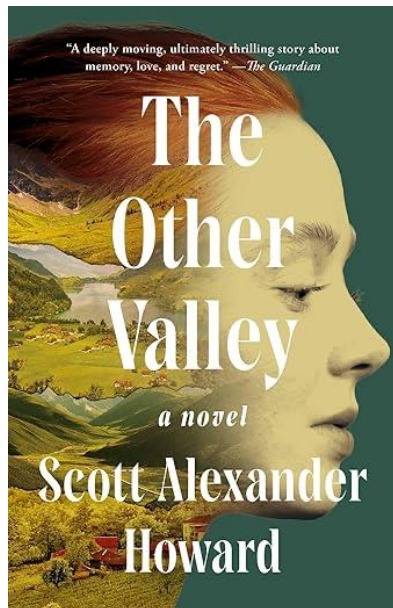
“The prolific master of the eerie and strange can terrify and delight at any length, but his story collections are always a feast for any reader. If you’ve never read Evenson but are a fan of George Saunders, Ray Bradbury, Jorge Luis Borges... now’s the time to rectify your mistake.” —*Literary Hub*

Praise for Brian Evenson:

“There is not a more intense, prolific, or apocalyptic writer of fiction in America than Brian Evenson.” —*George Saunders*

“Evenson is one of our best living writers—regardless of genre.” —*NPR*

“Evenson’s fiction is equal parts obsessive, experimental, and violent. It can be soul-shaking.” —*The New Yorker*



SCOTT ALEXANDER HOWARD lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. He has a PhD in philosophy from the University of Toronto and was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard, where his work focused on the relationship between memory, emotion, and literature. *The Other Valley* is his first novel.

- **US & Can:** Atria (S&S)
- **US Editor:** Loan Le
- **Canada:** Scribner Canada (S&S)
- **UK:** Atlantic
- **Germany:** Diogenes
- **Italy:** Mercurio
- **Portugal:** Casa das letras | Leya group
- **Korea:** Dasan | **France:** J'ai Lu
- **Film/TV:** Chris Lupo
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** February 27, 2024
- **Domestic Agent:** Roz Foster

THE OTHER VALLEY

****Universal won TV rights in a 10-way auction. Working Title Developing Series****

Washington Post Top Title of 2024

***Jimmy Fallon's Book Club Top Four Pick ***

PBS Book Club Pic

March 2024 Indie Next Pick

To the east is the future. To the west is the past. If you were permitted to cross the valley's border, which direction would you go?

For fans of David Mitchell, Ruth Ozeki, and Kazuo Ishiguro, an exquisite literary speculative novel about an isolated town neighbored by its own past and future.

Sixteen-year-old Odile vies for a coveted seat on the Conseil. If she earns the position, she'll decide who may cross her town's heavily guarded borders. On either side, it's the same valley, the same town. To the east, the town is twenty years ahead in time. To the west, it's twenty years behind. The towns repeat in an endless sequence across the wilderness. When Odile recognizes two visitors she wasn't supposed to see, she realizes that the grieving parents of her friend Edme have been escorted across the border, on a mourning tour, to view their son while he's still alive in Odile's present. Edme—who is brilliant, funny, and the only person to truly know Odile—is about to die. Sworn to secrecy in order to preserve the timeline, Odile now becomes the Conseil's top candidate. Yet she finds herself drawing closer to the doomed boy, imperiling her entire future.

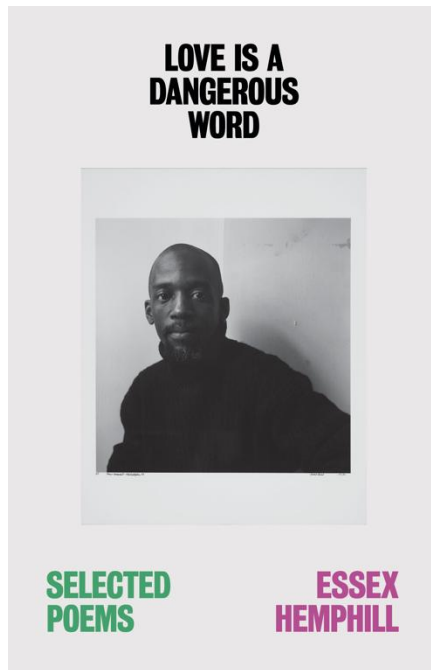
"A deeply moving, ultimately thrilling story about memory, love and regret." —*The Guardian*

"A slow-boiling philosophical thriller...Howard has a naturalist's gift for the pastoral." —*The New York Times*

"A well-made speculative page-turner...Reading it makes the time fly." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"A thought-provoking exploration of ethics, power, love, and time travel that is perfect for fans of Ishiguro and McEwan." —*Kirkus Reviews (starred)*

"Beautifully written...it is a triumph." —*Booklist (starred)*



ESSEX HEMPHILL (1957–1995) was a member of the poetry collective Cinque, a frequent collaborator with the Emmy award-winning filmmaker Marlon Riggs, and the editor of the Lambda Literary Award winning anthology *Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men* (1991). Hemphill received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pew Charitable Trust, and the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. His collection *Ceremonies: Prose and Poetry* (1992) won the National Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual New Author Award.

- **WO English:** New Directions
- **US Editor:** Declan Spring
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** March 4th, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Jade Wong-Baxter

LOVE IS A DANGEROUS WORD: *Selected Poems of Essex Hemphill*

“A master of frank desire.” —Vinson Cunningham, *The New Yorker*

The incendiary, sensual poems of Essex Hemphill, now in a new landmark selection

For three decades, the legacy of writer, editor, performer, and activist Essex Hemphill has been lovingly sustained through xeroxed copies of his few published works. They are as potent now as they were in the 1980s. With tenderness and rage, Hemphill's poems unflinchingly explore the complex, overlapping identities of sexuality, gender, and race, the American political landscape, and his own experiences as a black gay man during the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Edited by John Keene and Robert F. Reid-Pharr, **LOVE IS A DANGEROUS WORD** contains selections from Hemphill's only published full-length collection, *Ceremonies*—named one of the 25 most influential works of postwar queer literature by the New York Times—alongside rarely seen poems from magazines and chapbooks. It serves as both an introduction to Hemphill's poetic prowess and a treasure trove for those who have long awaited his return to the literary spotlight.

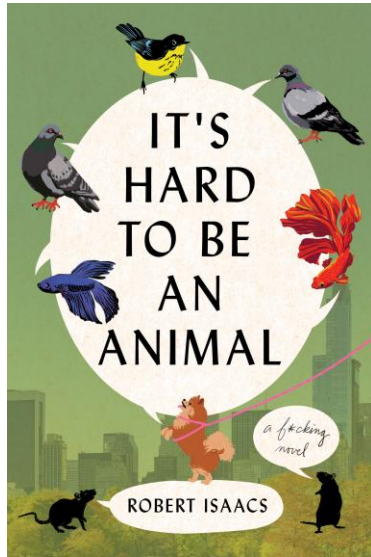
“When I read a poet like Essex Hemphill, my heart just comes up in my mouth and does an African folk-dance on the back of my throat....He's making something that has never been made or said before. He gives me hope and strength.”—**Audre Lorde**

“If I'd met him I guess I'd have just said thank you.”—**Dev Hynes (aka Blood Orange)**

“Astounding. No voice speaks with more eloquent, thought-provoking clarity about contemporary Black gay life than that of Essex Hemphill” —**Marlon Riggs**

“The prose sings with lyricism, the poetry sears with content. Hemphill is like an Old Testament prophet, exhorting us with ethical passion. He is exactly what we need at this hour.”
—**Martin Duberman**

“I am alive and somewhat sane because he wrote with such bravery and clarity, with every fiber of his being behind the pen.” —**Danez Smith**



ROBERT ISAACS' writing has appeared in the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, Salon.com, Hindsight and The First Line. He earned his MFA in Creative Writing at Columbia University with a dual thesis in fiction and nonfiction. In his checkered past he's also worked as a musician (Grammy nominated singer, conducted at Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, etc.) and street-performer (juggling, unicycling, plate-spinning, and so on.).

- **World English:** Grand Central
- **US Editor:** Jacqueline Young
- **Publication:** Spring 2026
- **Unedited Manuscript Available**
- **Delivery:** Spring 2025
- **Germany:** Ullstein
- **Hungary:** General Press
- **Other Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

IT'S HARD TO BE AN ANIMAL

Henry Parsons is walking through Central Park on a date with Molly Bent, the quirky, sweet, and endlessly interesting woman that his colleague set him up with. After a long spell of loneliness, he is feeling hopeful for the first time in years when a sweet little warbler tells him to f*** off.

A gentle soul already troubled by the rancor and insensitivity of humans in the city, Henry tries to brush it off as a hallucination. But suddenly he can hear the voices everywhere: dogs mocking their owners, sparrows fat-shaming each other, snakes pontificating about misogyny and gender politics, police horses profiling attendees of a street fair: the man who never speaks up for himself is suddenly surrounded by animals who do.

It's all fun and games until he overhears three rats discussing a corpse in the New York subway. Unsure what to do, he lets it slip to Molly. She's keen to investigate, and Henry is desperate for another date. Together they descend into an abandoned tunnel under the West Fourth Street station where they find a body... and the murderers find them.

For the first time in Henry's careful life there's no way to duck confrontation: he's being hunted, and must find the courage to face the Scottish gangsters stalking him across the city. Of course, that same assertiveness might transform his chances with Molly too. Inspiration arrives, unexpectedly, from his roommate's pair of feuding beta fish on an enemies-to-lovers arc, and the neighbor's yapping Pomeranian whose wisdom changes Henry forever.

IT'S HARD TO BE AN ANIMAL is an upmarket love story and cozy mystery with a strong thread of magical realism for readers of Carl Hiaasen's *Squeeze Me* looking for a bit more tenderness, or of Shelby Van Pelt's *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.



ERIN JONES (she/her) is the author of the YA novel *TINFOIL CROWNS* (Flux Books, 2019), a 2020 Moonbeam Awards Silver Medalist, and one of Barnes & Noble's most anticipated YA books of the year. Jones graduated with her MFA in fiction from Emerson College where she is now affiliated faculty and a writing consultant for ELL students. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

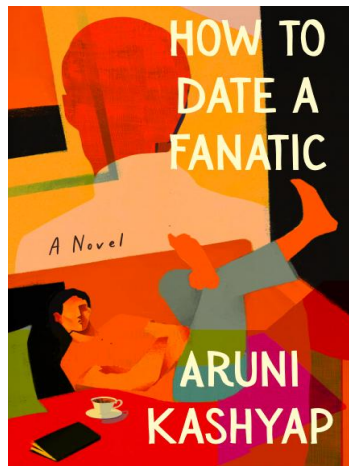
- **US & Can:** Roxane Gay Books / Grove Atlantic
- **US Editor:** Roxane Gay
- **Translation + UK Available**
- **UK co-agent:** Laura Williams at Greene & Heaton
- **Unedited Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** Fall 2026 or Spring 2027
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

THE LAST ICEBERG TASTING MENU: *A Novel in Stories*

In a not-too-distant future, the world's last glacier has been downgraded to the world's last iceberg. While society mourns another natural wonder lost to climate change, the billionaire—a former tech mogul turned restaurateur—becomes obsessed with obtaining a piece of the ice to serve at his restaurant. The iceberg has been deemed a protected entity by the United Nations, but that doesn't worry the billionaire. He *needs* the ice.

THE LAST ICEBERG TASTING MENU is a speculative, propulsive literary novel-in-stories following the waning days of the world as we know it, and the nine people who find their fates intertwined with the iceberg and one another across space, time, and class. There's the helicopter pilot who aids and abets the billionaire's heist despite physical and emotional scars from what she saw while working in search and rescue amid environmental catastrophes wrought by global warming; the billionaire's wife, who reserved her place in a future Mars colony by allowing her consciousness to be contained in a box as the world burned; a pair of twins who have only ever lived at sea and now lead scuba tours of communities drowned by rising waters; and finally, the security guard who will do whatever it takes to provide protection (and air conditioning) for his young family, and becomes embroiled in a plot to reclaim the little of the iceberg that remains in containment before it's gone forever.

THE LAST ICEBERG TASTING MENU explores themes of climate change, wealth inequality, queer lives, and immortality, combining the ensemble storytelling of Colum McCann's *Let the Great World Spin*, the speculative nature of Sequoia Nagamatsu's *How High We Go in the Dark* and C. Pam Zhang's *Land of Milk and Honey*, with the humor and heart of *Glass Onion*.



ARUNI KASHYAP is a professor of English & Creative Writing and the director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Georgia. A Harvard Radcliffe fellow in 2024 and a National Endowment for the Arts fellow in 2023, his work has been praised by Amitav Ghosh as "poignant and finely crafted" and "daring and surprising" by Rigoberto González. His short stories, poems, and essays have appeared in a variety of journals and media, including *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Bitch Media*, *The Boston Review*, *Catapult*, and *Electric Literature*. He is the author of *The House With a Thousand Stories* (Penguin Random House India, 2013), the short story collection *His Father's Disease*, and a poetry collection, *There is No Good Time for Bad News*, that was a finalist for multiple prizes.

- **US & Can:** HarperVia
- **US Editors:** Rakesh Satyal & Ryan Amato
- **UK:** Caspian Dennis
- **Full MS Available now; Copyedited MS available November 2025**
- **India:** Fourth Estate, Dharini Bhaskar
- **Publication:** June 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

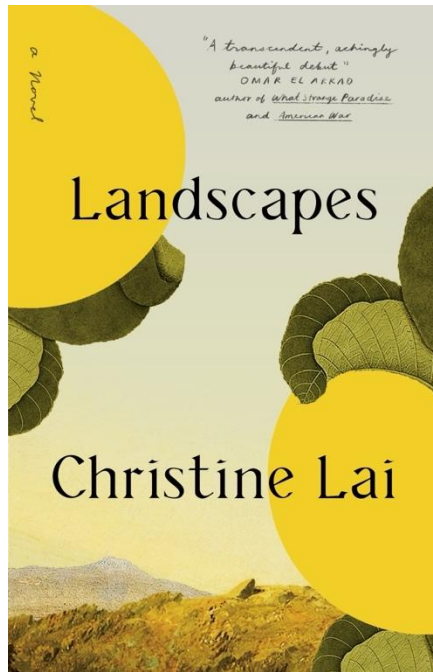
HOW TO DATE A FANATIC: *A Novel*

From Harvard Radcliffe fellow Aruni Kashyap comes a masterful novel about love and politics in the lives of a group of queer friends on the cusp of their thirties, making their way in contemporary India, for fans of Chimamanda Adichie, Tommy Orange, and Marlon James.

The story centers on Rohit, a young professor who has just finished his PhD in New York and returns to India to teach, joined by his longtime friends Minti, the lesbian therapist and indomitable activist, and Sarfaraz, a handsome failed model. In Delhi, Rohit throws himself into the local queer dating scene in the city, falling in and out of love and lust. At underground parties and political debates, Rohit and his friends navigate sex, love, heartbreak, religious fundamentalism, political suppression, and anti-Muslim violence. When tensions around the city come to a boil, unleashing an explosive ethnic riot, its stunning, heartbreaking outcome will change each of their lives forever. What we look for in love, Kashyap suggests, may not be too far from what we look for in democracy: can we be safeguarded without giving up our freedom?

Kashyap based the novel on the riots of January & February 2016 in the outskirts of Delhi, during which he was locked inside the campus where he taught for several weeks. Afterward, he interviewed a variety of survivors and began working on this novel.

“A book of ferocious inquiry and vast heart, delightful formal play and intellectual agility” —**Megha Majumdar, author of *A Burning*, in praise of *The Way You Want to Be Loved***



CHRISTINE LAI holds a PhD in English Literature from University College London and an MPhil from the University of Cambridge. She lives in Vancouver, Canada.

- **US:** Two-Dollar Radio
- **Canada:** Doubleday
- **UK:** Influx Press
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **US Publication:** September 2023
- **UK Publication:** Spring 2025
- **Netherlands:** Uitgeverij Annex
- **Other Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

LANDSCAPES

2024 CLMP Firecracker Award Finalist

2023 Republic of Consciousness Prize Finalist

A Best Book of the Year—NPR, CBC, and Independent Book Review

An October 2023 ABA "Indie Next List" Pick

A Publishers Weekly's "Writer to Watch" (Fall 2023)

An entrancing and prismatic debut novel, set in a near future fraught with ecological collapse, *Landscapes* brilliantly explores memory, empathy, preservation, and art as an instrument for recollection and renewal.

In the English countryside—decimated by heat and drought—Penelope archives what remains of an estate's once notable collection. The dilapidated country house has been her home for two decades and a refuge for those who have been displaced by disasters. But out of necessity, Penelope and her partner, Aidan, have sold the house and its scheduled demolition marks the pressing deadline for completing the archive. With it comes the impending return of Aidan's brother, Julian, at whose hands Penelope suffered during a brief, violent relationship twenty-two years before. As Julian's visit looms, Penelope finds herself unable to suppress the past, and she clings to art as a means of understanding, of survival, and of reckoning.

Recalling the works of Rachel Cusk and Kazuo Ishiguro, *Landscapes* is an elegiac and spellbinding blend of narrative, essay, and diary that reinvents the pastoral and the country house novel for our age of catastrophe, and announces the arrival of an extraordinarily gifted new writer.

"I envy readers entering this world for the first time. You will find beauty here, and wisdom." —**Aysegül Savaş** (author of *White on White*), *Electric Literature*

"This is an extraordinary work." —**Kate Zambreno**, author of *Drifts* and *The Light Room*

"A transcendent, achingly beautiful debut." —**Omar El Akkad**, Giller Prize-winning author of *What Strange Paradise* and *American War*

"[*Landscapes*] builds an electric undercurrent of doom. In cool, sinewy prose, this astute and timely novel explores the roles of beauty, art, and passion in a time of survival." —**The Believer**

"This is the ultimate piece of fiction about noticing what's been overlooked." —**Los Angeles Times**



DANA J LUPO (they/them) is the translator of Hervé Guibert's novel *Arthur's Whims* (Spurl Editions, 2021) and Gabriel de Foigny's *The Known Southern Land* (Spurl Editions, forthcoming). Their fiction and translations have appeared in the LARB Quarterly, Asymptote, Arcturus (Chicago Review of Books), Apricity Press, and elsewhere.

- **US:** Coffee House
- **US Editor:** Jeremy Davies
- **Translation + UK available**
- **Audio rights available**
- **Unedited Manuscript Available**
- **Delivery:** September 2025
- **Publication date:** Spring 2027
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

BABY NOTHING

The novel's narrator—a genderless, nameless, underemployed dancer whose “fun fact” is that they were kidnapped from the maternity ward soon after their birth—works as a housekeeper on the private island of Zeke Folsom-Fox, a psychic huckster who claims to use the entrails of jellyfish that wash up on shore to warn the island's vacationers, all members of the gay 1%, of imminent catastrophes. Alone on the island at the end of the season, the narrator turns the task of closing up the island for the winter into a performance art piece, wherein they must clean the thirteen houses in one day with their eyes closed.

Their project is interrupted when the narrator finds an abandoned baby covered in her own filth in one of the houses. The discovery forces the narrator into another sort of score, with new rules: caring for a baby whose fathers never return to retrieve her, on an island with dwindling food supply and no phone service, with no hope of escape when the boat meant to retrieve the narrator never arrives.

They are near death when the island is engulfed in flames as the result of an electrical fire—a catastrophe large enough to bring rescue in the form of Miguel, another of Zeke's wayward employees, who lives on his houseboat rent free. Unwilling to part ways with the baby, the narrator's role shifts from helpless, shiftless artist, to de facto parent and kidnapper, as the three of them sail into the sunset—away from Zeke and his shady business deals, the mystery shrouding the baby's possibly-murdered fathers Clark and Kent, and the familial bonds and structures that held each of them to shore.

Combining the lambast of extreme wealth seen in Emma Cline's *The Guest*, and the sensitivity and absurdity of Henry Hoke's *Open Throat*, *BABY NOTHING* explores various modes of performance: dance, domestic labor, childcare, gender and self definition, the responsibilities of friendship, and the stories we repeat about our past in searing, searching prose.



ERICA PEPLIN is a writer from Detroit, Michigan, now based in Brooklyn. Her short stories and essays have appeared in *n+1*, *Joyland*, *The Millions*, *McSweeney's*, *The Village Voice*, and more. From 2015 to 2016, she worked in the advertising department of *The New York Times*. Since then, she's worked as a shipping clerk, a high school custodian, and a restaurant server.

- **World English:** Gallery (S&S)
- **US Editor:** Taylor Rondestvedt
- **Film/TV:** Tara Taminsky, Untitled
- **Final manuscript available**
- **Publication:** June 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Alison Lewis

WORK NIGHTS

Longlisted for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize

"I inhaled this book." —Anna Dorn, author of *Perfume & Pain*

"A voice I'd follow into the abyss." —Jean Kyoung Frazier, author of *Pizza Girl*

A young queer woman finds herself in a love triangle with an unobtainable intern and a quick-tempered musician in this charming debut that combines *Big Swiss* with *The Devil Wears Prada*.

Every weekday, Jane Grabowski hauls herself to her nine-to-five office job at New York City's most acclaimed newspaper to sit in stale air under severe florescent lights and mask her rage by sending emails with too many exclamation points. Luckily, she has a reason to keep coming into the office: Madeline, the distractingly beautiful intern. Madeline has never dated a woman and is uncomfortable with labels, but with carefully timed lunch breaks and painstakingly crafted texts, Jane works her way into her life.

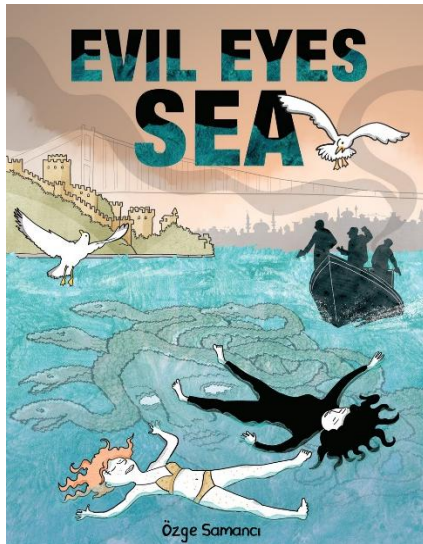
But Jane's free-spirited artist roommate is determined to keep her from falling for a straight girl. She drags Jane out to gay bars and queer Shabbat dinners, where she meets the decidedly uncool and morally righteous musician, Addy. Caught between Addy's readiness to commit and Madeline's alluring unpredictability, Jane is pulled down a slippery path of lies and deceit, leading to a plane ticket that threatens to take everything down in one fell swoop.

"There's not just depth, but true yearning in *Work Nights*, not to mention Peplin's knack for character, incisive wit and narrative economy... A bright new voice in fiction." —*Booklist*

"Fun and spicy." —*Los Angeles Review of Books*

"Addicting, horny, and stylish as hell. I tore through this book as easily as Jane Grabowski tears through straight women's hearts." —**Myriam Lacroix**, author of *How It Works Out*

"Hilarious, astute, and slyly wise. I couldn't put it down." —**Madison Newbound**, author of *Misrecognition*



ÖZGE SAMANCI is an artist and associate professor at Northwestern University. She was born in İzmir, Turkey and she lives in Chicago. Her drawings have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Slate Magazine*. Her autobiographical graphic novel *Dare to Disappoint* has been translated into six languages. Her interactive installations have been exhibited internationally in museums and galleries. You can read more at ozgesamanci.com.

- **World English:** Uncivilized Books
- **Final Pages Available**
- **Publication:** June 18th, 2024
- **French:** Helvetiq
- **German:** Helvetiq
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agents:** Sam Stoloff and Tess Weitzner

EVIL EYES SEA

A *Guardian* Best Graphic Novel of 2024

A feminist political mystery set in Istanbul during the 1995 elections tells the story of two broke students who witnessed an unusual death on a scuba diving expedition. As the case deepens, they become increasingly entangled with political corruption, religious pressure, and possibly murder.

They try to return to their every day, but their lives are increasingly entangled with the political corruption, religious pressure, and economic instability that results from their experience. Samancı says, “The autobiographically inspired story I tell in *EVIL EYES SEA* emerged from my college years in Istanbul, my quirky friends, and my struggles with being a young woman in Turkey's male-centric culture. In this book, I share a window into a country where narrow political views limit personal power—a place that can be beautiful, but also cruel.”

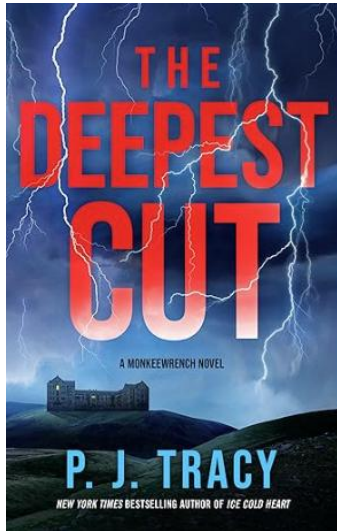
“Try as they might, Ece and Meltem, students in 1990s Istanbul, can’t get over the underwater accident they witnessed. Wrangling with the misogyny of college life and the chain of an upcoming election, eventually, they realize that maybe they shouldn’t.”—*The New York Times*

“In this rambunctious murder mystery set in 1990s Turkey, Samancı (*Dare to Disappoint*) contrasts a playful and vibrant visual style with deadly serious themes.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“As entertaining as it is exposing, Samancı’s sophomore title is an exquisite, multilayered showpiece confronting gender inequity, religious manipulations, political corruption, and the gray zones of morals and ethics—gray zones necessary for survival.”—*Booklist (starred)*

“*Evil Eyes Sea* is a work that turns its powerful, Medusa-like gaze on womanhood, corruption, and moral responsibility while still being an entertaining, fast-paced read. Taking the plunge into its watery depths is a rewarding experience.”—*The Third Coast Review*

“Scuba meets stone cold corruption in *EVIL EYES SEA*.”—*The Beat*



PJ TRACY was the pseudonym of mother-daughter writing team P. J. and Traci Lambrecht. Traci spent most of her childhood riding and showing horses. She graduated with a Russian studies major from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she also studied voice. Her aspirations of becoming a spy were dashed when the Cold War ended, so she began writing to finance her annoying habits of travel and singing in rock bands. Much to her mother's relief, she finally realized that the written word was her true calling. They had a long, prolific career together in multiple genres before P. J.'s passing in December 2016. Traci continues to write.

- **World English:** Crooked Lane Books
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** August 5th, 2025
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Ellen Geiger

THE DEEPEST CUT: A NOVEL (A MONKEEWRENCH NOVEL BOOK 11)

The Monkeewrench team is back in a brand-new nail-biting thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author P. J. Tracy.

Minneapolis homicide detectives Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth arrest a sadistic pair of killers for the murder of several women with the help of Monkeewrench, their eccentric, cyber-sleuth friends and partners. One of the killers dies in custody and the other, Wolfgang Mauer, is sent to a maximum security mental hospital in a rural corner of Minnesota.

There, Mauer plots his escape—and his vengeance. With the help of his mother, a former militia leader and assassin living an extravagant, reclusive life, he schemes to get out of the mental hospital and hunt down the detectives and the Monkeewrench crew that got him a life sentence.

When Mauer successfully escapes, an inexperienced county sheriff is thrown head-first into a massive manhunt for the murderer. When she finds three bodies and discovers that Mauer has kidnapped a young boy, she realizes that Mauer's escape was just the beginning. With many lives on the line, Magozzi, Gino, and Monkeewrench join in the desperate search effort. The longer he's at large, the more people will die, and Mauer is on a mission to find those who sentenced him, so they all have targets on their backs.

"Welcome back, Monkeewrench. Long may you wave." —*Kirkus*

"The tone is a perfect mixture of light and dark, and the writing is superb. For fans of the series, it'll be like a visit with some old friends; for new readers, the book is a wonderful introduction to the Monkeewrench crew."

—*Booklist*

Praise for the Monkeewrench series:

"Intense and fast paced...[*Ice Cold Heart*] includes the best elements for crime fiction readers: an intricate plot weaving multiple story lines."—*Library Journal*, (starred)



HELENE WECKER received her Bachelor's in English from Carleton College in Minnesota. After graduating, she worked a number of marketing and communications jobs in Minneapolis and Seattle before deciding to return to her first love, fiction writing. She received her MFA in fiction from Columbia University. She now lives near San Francisco with her husband and two children.

- **World English:** HarperCollins
- **Acquiring Editor:** Millicent Bennett
- **Material available:** Unedited MS
- **Delivery:** December 2025
- **Publication:** Fall 2026
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic agent:** Sam Stolfoff

FINAL BOOK IN THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI TRILOGY

At the beginning of *THE HIDDEN PALACE*, the second book in Helene Wecker's Golem and Jinni trilogy, Ahmad the jinni travels to the Syrian desert to bury the copper flask in which the wizard Yehudah Schaalman has been trapped.

In this third novel, the riveting conclusion to the saga of the *GOLEM AND THE JINNI*, it's 1930 and thirty years have passed. Chava the golem has spent the decades since defeating Schaalman quietly keeping her house and garden in Brooklyn, hoping to create a refuge for other magical beings. Meanwhile, Ahmad has found employment as an architect in Chicago, helping to build its towering skyline above the prairie.

But Schaalman has finally managed to trick an unsuspecting passerby into digging up the flask from the desert sands. The wizard guides the flask from hand to hand, carried first by a French soldier traveling to New York on an ocean liner, then by a small-time mobster, all in an effort to get to Chava—the only one who can release him from his prison.

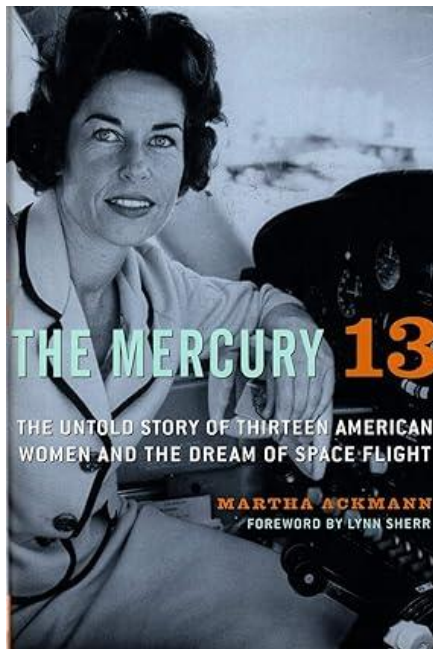
Meanwhile others are gravitating to New York as well: Ahmad, who has lost his job following the stock market crash; the mysterious Thomas Beshara, who has come to New York to be a riveter on the rising Empire State Building but who has hidden ties to Chava and Ahmad; and Kreindel, who destroyed her own beloved golem Yossele, but who may be the only one with the power to save Chava from Schaalman's revenge.

Will Schaalman succeed in escaping the flask, binding Chava to his will, and re-enslaving Ahmad? Or can they finally defeat him, and free themselves from his power forever? An earth-shaking finale to the brilliant trilogy.



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BACKLIST HIGHLIGHTS



MARTHA ACKMANN teaches at Mount Holyoke College, is a frequent columnist, and has written for publications including The New York Times, The Boston Globe, the Chicago Tribune, and the Los Angeles Times. Ackmann is co-recipient of the Amelia Earhart Research Scholars Grant. She lives in western Massachusetts.

- **US & Can:** Random House
- **US Editor:** Lee Boudreaux
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Book & Final Manuscript available**
- **Publication:** 2003
- **Polish:** Astra
- **Spanish:** Luciernaga
- **Domestic Agent:** Roz Foster

THE MERCURY 13: *The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight*

The Mercury 13 reveals the little-known true story of the remarkable women who trained for NASA space flight.

In 1961, just as NASA launched its first man into space, a group of women underwent secret testing in the hopes of becoming America's first female astronauts. They passed the same battery of tests at the legendary Lovelace Foundation as did the Mercury 7 astronauts, but they were summarily dismissed by the boys' club at NASA and on Capitol Hill. The USSR sent its first woman into space in 1963; the United States did not follow suit for another twenty years.

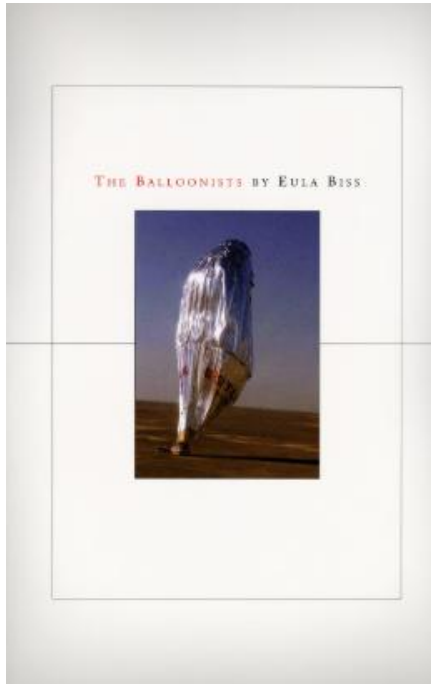
For the first time, Martha Ackmann tells the story of the dramatic events surrounding these thirteen remarkable women, all crackerjack pilots and patriots who sometimes sacrificed jobs and marriages for a chance to participate in America's space race against the Soviet Union. In addition to talking extensively to these women, Ackmann interviewed Chuck Yeager, John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, and others at NASA and in the White House with firsthand knowledge of the program, and includes here never-before-seen photographs of the Mercury 13 passing their Lovelace tests.

Despite the crushing disappointment of watching their dreams being derailed, the Mercury 13 went on to extraordinary achievement in their lives: Jerrie Cobb dedicated her life to flying solo missions to the Amazon rain forest; Wally Funk went on to become one of the first female FAA investigators; Janey Hart had the political savvy to steer the women through congressional hearings and later helped found the National Organization for Women.

A provocative tribute to these extraordinary women, *THE MERCURY 13* is an unforgettable story of determination, resilience, and inextinguishable hope.

"[A] sharply pointed narrative [about how thirteen] highly skilled fliers were grounded, leaving it to the Russians to put a woman in space fully twenty years before the American government saw fit to do so. A shameful episode exposed with thoroughness and a graceful pen."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



EULA BISS is the author of three books, including *The New York Times* bestseller *On Immunity: An Inoculation*, which was named one of the 10 Best Books of 2014 by *The New York Times Book Review*, and *Notes from No Man's Land: American Essays*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism.

- **US & Can:** Hanging Loose Press
- **UK & Translation:** FGLA
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** 2002
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

THE BALLOONISTS

An enchanting debut prose poetry collection by the author of *On Immunity* and *Having and Being Had*

He grew up on short streets that ended in yield signs or dead ends. Lighters were fascinating. Sometimes his older brother burned things in the backyard.

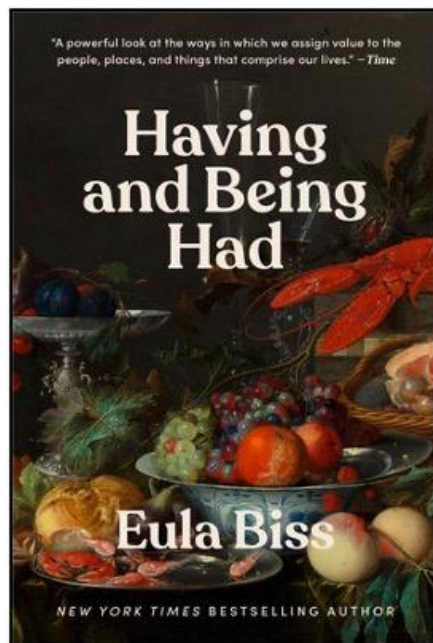
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In his room the shades are pulled down so that the windows glow pearly like projections on blank screens. The springs of a folded bed, the sharp cymbals of his drum set, the mallets and bars of the vibraphone all make a sharp nest around his bed. His blankets smell of dust and sweat. There is a mat of sheet music, books, and underwear on the floor. It is sprinkled with sand spilled from the jar that John West brought back from Bermuda in third grade.

He touches my hair and says, “If we were my parents, we would be getting married now, do you know that?”

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“Sonata,” he says, “means ‘sounding together.’ It is an argument in which one theme is presented in opposition to another and they struggle until one wins, in the resolution. It is a beautiful form, it has endured into this century.”

“Eula Biss writes in spare brushstrokes that evoke an emotional universe, by turns funny, scary, dreamlike, haunting. These prose poems are shards of gleaming observation, fragments of intimacy and illusion. Here we find our families and ourselves, our words and our silences.”—**Martin Espada**

“With deceptively quiet, unflinching compassion, Eula Biss records the perceptual wedges that cleave the self from its origins. The family history refracted here is mutable, notable, more gravid than grave. *THE BALLOONISTS* holds a fresh line on confession, biography, and the formal uses of information in poetry.”—**Rebecca Wolff**



EULA BISS is the author of three books, including *The New York Times* bestseller *On Immunity: An Inoculation*, which was named one of the 10 Best Books of 2014 by *The New York Times Book Review*, and *Notes from No Man's Land: American Essays*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism.

- **US & Can:** Riverhead
- **US Editor:** Cal Morgan
- **UK:** Faber | **Aus/NZ:** Text
- **Germany:** Hanser
- **France:** Rivages | **Italy:** Luiss
- **Spain:** Escrituras Verticales
- **Korea:** Open Books
- **Danish:** Harpyie
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** September 2020
- Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

HAVING AND BEING HAD

**** SOLD IN A 12 PUBLISHER AUCTION****

A timely and arresting new look at affluence by a consistently surprising writer

“My adult life can be divided into two distinct parts,” Eula Biss writes, “the time before I owned a washing machine and the time after.” Having just purchased her first home, she now embarks on a roguish and risky self-audit of the value system she has bought into. The result is a radical interrogation of work, leisure, and capitalism. Described by *The New York Times* as a writer who “advances from all sides, like a chess player,” Biss brings her approach to the lived experience of capitalism. Playfully ranging from IKEA to Beyoncé to Pokemon, across bars and laundromats and universities, she asks, of both herself and her class, “In what have we invested?”

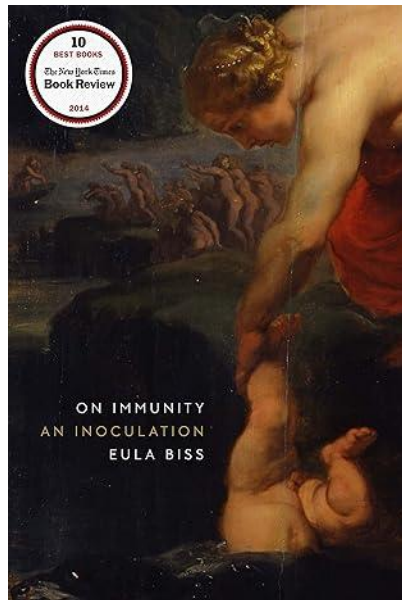
**A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS' CHOICE
NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY TIME, NPR, INSTYLE, AND GOOD
HOUSEKEEPING**

“A sensational book . . . Keenly aware of her privilege as a white, well-educated woman who has benefited from a wide network of family and friends, Biss has written a book that is, in effect, the opposite of capitalism in its willingness to acknowledge that everything she’s accomplished rests on the labor of others.” —*Associated Press*

“Incisive, impressive and often poetic . . . [Biss] turns what is essentially a chronicle of white guilt and anxious privilege into a thoughtful and nuanced meditation on the compromises inherent in having a comfortable life.” —*The Wall Street Journal*

“[Biss explores] the candid ways we reveal our own biases around money, class, wealth, property & work. . . . *Having and Being Had* is a reminder that even discussing our contemporary chaos is an act of awakening & a call to action.” —*Los Angeles Times*

“A major achievement. *Having and Being Had*, rather than leading through narrative, turns individual words and phrases, like capitalism, consumers, great America, husbandry, art, and work, into fields of inquiry in order to frame a life. With astute consideration, this expansive and intimate accumulation asks the questions that touch all our lives.” —**Claudia Rankine, author of *Citizen***



- **US & Can:** Graywolf Press
- **US Editor:** Jeff Shotts
- **UK:** Fitzcarraldo
- **Publication:** Sept. 15, 2015
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan
- **Australia:** TEXT | **Brazil:** Todavia
- Italy:** Luiss University | **Japan:** Kashiwa Shobo
- | **Norway:** Forlaget | **Russia:** AST | **Turkish:** Epsilon | **Chinese (Complex):** As If
- **Chinese (Simplified):** GUANGXI
- **France:** Editions Les Arenes
- **Germany:** Carl Hanser | **Korea:** Open Books
- **Norway:** Forlaget | **Poland:** MT Biznes
- **Portugal:** 20/20 Editora | **Russia:** Ast Publishers
- **Spain:** Editorial Dioptrias
- **Domestic Editor:** Matt McGowan

ON IMMUNITY: *An Inoculation*

**A New York Times Book Review Top 10 Book of the Year
A National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist**

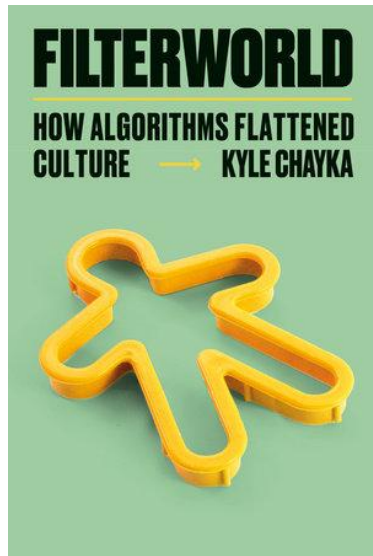
In this bold, fascinating book, Eula Biss addresses our fear of the government, the medical establishment, and what may be in our children's air, food, mattresses, medicines, and vaccines. Reflecting on her own experience as a new mother, she suggests that we cannot immunize our children, or ourselves, against the world. As she explores the metaphors surrounding immunity, Biss extends her conversations with other mothers to meditations on the myth of Achilles, Voltaire's *Candide*, Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, Susan Sontag's *AIDS and Its Metaphors*, and beyond. *On Immunity* is an inoculation against our fear and a moving account of how we are all interconnected—our bodies and our fates.

BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR SELECTIONS: *Entertainment Weekly* (top 10), *New York Magazine* (top 10), *Toronto Globe & Mail*, *Chicago Tribune* (top 10), *Publishers Weekly* (top 10), *Time Out New York* (top 10), *Los Angeles Times* * *Kirkus*, *Booklist*, NPR's "Science Friday", *Slate* (top 15), *Newsday*, *Refinery29*... and more.

"*On Immunity* is a book I've recommended too many times to count—a searching, empathetic, ultimately unassailable argument, not just for vaccination but for thoroughly acknowledging our interdependence, and for all that becomes necessary and possible once we do. Written before COVID, it nonetheless speaks directly to the concerns of the pandemic era—to the fact that we are dangerous as well as vulnerable, to the way collective well-being and individual self-interest are configured at odds to one another when they are fundamentally intertwined." —**Jia Tolentino**

"Subtle, spellbinding . . . Sontag said she wrote *Illness as Metaphor* to 'calm the imagination, not to incite it,' and *On Immunity* also seeks to cool and console . . . [Biss] advances from all sides, like a chess player, drawing on science, myth, literature to herd us to the only logical end, to vaccinate." —**Parul Sehgal**, *The New York Times Book Review*

"*On Immunity* . . . weaves metaphor and myth, science and sociology, philosophy and politics into a tapestry rich with insight and intelligence." —**Jerome Groopman**, *The New York Review of Books*



KYLE CHAYKA is a staff writer at The New Yorker, where he writes a column on digital technology and the impact of the Internet and social media on culture. His debut nonfiction book, *THE LONGING FOR LESS* was published in 2020. As a journalist and critic he has contributed to publications including *The New York Times Magazine*, *Harper's*, *The New Republic*, and *Vox*. Kyle is also the co-founder of Study Hall, an online community for journalists, and *Dirt*, a newsletter about digital culture.

- **US & Can:** Doubleday
- **US Editor:** Thomas Gebremedhin
- **UK:** Bonnier | **Brazil:** Editora Saraiva |
- **Publication:** January 16, 2024
- Chinese (simple):** China Translation & Publishing | **Italy:** Roi Edizioni | **Korea:** MiraeBooks | **Netherlands:** Ten Have |
- Chinese (complex)** Acropolis | **Poland:** PWN | **Spain:** Gatopardo | **Russia:** Corpus | **Turkish:** OkuyanUs | **Thai:** Salt | **Vietnam:** Phan Le
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

FILTERWORLD: How Algorithms Flattened Culture

From *New Yorker* staff writer and author of *The Longing for Less* Kyle Chayka comes a timely history and investigation of a world ruled by algorithms, which determine the shape of culture itself.

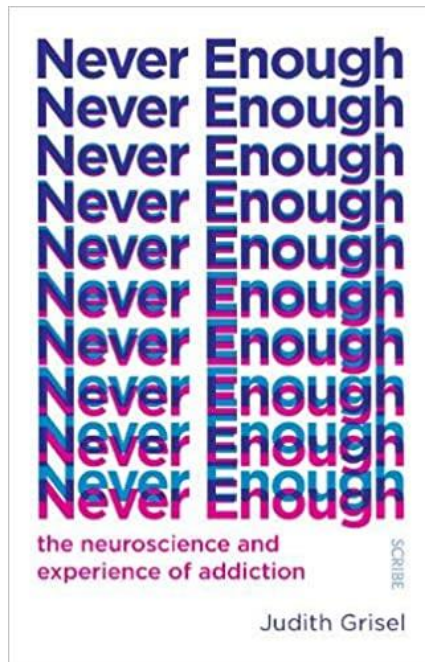
From trendy restaurants to city grids, to TikTok and Netflix feeds the world round, algorithmic recommendations dictate our experiences and choices. The algorithm is present in the familiar neon signs and exposed brick of Internet cafes, be it in Nairobi or Portland, and the skeletal, modern furniture of Airbnbs in cities big and small. Over the last decade, this network of mathematically determined decisions has taken over, almost unnoticed—informing the songs we listen to, the friends with whom we stay in touch—as we’ve grown increasingly accustomed to our insipid new normal.

This ever-tightening web woven by algorithms is called “Filterworld.” Kyle Chayka shows us how online and offline spaces alike have been engineered for seamless consumption, becoming a source of pervasive anxiety in the process. Users of technology have been forced to contend with data-driven equations that try to anticipate their desires—and often get them wrong. What results is a state of docility that allows tech companies to curtail human experiences—human lives—for profit. But to have our tastes, behaviors, and emotions governed by computers, while convenient, does nothing short of call the very notion of free will into question.

In *FILTERWORLD*, Chayka traces this creeping, machine-guided curation as it infiltrates the furthest reaches of our digital, physical, and psychological spaces. With algorithms increasingly influencing not just what culture we consume, but what culture is produced, urgent questions arise: What happens when shareability supersedes messiness, innovation, and creativity—the qualities that make us human? What does it mean to make a choice when the options have been so carefully arranged for us? Is personal freedom possible on the Internet? To the last question, *FILTERWORLD* argues yes—but to escape Filterworld, and even transcend it, we must first understand it.

“[*Filterworld*] evokes less transient impulses than genuine, lingering feelings: depression about our big-box corporate dystopia and admiration for Chayka’s curiosity and clear writing style.” —
Alexandra Jacobs, *The New York Times Book Review*

“[Chayka] brings stark clarity... [*Filterworld*] does the near impossible... This is a book about technology and culture. But it is also, in the end—in its own inputs and outputs and signals—a book about politics.” —**Megan Garber, *The Atlantic***



JUDITH GRISEL, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized behavioral neuroscientist and a professor of psychology at Bucknell University. Her recent research helps explain the different trajectories of alcohol abuse in men and women.

- **US & Can:** Doubleday
- **US Editor:** Kris Puopolo
- **UK:** Scribe
- **Books & Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** February 2019
- **China:** China Renmin U Press
- **Spain:** Next Door Publishers
- **Japan:** Kongo Shuppan
- **Korea:** Prunsoop | **Brazil:** Alta Books
- **Russia:** Progress Kniga
- **Ukraine:** Yakaboo | **Poland:** Dom
- **Vietnam:** Thien Tri Thuc
- **Romania:** Editura Trei SRL
- **Domestic Agent:** Ellen Geiger

NEVER ENOUGH: *The Neuroscience and Experience of Addiction*

****A New York Times Bestseller****

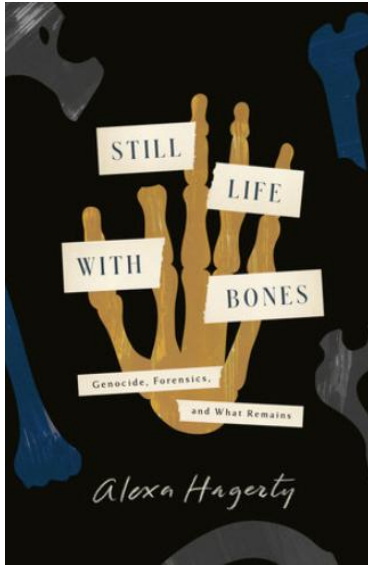
From a renowned behavioral neuroscientist and recovering addict, a rare page-turning work of science that draws on personal insights to reveal how drugs work, the dangerous hold they can take on the brain, and the surprising way to combat today's epidemic of addiction.

Judith Grisel was a daily drug user and school dropout when she began to consider that her addiction might have a cure, one that she herself could discover by studying the brain. Now, in NEVER ENOUGH, after twenty-five years as a neuroscientist, she shares what she and other scientists have learned about addiction: how all drugs act on the brain, the different kinds of effects different drugs generate, and the specific reasons why many are so hard to kick. Grisel reveals what is different about the brains of addicts even before they first pick up a drink or drug, highlights the changes that take place in the brain and behavior as a result of chronic using, and shares the surprising hidden gifts that addiction can expose.

With more than one in every five people over the age of fourteen addicted, drug abuse has been called the most formidable health problem worldwide. Urgent, revelatory, and set apart by its personal insights and captivating storytelling, NEVER ENOUGH will inform a more coherent and compassionate response to the epidemic in our homes and communities.

“Grisel’s account of her wayward early 20s, chasing one high after another, is harrowing . . . She writes clearly and unsparingly about both her experiences and the science of addiction—tobacco and caffeine figure in, as well—making plain that there is still much that remains unknown or mysterious about the brain's workings. . . . Illuminating reading for those seeking to understand the whos, hows, and wherefores of getting hooked.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“The science behind addiction comes alive in its sorrow and grandeur. When you pick up this book get ready for an intense ride.” —**Paul H. Earley, M.D., DFASAM; President-elect, American Society of Addiction Medicine**



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- **US Editor:** Emily Wunderlich
- **UK:** Headline
- **UK Editor:** Phil Connor
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- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

STILL LIFE WITH BONES: *Genocide, Forensics, and What Remains*

NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITORS' CHOICE
FEATURED IN THE NEW YORKER'S 'BRIEFLY NOTED'
ONE OF THE NEW YORKER'S BEST BOOKS OF 2023 SO FAR
CHOSEN BY FINANCIAL TIMES' READERS' FOR BEST BOOKS OF 2023

An anthropologist working with forensic teams and victims' families to investigate crimes against humanity in Latin America explores what science can tell us about the lives of the dead in this haunting account of grief, the power of ritual, and a quest for justice.

Throughout Guatemala's thirty-six-year armed conflict, state forces killed more than two hundred thousand people. Argentina's military dictatorship disappeared up to thirty thousand people. In the wake of genocidal violence, families of the missing searched for the truth. Young scientists joined their fight against impunity. Gathering evidence in the face of intimidation and death threats, they pioneered the field of forensic exhumation for human rights.

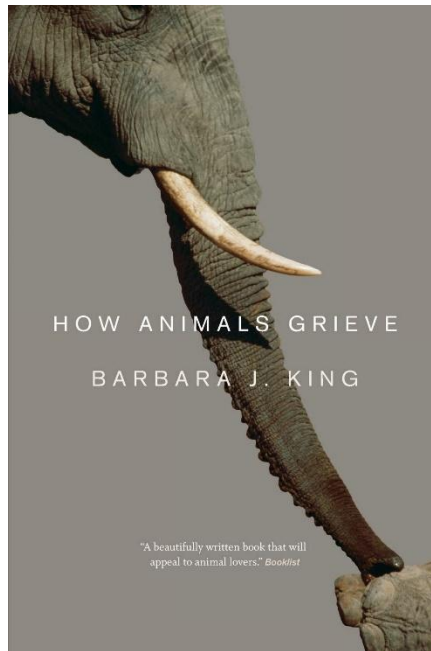
In *STILL LIFE WITH BONES*, anthropologist Alexa Hagerty learns to see the dead body with a forensic eye. She examines bones for marks of torture and fatal wounds—hands bound by rope, machete cuts—and also for signs of identity: how life shapes us down to the bone. A weaver is recognized from the tiny bones of the toes, molded by kneeling before a loom; a girl is identified alongside her pet dog. In the tenderness of understanding these bones, forensics not only offers proof of mass atrocity but also tells the story of each life lost.

Working with forensic teams at mass grave sites and in labs, Hagerty discovers how bones bear witness to crimes against humanity and how exhumation can bring families meaning after unimaginable loss. She also comes to see how cutting-edge science can act as ritual—a way of caring for the dead with symbolic force that can repair societies torn apart by violence.

Weaving together powerful stories about investigative breakthroughs, histories of violence and resistance, and her own forensic coming-of-age, Hagerty crafts a moving portrait of the living and the dead.

"Absorbing . . . multifaceted and elegiac . . . *Still Life with Bones* captures the ethos that drives the search—often tireless and against the odds—for truth." —*The New York Times*

"Chilling and vital. . . sensitive and thought-provoking." —*The Times*



BARBARA J. KING is an anthropology professor emerita at the College of William and Mary and a contributor to the NPR blog 13.7: Cosmos & Culture. Her previous books include *HOW ANIMALS GRIEVE AND EVOLVING GOD*, and her work has been chosen for inclusion in the *THE BEST AMERICAN SCIENCE AND NATURE WRITING*. She was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2002.

- **World English:** U. of Chicago Press
- **Published:** 2014
- **Japan:** Soshisha | **Korea:** Booksea
- **Poland:** Purana | **Russia:** Exem
- **Turkey:** Kitap
- **Domestic Agent:** Ayla Zuraw-Friedland

HOW ANIMALS GRIEVE

From the time of our earliest childhood encounters with animals, we casually ascribe familiar emotions to them. But scientists have long cautioned against such anthropomorphizing, arguing that it limits our ability to truly comprehend the lives of other creatures. Recently, however, things have begun to shift in the other direction, and anthropologist Barbara J. King is at the forefront of that movement, arguing strenuously that we can—and should—attend to animal emotions. With *How Animals Grieve*, she draws our attention to the specific case of grief, and relates story after story—from fieldsites, farms, homes, and more—of animals mourning lost companions, mates, or friends.

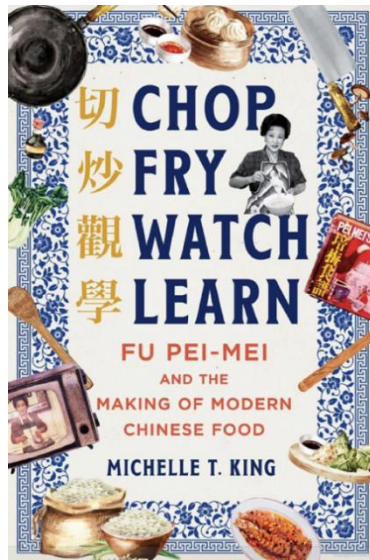
King tells of elephants surrounding their matriarch as she weakens and dies, and, in the following days, attending to her corpse as if holding a vigil. A housecat loses her sister, from whom she's never before been parted, and spends weeks pacing the apartment, wailing plaintively. A baboon loses her daughter to a predator and sinks into grief. In each case, King uses her anthropological training to interpret and try to explain what we see—to help us understand this animal grief properly, as something neither the same as nor wholly different from the human experience of loss.

The resulting book is both daring and down-to-earth, strikingly ambitious even as it's careful to acknowledge the limits of our understanding. Through the moving stories she chronicles and analyzes so beautifully, King brings us closer to the animals with whom we share a planet, and helps us see our own experiences, attachments, and emotions as part of a larger web of life, death, love, and loss.

“Touching and provocative.” —**Kari Weil**, *Washington Post*

“Makes a powerful case for the presence of love, affection, and grief in animals—from a house cat mourning her lost sister to elephants who pay respects to the bones of their matriarchs.” — **NPR**

“King attempts to walk the tightrope of scientific rigor while accepting that non-human animals can have emotions...She has written a challenging book that implies big questions about who we are and how we choose to live.” — **Simon Barnes**, *The Times*



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- **World English:** W.W. Norton
- **US Editor:** Melanie Tortorolli
- **Publication:** May 2024
- **Taiwan:** Spring Hill
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

CHOP, FRY, WATCH, LEARN: *Fu Pei-Mei and the Making of Modern Chinese Food*

ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES 100 NOTABLE BOOKS OF 2024

ONE OF NPR'S BOOKS WE LOVED IN 2024

***A SAVEUR BEST NARRATIVE FOOD BOOK OF 2024 ***

A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITORS' CHOICE

A spirited new history of Chinese food told through an account of the remarkable life of Fu Pei-mei, the woman who brought Chinese cooking to the world.

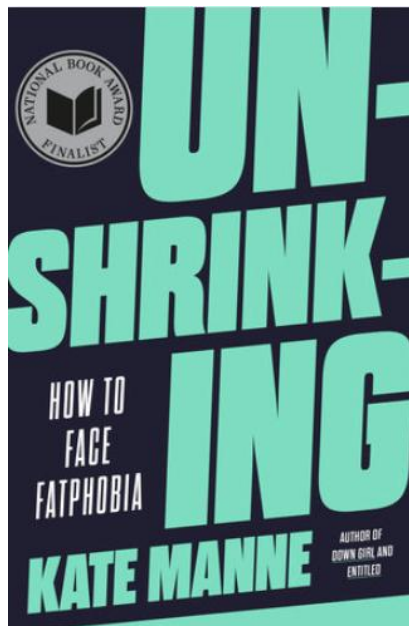
In 1949, a young Chinese housewife arrived in Taiwan and transformed herself from a novice to a natural in the kitchen. She launched a career as a cookbook author and television cooking instructor that would last four decades. Years later, in America, flipping through her mother's copies of Fu Pei-mei's Chinese cookbooks, historian Michelle T. King discovered in Fu's story a vivid portal to another time, when a generation of middle-class, female home cooks navigated the tremendous postwar transformations taking place across the world.

In CHOP, FRY, WATCH, LEARN, King weaves together stories from her own family and contemporary oral history to present a remarkable argument for how understanding the story of Fu's life enables us to see Chinese food as both an inheritance of tradition and a truly modern creation, influenced by the historical phenomena of the postwar era. These include a dramatic increase in the number of women working outside the home, a new proliferation of mass media, the arrival of innovative kitchen tools, and the shifting diplomatic fortunes of China and Taiwan. King reveals how and why, for audiences in Taiwan and around the world, Fu became the ultimate culinary touchstone: the figure against whom all other cooking authorities were measured.

Fu's cookbooks have become beloved emblems of cultural memory, passed from parent to child, wherever diasporic Chinese have landed. Informed by the voices of fans across generations, King illuminates the story of Chinese food from the inside: at home, around the family dinner table.

"This delicious book is a must-read for cooks and food lovers." —**Lizz Schumer, *People***

"Fascinating. . . . As Michelle T. King demonstrates in this moving and ambitious biography, Fu Pei-mei was far more than 'the Julia Child of Chinese cooking.'" —**Thessaly La Force, *The New York Times***



KATE MANNE is an associate professor of philosophy at Cornell University, where she's been teaching since 2013. Before that, she was a junior fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows. Manne did her graduate work in philosophy at MIT and has written two books, *Down Girl* (OUP, 2018) and *Entitled* (Crown, 2020).

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- **US Editor:** Melanie Tortorolli
- **Publication:** May 2024
- **Chinese (traditional):** Rye Field
- **German:** Suhrkamp
- **Spanish:** Capitan Swing
- **Arabic:** Jarrous Press
- **Korean:** Hyeonamsa
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

UNSHRINKING: *How to Face Fatphobia*

* NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST*

*A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR: *The New Yorker*, NPR, Chicago Public Library*

The definitive takedown of fatphobia, drawing on personal experience as well as rigorous research to expose how size discrimination harms everyone, and how to combat it—from the acclaimed feminist philosopher and author of *Down Girl* and *Entitled*.

For as long as she can remember, Kate Manne has wanted to be smaller. She can tell you what she weighed on any significant occasion: her wedding day, the day she became a professor, the day her daughter was born. She's been bullied and belittled for her size, leading to extreme dieting. As a feminist philosopher, she wanted to believe that she was exempt from the cultural gaslighting that compels so many of us to ignore our hunger. But she was not.

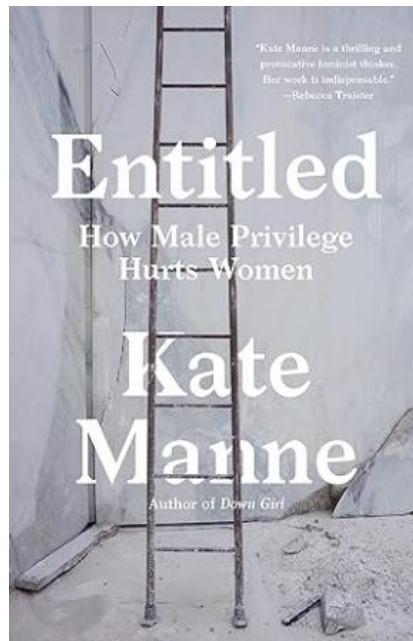
Blending intimate stories with the trenchant analysis that has become her signature, Manne shows why fatphobia has become a vital social justice issue. Fatphobia is responsible for wage gaps, medical neglect, and poor educational outcomes; it is a straitjacket, restricting our freedom, our movement, our potential. In this elegant and urgent call to action, Manne proposes a new politics of “body reflexivity”—a radical reevaluation of who our bodies exist in the world for: ourselves and no one else. When it comes to fatphobia, the solution is not to love our bodies more. Instead, we must dismantle the forces that control and constrain us, and remake the world to accommodate people of every size.

“An elegant, fierce, and profound argument for fighting fat oppression in ourselves, our communities, and our culture.”—**Roxane Gay, author of *Hunger***

“Incisive . . . A brave, thought-provoking book. With rigorous research and personal experience, Manne tackles and dismantles fatphobia in all its forms.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

“Manne’s argument draws on personal experiences . . . and on trenchant analyses of the ways in which fatness has been regarded throughout history.”—**The New Yorker**

“Kate Manne tears down the fortress of Western fatphobia. . . . *Unshrink-ing* is a project of deconstruction, archaeology, and care.”—**Los Angeles Review of Books**



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- **US & Can:** Crown
- **US Editor:** Amanda Cook
- **UK:** Penguin Press UK
- **UK Editor:** Casiana Ionita
- **Final Books and MS Available**
- **Publication:** 2020
- **French:** Les Petits Matins
- **Swedish:** Fri Tanke
- **Japanese:** Jimbun Shoin
- **Spanish** Capitan Swing | **Turkish:** Alfa
- **Korean:** Maybooks
- **Chinese (simp):** Lucida
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

ENTITLED: *How Male Privilege Hurts Women*

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *THE ATLANTIC*

An urgent exploration of men's entitlement and how it serves to police and punish women, from the acclaimed author of *Down Girl*.

In this bold and stylish critique, Cornell philosopher Kate Manne offers a radical new framework for understanding misogyny. Ranging widely across the culture, from Harvey Weinstein and the Brett Kavanaugh hearings to "Cat Person" and the political misfortunes of Elizabeth Warren, Manne's book shows how privileged men's sense of entitlement—to sex, yes, but more insidiously to admiration, care, bodily autonomy, knowledge, and power—is a pervasive social problem with often devastating consequences.

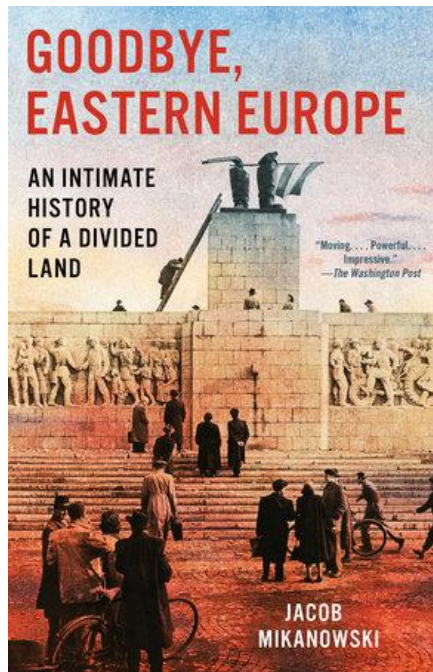
In clear, lucid prose, Manne argues that male entitlement can explain a wide array of phenomena, from mansplaining and the undertreatment of women's pain to mass shootings by incels and the seemingly intractable notion that women are "unelectable." Moreover, Manne implicates each of us in toxic masculinity: It's not just a product of a few bad actors; it's something we all perpetuate, conditioned as we are by the social and cultural mores of our time. The only way to combat it, she says, is to expose the flaws in our default modes of thought while enabling women to take up space, say their piece, and muster resistance to the entitled attitudes of the men around them.

With wit and intellectual fierceness, Manne sheds new light on gender and power and offers a vision of a world in which women are just as entitled as men to our collective care and concern.

"Kate Manne is a thrilling and provocative feminist thinker. Her work is indispensable."
—**Rebecca Traister**

"One of the qualities that makes Manne's writing bracing and even thrilling to read is her refusal to ingratiate herself by softening the edges of her resolve. . . . She's like a pathologist wielding a scalpel, methodically dissecting various specimens of muddled argument to reveal the diseased tissue inside."—*The New York Times*

"Manne's concept of entitlement is versatile and useful; like the theory of gravity, it has equal power in explaining phenomena both big and small."—*The New Yorker*



JACOB MIKANOWSKI is a writer, academic and journalist with 20 years' experience studying and writing about Eastern Europe. His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's*, *The Guardian*, *Lapham's Quarterly*, and elsewhere.

- **US & Can:** Pantheon
- **US Editor:** Maria Goldverg
- **UK:** Oneworld
- **Czech Republic:** Host
- **Germany:** Rowohlt Berlin
- **Hungary:** Maxim | **Estonia:** Postimees
- **Italy:** Keller | **Arabic:** Abdullah Gohar
- **Russia:** Eksmo | **Korea:** Cum Libro
- **Ukraine:** Publishing Local History
- **Spanish:** Ladera Norte
- **Publication:** July 2023
- **Domestic Agent:** Sam Stoloff

GOODBYE, EASTERN EUROPE: *An Intimate History of a Divided Land*

In light of Russia's aggressive 2022 invasion of Ukraine, *Goodbye, Eastern Europe* is a crucial, elucidative read, a sweeping epic chronicling a thousand years of strife, war, and bloodshed, from pre-Christianity to the fall of Communism—illuminating the remarkable cultural significance and richness of a place perpetually lost to the margins of history.

Eastern Europe, the moniker, has gone out of fashion since the fall of the Soviet Union. Ask someone now, and they might tell you that Estonia is in the Baltics, or Scandinavia, that Slovakia is in Central Europe and Croatia is in the Eastern Adriatic or the Balkans. In fact, Eastern Europe is a place that barely exists at all, except in cultural memory. Yet it remains a powerful marker of identity for many, with a fragmented and wide history, defined by texts, myths, and memories of centuries of hardship and suffering.

GOODBYE, EASTERN EUROPE is a masterful narrative about a place that has survived the brink of being forgotten. Beginning with long-lost accounts of early pagan life, Mikanowski offers a kaleidoscopic tour recounting the rise and fall of the great empires—Ottoman, Hapsburg, and Russian—the dawn of the modern era, the ravages of Fascism and Communism, as well as Capitalism, the birth of the modern nation-state, and more. A student of literature, history, and the ghosts of his own family's past, Mikanowski paints a magisterial portrait of a place united by diversity, and eclecticism, and a people with the shared story of being the dominated rather than the dominating.

"Ambitious. . . . stunning. . . . Shot through with lyrical reflections and astute analysis, this is a rewarding portrait of a diverse and complex part of the world."

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred)

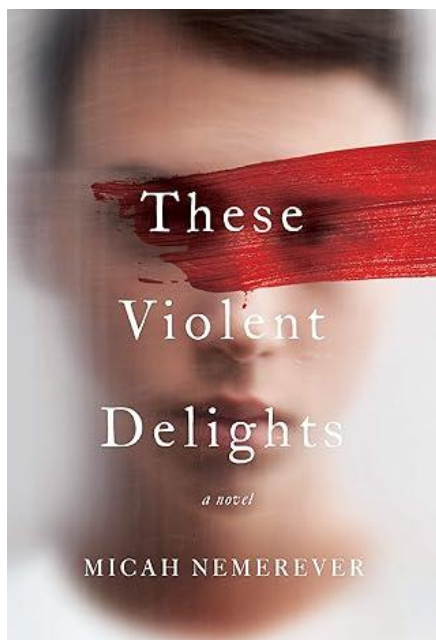
"... deeply engaging take on an ever-shifting region... [*Goodbye, Eastern Europe*] will appeal to readers seeking a fresh take on European history." —*Willem Marx, Library Journal* (starred)

"An epic history. . . . of a part of the world too often ignored, told with vigor, color, and authority."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"The enormous contradiction of a single, vast geopolitical region that evinces a stereotype-defeating multiplicity is captured brilliantly... The result is a celebration as well as an exercise in tough love."

— **Robert D. Kaplan, *The Wall Street Journal***



MICAH NEMEREVER was trained as an art historian. He wrote his master's thesis on queer identity and gender anxiety in the art of the Weimar Republic. After studying in rural Connecticut and Austin, Texas, he now resides in the Pacific Northwest. Micah's work appears or is forthcoming in SLICE Magazine, The Carolina Quarterly, Reckoning, and elsewhere.

- **US & Can:** Harper
- **US Editor:** Erin Wicks
- **UK:** Oneworld/Magpie (January 2025)
- **Final Manuscript Available**
- **Publication:** Sept. 15th, 2020
- **Bulgaria:** Peppermill
- **Poland:** Kobiecc
- **Other Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

THESE VIOLENT DELIGHTS

A *Literary Hub* Best Book of Year • A *Crime Reads* Best Debut of the Year • A *Newsweek* 25 Best Fall Books • A *Philadelphia Inquirer* 10 Big Books for the Fall • An O Magazine.com LGBTQ Books That Are Changing the Literary Landscape • An *Electric Lit* Most Anticipated Debut • A Paperback Paris Best New LGBTQ+ Books To Read This Year Selection • A *Passport* Best Book of the Month

The Secret History meets *Lie with Me* in Micah Nemerever's compulsively readable debut novel—a feverishly taut Hitchcockian story about two college students, each with his own troubled past, whose escalating obsession with one another leads to an act of unspeakable violence.

When Paul enters university in early 1970s Pittsburgh, it's with the hope of moving past the recent death of his father. Sensitive, insecure, and incomprehensible to his grieving family, Paul feels isolated and alone. When he meets the worldly Julian in his freshman ethics class, Paul is immediately drawn to his classmate's effortless charm. Paul sees Julian as his sole intellectual equal—an ally against the conventional world he finds so suffocating. Paul will stop at nothing to prove himself worthy of their friendship, because with Julian life is more invigorating than Paul could ever have imagined. But as charismatic as he can choose to be, Julian is also volatile and capriciously cruel, and Paul becomes increasingly afraid that he can never live up to what Julian expects of him.

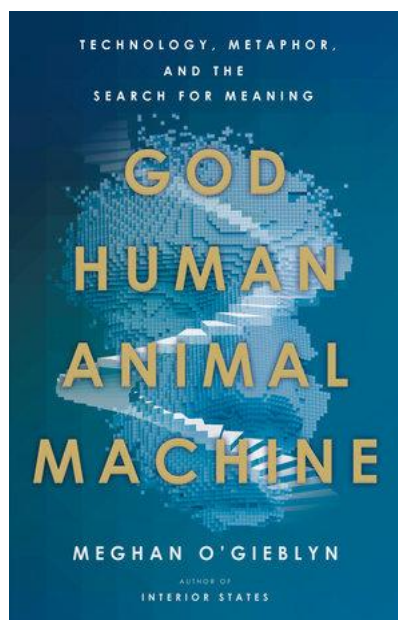
As their friendship spirals into all-consuming intimacy, they each learn the lengths to which the other will go in order to stay together, their obsession ultimately hurtling them toward an act of irrevocable violence. Unfolding with a propulsive ferocity, *THESE VIOLENT DELIGHTS* is an exquisitely plotted excavation of the depths of human desire and the darkness it can bring forth in us.

“As unsettling as it is enthralling, *These Violent Delights* will engulf you: first in the intoxication of obsession, then in its toxic consequences. Micah Nemerever's debut is a beautiful portrait of intimacy, desperation, and the damage that damaged hearts can cause. It shattered me.”

— **Robin Wasserman, author of *Girls on Fire* and *Mother Daughter Widow Wife***

“Nemerever does a crafty job of slowly ratcheting up the tension.... A clever novel of manners.”

— ***The New York Times***



MEGHAN O'GIEBLYN is the author of the essay collection *Interior States*, which was published to wide acclaim and won the Believer Book Award for Nonfiction. Her writing has received three Pushcart Prizes and has been published in *The Best American Essays* anthology, *Harper's Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *Wired*, *The New York Times*, and elsewhere. She lives with her husband in Madison, Wisconsin.

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- **US Editor:** Gerry Howard
- **Publication:** August 2021
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- **Romania:** Humanitas
- **Korea:** Galmabaram
- **Spanish:** Almuzara
- **Russia:** Individuum-Exem
- **Domestic Agent:** Matt McGowan

GOD, HUMAN, ANIMAL, MACHINE

****Finalist for the LA Times Book Award****

From the author of the critically acclaimed *Interior States*, a strikingly original exploration of what it might mean to be authentically human in the age of artificial intelligence.

For most of human history the world was a magical and enchanted place ruled by forces beyond our understanding. The rise of science and Descartes's division of mind from world made materialism our ruling paradigm, in the process asking whether our own consciousness—i.e., souls—might be illusions. Now the inexorable rise of technology, with artificial intelligences that surpass our comprehension and control, and the spread of digital metaphors for self-understanding, the core questions of existence—identity, knowledge, the very nature and purpose of life itself—urgently require rethinking.

Meghan O'Gieblyn tackles this challenge with philosophical rigor, intellectual reach, essayistic verve, refreshing originality, and an ironic sense of contradiction. She draws deeply and sometimes humorously from her own personal experience as a formerly religious believer still haunted by questions of faith, and she serves as the best possible guide to navigating the territory we are all entering.

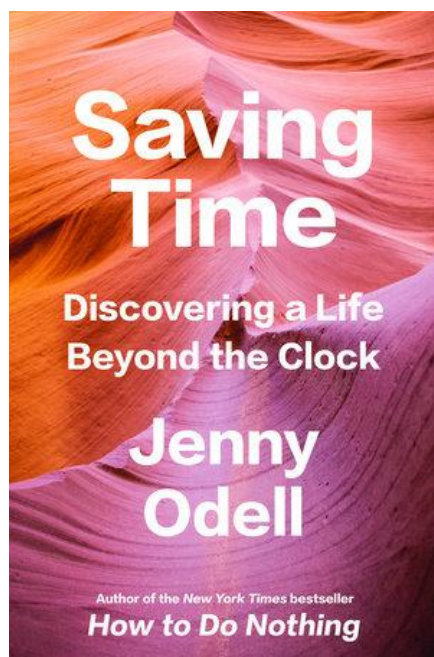
“*GOD, HUMAN, ANIMAL, MACHINE* is a hybrid beast, a remarkably erudite work of history, criticism and philosophy, but it is also, crucially, a memoir.” —**Becca Rothfeld, *The New York Times***

“A captivating portrait of how digital technology has fundamentally transformed both intellectual and religious thinking.” —***Los Angeles Review of Books***

“Illuminating ... [A] very personal account of a painful philosophical evolution. A compelling reminder that the deepest philosophical queries guide and shape life.” —***Booklist (starred)***

“[A] truly fantastic book.” —**Ezra Klein**

“One of the strongest essayists to emerge recently on the scene has written a strong and subtle rumination of what it means to be human. At times personal, at times philosophical, with a bracing mixture of openness and skepticism, it speaks thoughtfully and articulately to the most crucial issues awaiting our future.” —**Phillip Lopate**



JENNY ODELL is the author of *HOW TO DO NOTHING*, which was a *NYT* bestseller and one of Barack Obama’s favorite books of 2019.

- **US & Can:** Random House
- **US Editor:** Hilary Redmon
- **UK:** Bodley Head
- **Germany:** Beck | **Spain:** Planeta Ariel
- **BR Portuguese:** Companhia das Letras
- **Italy:** NR Edizioni | **Dutch:** Ten Have
- **China (Simplified):** CTPH
- **China (Complex):** Crown
- **Denmark:** Zetland
- **Korea:** SangSangSquare
- **Japan:** Sayusha
- **Lithuania:** Alma Littera
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- **Domestic Agent:** Caroline Eisenmann

SAVING TIME: *Discovering A Life Beyond the Clock*

****US RIGHTS SOLD IN A 12 BIDDER (17 IMPRINT) AUCTION ****

****UK RIGHTS SOLD IN AN 11 BIDDER AUCTION ****

****A *New York Times* Bestseller ****

A radical argument that we are living on the wrong clock—one that tells us time is money—and that there are other ways of experiencing time that offer bold, hopeful possibilities for ourselves and the planet from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Do Nothing*.

Our daily experience, dominated by the corporate clock that so many of us contort ourselves to fit inside, is destroying us. It wasn’t built for people, it was built for profit. This is a book that tears open the seams of reality as we know it—the way we experience time itself—and rearranges it, reimagining a world not centered around work, the office clock, or the profit motive. Explaining how we got to the point where time became money, Odell offers us new models to live by—inspired by pre-industrial cultures, ecological, and geological time—that make a more humane, more hopeful way of living seem possible.

In this dazzling, subversive, and deeply hopeful reframing of time, Jenny Odell takes us on a journey through other temporal habitats. As planet-bound animals, we live inside shortening and lengthening days, alongside gardens growing, birds migrating, and cliffs eroding. The stretchy quality of waiting and desire, the way the present may suddenly feel marbled with childhood memory, the slow but sure procession of a pregnancy, or the time it takes to heal from injuries—physical or emotional. Odell urges us to become stewards of these different rhythms of life, to imagine a life, identity, and source of meaning outside of the world of work and profit, and to understand that the trajectory of our lives—or the life of the planet—is not a foregone conclusion. In that sense, “saving” time—recovering its fundamentally irreducible and inventive nature—could also mean that time saves us.

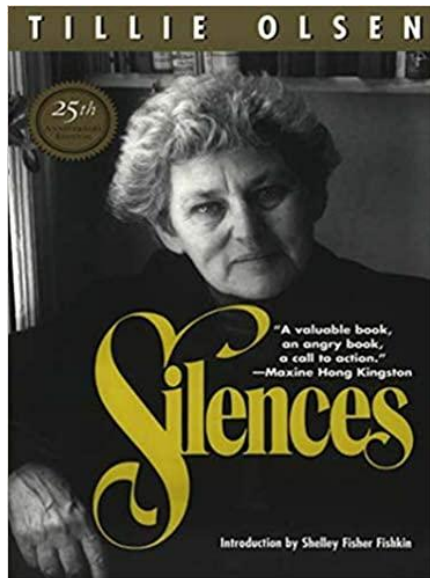
“Saving Time is an exposé of our past, an antidote to our present, and a manifesto for the future. ... It is one of the most important books I’ve read in my life.”

— **Ed Yong, author of *An Immense World***

“Odell’s journey to find the best way to use our limited time on earth is an eye-opening look at what it really means to be alive” — ***TIME***

“It is in the gap between present and future, where outcomes are not yet determined, that Jenny Odell enters with her paradigm-destroying new book ... [A] grand, eclectic, wide-ranging work.”

— ***New York Times***



TILLIE OLSEN (1912-2007) is internationally renowned for her powerful writing about the inner lives of working-class families, women, and minorities. Her books, *TELL ME A RIDDLE*, *YONNONDIO*, *SILENCES*, and her essays and lectures, have been translated into twelve languages.

- **WO English:** The Feminist Press
- **US Editor:** Nick Whitney
- **Publication:** Reissued, 2003
- **Spain:** Las Afueras
- **Catalan:** Eumo
- **Simplified Chinese:** Ginkgo
- **Germany:** Aufbau Verlag
- **Italy:** Bompiani
- **Other Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Jade Wong-Baxter

SILENCES

“What Tillie Olsen has to say . . . is of primary importance to those who want to understand how art is generated or subverted and to those trying to create it themselves.” —Margaret Atwood, *New York Times Book Review*

“Language is power, and Olsen does a masterful and compassionate job here of showing who has been denied language in America, and why, and by whom.” —George Saunders, *Vulture*

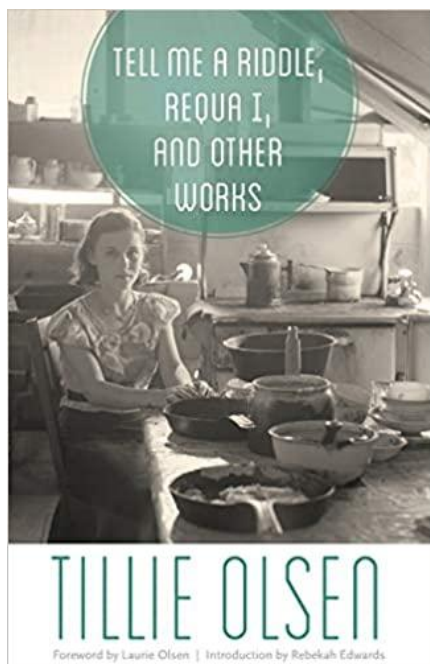
First published in 1978, *SILENCES* single-handedly revolutionized the literary canon. In this classic work, Olsen broke open the study of literature and discovered a lost continent—the writing of women and working-class people. From the excavated testimony of authors’ letters and diaries we learn the many ways the creative spirit, especially in those disadvantaged by gender, class and race, can be silenced. Olsen recounts the torments of Melville, the crushing weight of criticism on Thomas Hardy, the shame that brought Willa Cather to a dead halt, and struggles of Virginia Woolf, Olsen’s heroine and greatest exemplar of a writer who confronted the forces that would silence her. The reissued twenty-fifth-anniversary edition includes Olsen’s now infamous reading lists of forgotten authors and a new introduction and author preface.

“A valuable book, an angry book, a call to action.” —**Maxine Hong Kingston**

“Silences helped me to keep my sanity many a day.” —**Gloria Naylor, author of *Mama Day***

“[Silences is] ‘the Bible.’ I constantly return to it.” —**Sandra Cisneros, author of *The House on Mango Street***

“Silences will, like *A Room of One’s Own*, be quoted where there is talk of the circumstances in which literature is possible.” —**Adrienne Rich, author of *Diving into the Wreck***



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- **UK:** Virago
- **Publication:** Reissued, 2013
- **Spain:** Las Afueras
- **Portugal:** Editores Anitgona
- **Sweden:** Bonnierförlagen
- **Simplified Chinese:** Ginkgo
- **Germany:** Aufbau Verlag
- **Dutch:** Van Oorschot
- **Other Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Jade Wong-Baxter

TELL ME A RIDDLE, REQUA I, & OTHER WORKS

“The four pieces in *TELL ME A RIDDLE* are lyrical bulletins of working-class family life, charged with emotional detail and delivered with an attention to the rhythms of consciousness more rigorous and powerful than most of what is called realism.” —A.O. Scott, *New York Times*

A century after her birth, Tillie Olsen’s writing is as relevant as when it first appeared; indeed, the clarity and passion of her vision and style have, if anything, become even more striking over time. Collected here for the first time are several of Olsen’s nonfiction pieces about the 1930s, early journalism pieces, and short fiction, including the four beautifully crafted, highly celebrated stories originally published as her short story collection entitled *TELL ME A RIDDLE*: “I Stand Here Ironing,” “Hey Sailor, What Ship?,” “O Yes,” and “Tell Me a Riddle.” Also included, for the first time since it appeared in the 1971 *Best American Short Stories*, is “Requa I.”

In these stories, as in all of her work, Olsen set a new standard for the treatment of women and the poor and for the depiction of their lives and circumstances. In her hands, the hard truths about motherhood and marriage, domestic life, labor, and political conviction found expression in language of such poetic intensity and depth that their influence continues to be felt today.

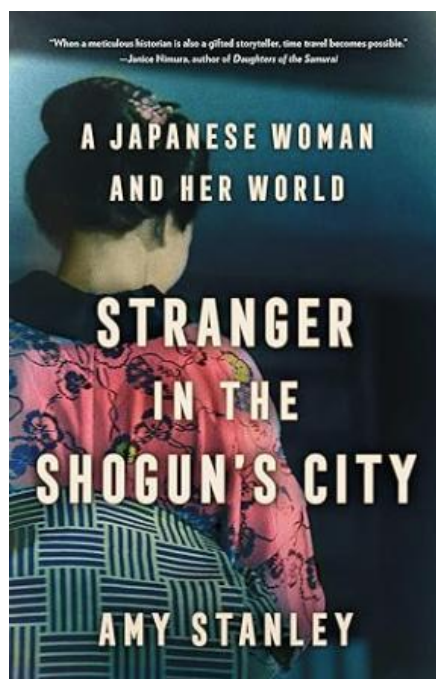
An introduction by Olsen’s granddaughter, the poet Rebekah Edwards, and a foreword by her daughter Laurie Olsen provide a personal and generational context for the author’s work.

“[Tillie] had invented a literary tradition of her own. . . . Every line is measured, compressed, resonant, stripped bare, so that paragraph after paragraph achieves the shocking brevity and power of the best poems. . . . By now I have read *TELL ME A RIDDLE* so often that it is essentially memorized.” —**Scott Turow, on *NPR’s You Must Read This***

“As a great work of literary art [*TELL ME A RIDDLE*] will be read as long as the American language lasts.” —**Julian Moynihan**

“Everything [Olsen] has written has become almost immediately a classic.” —**Robert Coles**

“[*TELL ME A RIDDLE* is] enough to make [Olsen’s] name a truly important one in writing. . . . She can spend no word that is not the right one.” —**Dorothy Parker**



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- **US & Can:** Scribner
- **US Editor:** Kathy Belden
- **UK:** Chatto & Windus
- **UK Editor:** Becky Hardie
- **Final Books and MS Available**
- **Publication:** 2020
- **German:** Rowohlt | **Spanish:** Alianza
- **Chinese (simplified):** Shanghai Dook
- **Chinese (complex):** Walk Publishing
- **Japanese:** Misuzo Shobo
- **Russian:** Mann, Ivanov, and Ferber
- **Korean:** Thinking Power Books
- **Translation:** FGLA
- **Domestic Agent:** Lucy Cleland

STRANGER IN THE SHOGUN'S CITY: *A Japanese Woman and Her World*

Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Biography

Winner of the 2020 National Book Critics Circle Award

Winner of the PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography

A vivid, deeply researched work of history that explores the life of an unconventional woman during the first half of the 19th century in Edo—the city that would become Tokyo—and a portrait of a great city on the brink of a momentous encounter with the West.

The daughter of a Buddhist priest, Tsuneno was born in a rural Japanese village and was expected to live a traditional life much like her mother's. But after three divorces—and a temperament much too strong-willed for her family's approval—she ran away to make a life for herself in one of the largest cities in the world: Edo, a bustling metropolis at its peak.

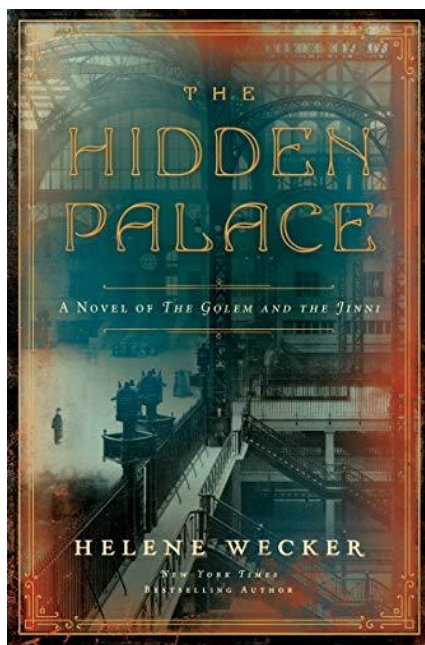
With Tsuneno as our guide, we experience the drama and excitement of Edo just prior to the arrival of American Commodore Perry's fleet, which transformed Japan. During this pivotal moment in Japanese history, Tsuneno bounces from tenement to tenement, marries a masterless samurai, and eventually enters the service of a famous city magistrate. Tsuneno's life provides a window into 19th-century Japanese culture—and a rare view of an extraordinary woman who sacrificed her family and her reputation to make a new life for herself, in defiance of social conventions.

Immersive and fascinating, STRANGER IN THE SHOGUN'S CITY is a revelatory work of history, layered with rich detail and delivered with beautiful prose, about the life of a woman, a city, and a culture.

"Stanley ... renders the world of that rebellious woman, Tsuneno, so vividly that I had trouble pulling myself back into the present whenever I put the book down. *Stranger in the Shogun's City* is as close to a novel as responsible history can be." —*Washington Post*

"Absorbing ... A compelling story, traced with meticulous detail and told with exquisite sympathy." —*Wall Street Journal*

"Through Tsuneno, Stanley conjures a teeming world... This sped-up reversal of the city's demise is like a magic trick, the same one Stanley has accomplished over the previous two hundred pages, where a lost place appears to the reader as if alive and intact." —*Harper's Magazine*



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- **Brazil:** Darkside
- **Bulgaria:** Studio of A
- **Russia:** Atticus
- **Ukraine:** Artbooks
- **Domestic Agent:** Sam Stoloff

THE HIDDEN PALACE

The long-awaited sequel to the *New York Times* bestseller **THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI**

Chava is a golem, a woman made of clay, able to hear the thoughts and longings of the humans around her, and compelled to help them. Ahmad is a jinni, a being of fire now imprisoned in the shape of a man, perpetually restless and free-spirited. Having met as two unlikely immigrants in 1899 Manhattan, their lives have become deeply intertwined, but they must decide what, exactly, they mean to each other—all while living disguised as humans, constantly fearing they'll be exposed as monsters.

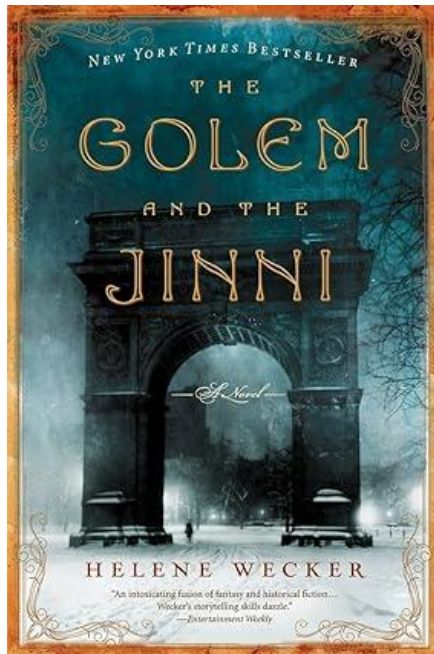
Meanwhile, Park Avenue heiress Sophia Winston, whose brief encounter with Ahmad has left her with a strange illness that makes her shiver with cold, travels to the Middle East to seek a cure. There she meets a tempestuous female jinni who's been banished from her tribe for her own untreatable condition. And in a tenement on the Lower East Side, a little girl named Kreindel helps her rabbi father build a golem that she names Yossele. When she is sent to an uptown orphanage, the hulking golem will become her only friend and companion.

Spanning the tumultuous years from the turn of the 20th century to the beginning of World War I, **THE HIDDEN PALACE** follows these lives and others as they collide and interweave. Can Chava and Ahmad find their places in the human world while remaining true to each other? Or will their own natures and desires conspire to tear them apart—especially once they encounter, thrillingly, other creatures of their own kinds?

“A blend of romance, Mary Shelley-esque horror, and folklore.... Wecker skillfully combines the storylines of Chava the Golem and Ahmad the Jinni and numerous other players, good and evil, in an enchanting tale that pleases on every page.” —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred)

“Impressive...storytelling à la Dickens...A satisfying, mature sequel to *The Golem and the Jinni*, continuing the magical story of two immigrant mythological characters from the turn of the 20th century to the outbreak of WWI.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Fans of *THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI* have waited eight years for this sequel, a minor eternity perfectly in keeping with the precarious immortality of Wecker's hopeful monsters. It has been worth the wait.” —*BookPage Magazine* (starred)



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- **Romania:** Editura Art
- **Bulgaria:** Studio of A
- **Croatia:** Vladimir Cvetkovic
- **Greece:** Philip Psihalos | **Russia:** Atticus
- **Turkey:** Panama Yayincilik
- **Ukraine:** Artbooks
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THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI

A marvelous and absorbing debut novel about a chance meeting between two supernatural creatures in turn-of-the-century immigrant New York.

Chava is a golem, a creature made of clay by a disgraced rabbi knowledgeable in the ways of dark Kabbalistic magic. She serves as the wife to a Polish merchant who dies at sea on the voyage to America. As the ship arrives in New York in 1899, Chava is unmoored and adrift until a rabbi on the Lower East Side recognizes her for the creature she is and takes her in.

Ahmad is a jinni, a being of fire born in the ancient Syrian desert and trapped centuries ago in an old copper flask by a Bedouin wizard. Released by a Syrian tinsmith in a Manhattan shop, Ahmad appears in human form but is still not free. An iron band around his wrist binds him to the wizard and to the physical world.

Chava and Ahmad meet accidentally and become friends and soul mates despite their opposing natures. But when the golem's violent nature overtakes her one evening, their bond is challenged. An even more powerful threat will emerge, however, and bring Chava and Ahmad together again, challenging their very existence and forcing them to make a fateful choice.

Compulsively readable, *The Golem and the Jinni* weaves strands of Yiddish and Middle Eastern literature, historical fiction and magical fable, in a wondrously inventive tale that is mesmerizing and unforgettable.

"An intoxicating fusion of fantasy and historical fiction...Wecker's storytelling skills dazzle."

— *Entertainment Weekly*

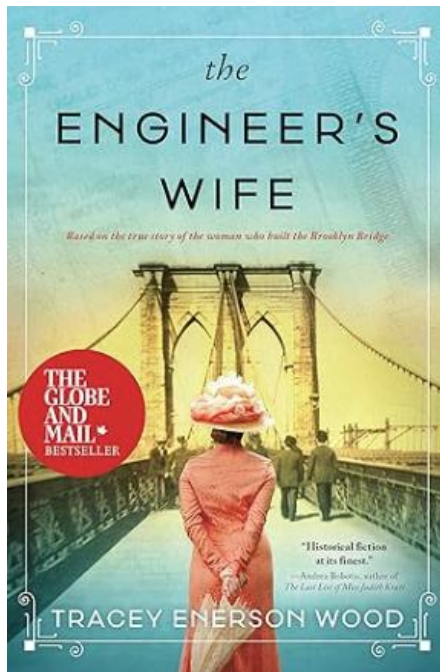
"With a delightful blend of the prosaic and the fanciful, *The Golem and the Jinni* explores what it means to be human...to live and find love while overcoming the powerful adversary who threatens to destroy them." —

Deborah Harkness, author of *A Discovery of Witches*

"Original and fresh...A fascinating blend of historical fiction and Jewish and Arab folklore."

— *Library Journal*

"[A] spellbinding blend of fantasy and historical fiction." — *Publishers Weekly*



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THE ENGINEER'S WIFE

USA TODAY BESTSELLER
INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

She built the Brooklyn Bridge, so why don't you know her name?

Emily Roebling built a monument for all time. Then she was lost in its shadow. Discover the fascinating woman who helped design and construct the Brooklyn Bridge. Perfect for book clubs and fans of Marie Benedict.

Emily refuses to live conventionally—she knows who she is and what she wants, and she's determined to make change. But then her husband asks the unthinkable: give up her dreams to make his possible. Emily's fight for women's suffrage is put on hold, and her life transformed when her husband Washington Roebling, the Chief Engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge, is injured on the job. Untrained for the task, but under his guidance, she assumes his role, despite stern resistance and overwhelming obstacles. But as the project takes shape under Emily's direction, she wonders whose legacy she is building—hers, or her husband's. As the monument rises, Emily's marriage, principles, and identity threaten to collapse. When the bridge finally stands finished, will she recognize the woman who built it?

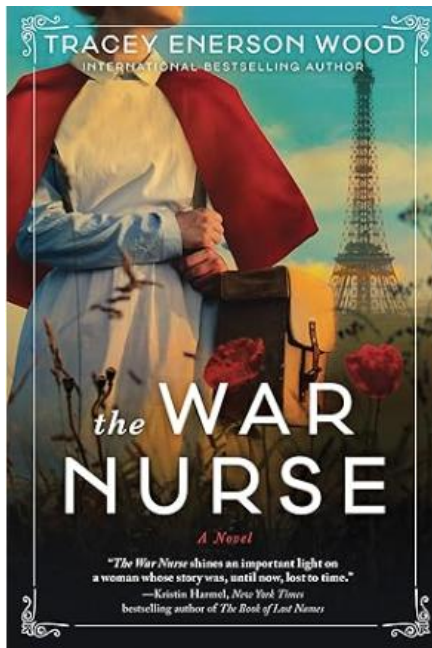
Based on the true story of an American icon, *THE ENGINEER'S WIFE* delivers an emotional portrait of a woman transformed by a project of unfathomable scale, which takes her into the bowels of the East River, suffragette riots, the halls of Manhattan's elite, and the heady, freewheeling temptations of P.T. Barnum. The biography of a husband and wife determined to build something that lasts—even at the risk of losing each other.

“Historical fiction at its finest.”—**Andrea Bobotis, author of *The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt***

“Wood's satisfying historical feels true to its era yet powerfully relevant to women's lives today.” — ***Publishers Weekly***

“A triumphant historical novel sure to please readers of the genre. Like Paula McLain, Tracey Enerson Wood spins a colorful and romantic tale of a storied era.” — **Stewart O’Nan, author of *West of Sunset***

“This important work of historical fiction brings to life the strength and resolve of a nineteenth-century woman overshadowed by men and overlooked by history books” —***Booklist***



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THE WAR NURSE: *A Novel*

Based on a true story, *The War Nurse* is a sweeping historical novel by *USA Today* bestselling author Tracey Enerson Wood that takes readers on an unforgettable journey through WWI France.

She asked dozens of young women to lay their lives on the line during the Great War. Can she protect them?

Superintendent of Nurses Julia Stimson must recruit sixty-four nurses to relieve the battle-worn British, months before American troops are ready to be deployed. She knows that the young nurses serving near the front lines will face a challenging situation, but nothing could have prepared her for the chaos that awaits when they arrive at British Base Hospital 12 in Rouen, France. The primitive conditions, a convoluted, ineffective system, and horrific battle wounds are enough to discourage the most hardened nurses, and Julia can do nothing but lead by example—even as the military doctors undermine her authority and make her question her very place in the hospital tent.

When trainloads of soldiers stricken by a mysterious respiratory illness arrive one after the other, overwhelming the hospital's limited resources, and threatening the health of her staff, Julia faces an unthinkable choice—to step outside the bounds of her profession and risk the career she has fought so hard for, or to watch the people she cares for most die in her arms.

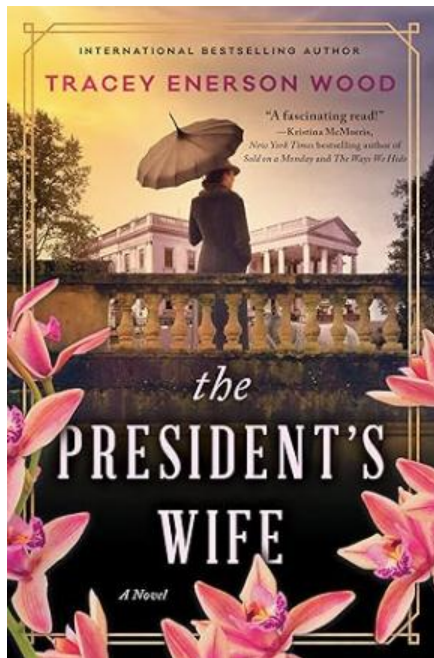
Fans of Martha Hall Kelly's *Lost Roses* and Marie Benedict's *Lady Clementine* will devour this mesmerizing celebration of some of the most overlooked heroes in history: the fierce, determined, and brave nurses who treated soldiers in World War I.

"Fans of Patricia Harman will love Wood's treatment of medical expertise in a historical setting."

—**Booklist**

"Any readers who enjoyed the mix of romance, intrigue, and medical accuracy of *Call the Midwife* will love *The War Nurse*."—**New York Journal of Books**

"[An] impeccably researched, well-drawn, based-on-a-true-story tale, written by a former RN...*The War Nurse* shines an important light on a woman whose story was, until now, lost to time."—**Kristin Harmel, New York Times bestselling author of *The Book of Lost Names***



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THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE: *A Novel*

From the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Engineer's Wife* comes an incredible historical novel about the First Lady who clandestinely assumed the presidency.

Socialite Edith Bolling has been in no hurry to find a new husband since she was widowed, preferring to fill her days with good friends and travel. But the enchanting courting of President Woodrow Wilson wins Edith over and she becomes the First Lady of the United States. The position is uncomfortable for the fiercely independent Edith, but she's determined to rise to the challenges of her new marriage—from the bloodthirsty press to the shadows of the first World War.

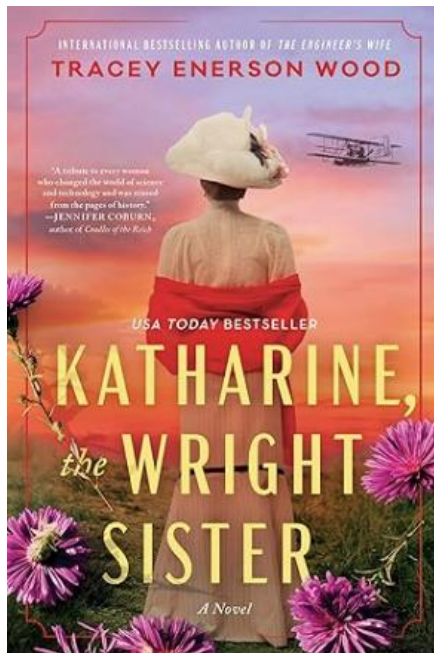
Warming to her new role, Edith is soon indispensable to her husband's presidency. She replaces the staff that Woodrow finds distracting, and discusses policy with him daily. Throughout the war, she encrypts top- secret messages and despite lacking formal education becomes an important adviser. When peace talks begin in Europe, she attends at Woodrow's side. But just as the critical fight to ratify the treaty to end the war and create a League of Nations in order to prevent another, Woodrow's always-delicate health takes a dramatic turn for the worse. In her determination to preserve both his progress and his reputation, Edith all but assumes the presidency herself.

Now, Edith must contend with the demands of a tumultuous country, the secrets of Woodrow's true condition, and the potentially devastating consequences of her failure. At once sweeping and intimate, *The President's Wife* is an astonishing portrait of a courageous First Lady and the sacrifices she made to protect her husband and her country at all costs.

"A vivid portrait of a woman whose remarkable role and achievements in history have largely been relegated to the shadows... A fascinating read!" —**Kristina McMorris**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Sold on a Monday* and *The Ways We Hide*

"Fascinating...Wood's meticulous research and attention to detail provide the context we need to understand Edith's decisions as she wrestles with an overwhelming workload and her conscience: is she doing the right thing, or doing more harm than good? A great choice for fans of books by Marie Benedict, Fiona Davis, and Patti Callahan, featuring amazing but often unheralded women." — **Booklist**

"Wood strikes on a potent irony in her telling of the Wilson presidency, by imagining the immense power wrought by a first lady in an era where women could neither vote nor hold office. Fans of revisionist historicals with strong female leads should check this out." — **Publishers Weekly**



TRACEY ENERSON WOOD is a published playwright whose family is steeped in military tradition. *Katharine, the Wright Sister* is her fourth novel.

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KATHARINE, THE WRIGHT SISTER: *A Novel*

She helped her brothers soar... but was the flight worth the fall?

It all started with two boys and a bicycle shop. Wilbur and Orville Wright, both unsuited to college and disinclined to leave home, jumped on the popular new fad of bicycle riding and opened a shop in Dayton, Ohio. Repairing and selling soon led to tinkering and building as the brothers offered improved models to their eager customers. Amid their success, a new dream began to take shape. Engineers across the world were puzzling over how to build a powered flying machine—and Wilbur and Orville wanted in on the challenge. But their younger sister, Katharine, knew they couldn't do it without her. The three siblings made a pact: the three of them would solve the problem of human flight.

As her brothers obsessed over blueprints and risked life and limb testing new models on the sand beaches of North Carolina, Katharine became the mastermind behind the scenes of their inventions. She sourced materials, managed communications, and kept Wilbur and Orville focused on their goal—even when it seemed hopeless. And in 1903, the Wright brothers made the first controlled, sustained flight of humankind.

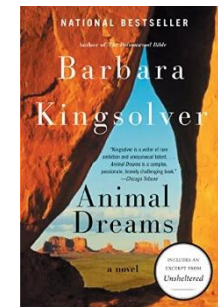
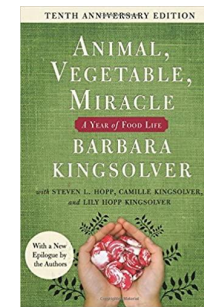
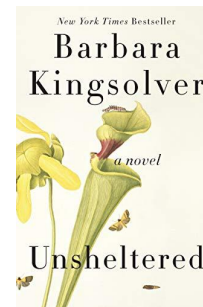
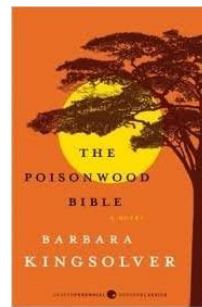
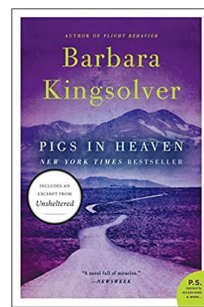
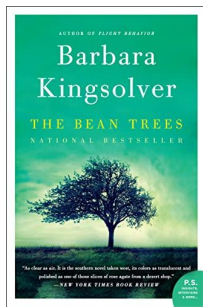
What followed was the kind of fame and fortune the Wrights had never imagined. The siblings traveled the world to demonstrate their invention, trained other pilots, and built new machines that could fly higher and farther. But at the height of their success, tragedy wrenched the Wright family apart... and forced Katharine to make an impossible choice that would haunt her for the rest of her life.

From internationally bestselling author Tracey Enerson Wood, *KATHARINE, THE WRIGHT SISTER* is an unforgettable novel that shines a spotlight on one of the most important and overlooked women in history, and the sacrifices she made so that others might fly.

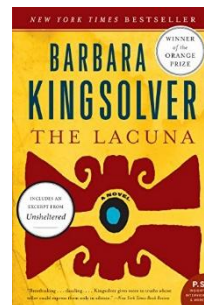
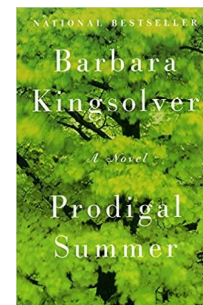
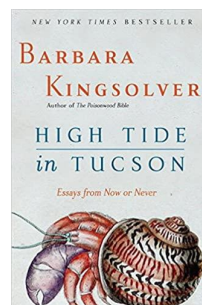
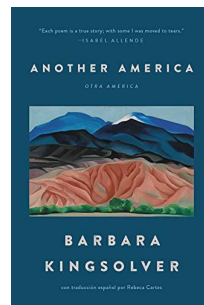
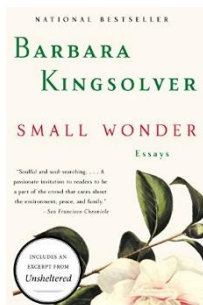
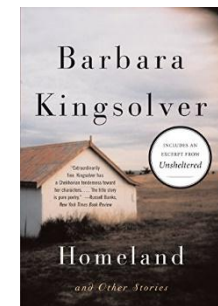
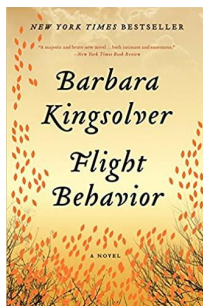
A "stirring tribute to an unsung trailblazer" and "a gripping tale of perseverance." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Wood's narrative provides a fascinating glimpse into the lives of three clever, hardworking inventors, and a sensitive emotional exploration of one woman's quest to support her brothers--and later to soar on her own. Readers will be swept away by Wood's vivid depictions of early flight, and inspired by Katharine's dedication to stay true to both her brothers and herself." — *Shelf Awareness*

"Fans of the unsung heroines of American history will love Tracey Enerson Wood's latest triumph. *Katharine, the Wright Sister* kept me turning pages late into the night with its keen eye for family relationships and women's roles in them. This novel is a tribute to every woman who changed the world of science and technology and was erased from the pages of history." — **Jennifer Coburn, author of *Cradles of the Reich***



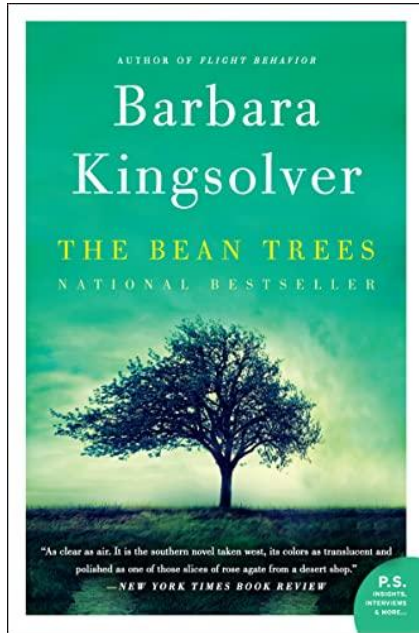
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THE BEAN TREES (1988) *Greer Family #1*

A bestseller that has come to be regarded as an American classic, *The Bean Trees* is the novel that launched Barbara Kingsolver's remarkable literary career.

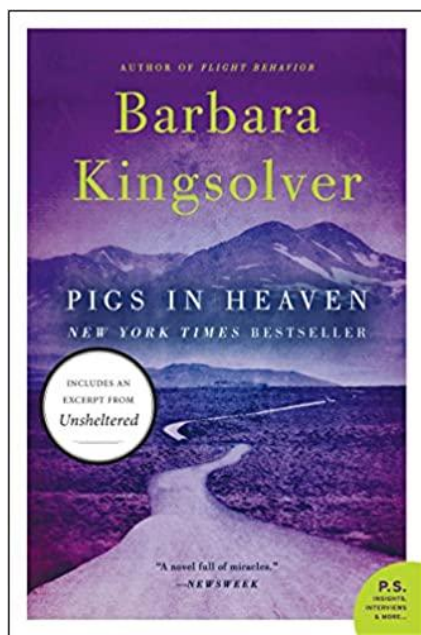
THE BEAN TREES is the charming, engrossing tale of rural Kentucky native Taylor Greer, who only wants to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant. But when Taylor heads west with high hopes and a barely functional car, she meets the human condition head-on. By the time she arrives in Tucson, she has acquired a three-year-old Native American girl named Turtle and must somehow come to terms with both motherhood and the necessity for putting down roots. THE BEAN TREES is a story about love and friendship, abandonment and belonging, and the discovery of surprising resources in seemingly empty places.

THE BEAN TREES is a book readers have taken to their hearts. It is now a standard in college literature classes across the nation and has been translated for a readership stretching from Japan to Romania.

"The Bean Trees is the work of a visionary." —*Los Angeles Times*

"This is the story of a lovable, resourceful 'instant mother, ' one who speaks, acts and learns for herself, becoming an inspiration for us all." —*Glamour*

"This funny, inspiring book is a marvelous affirmation of risk-taking, commitment and everyday miracles...An overwhelming delight, as random and unexpected as real life." —*Publishers Weekly*



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PIGS IN HEAVEN (1993) *Greer Family #2*

Picking up where her modern classic *THE BEAN TREES* left off, Barbara Kingsolver's bestselling *PIGS IN HEAVEN* continues the tale of Turtle and Taylor Greer, a Native American girl and her adoptive mother who have settled in Tucson, Arizona, as they both try to overcome their difficult pasts.

Taking place three years after *THE BEAN TREES*, Taylor is now dating a musician named Jax and has officially adopted Turtle. But when a lawyer for the Cherokee Nation begins to investigate the adoption—their new life together begins to crumble.

Depicting the clash between fierce family love and tribal law, poverty and means, abandonment and belonging, *PIGS IN HEAVEN* is a morally wrenching, gently humorous work of fiction that speaks equally to the head and the heart.

****Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Award for fiction****

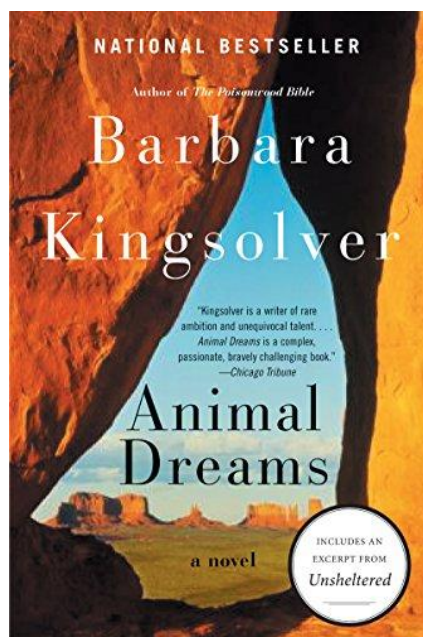
"A novel full of miracles."— *Newsweek*

"Possessed of an extravagantly gifted narrative voice, Kingsolver blends a fierce and abiding moral vision with benevolent concise humor. Her medicine is meant for the head, the heart and the soul." —*New York Times Book Review*

Immensely readable, warmhearted...brimming with down-home wisdom and endearing characters." — *Boston Globe*

"Kingsolver makes you care about her characters to the point of tears; she is bitingly funny—and she writes like a dream." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"There is no one quite like Barbara Kingsolver in contemporary literature. Her dialogue sparkles with sassy wit and the earthy poetry of ordinary folks' talk; her descriptions have a magical lyricism rooted in daily life but also on familiar terms with the eternal." —*Washington Post Book World*



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ANIMAL DREAMS (1990)

“An emotional masterpiece . . . A novel in which humor, passion, and superb prose conspire to seize a reader by the heart and by the soul.” —New York Daily News

From Barbara Kingsolver, the acclaimed author of *Flight Behavior*, *The Lacuna*, *The Bean Trees*, and other modern classics, *Animal Dreams* is a passionate and complex novel about love, forgiveness, and one woman’s struggle to find her place in the world

"Animals dream about the things they do in the daytime just like people do. If you want sweet dreams, you've got to live a sweet life." So says Loyd Peregrina, a handsome Apache trainman and latter-day philosopher. But when Codi Noline returns to her hometown, Loyd's advice is painfully out of her reach. Dreamless and at the end of her rope, Codi comes back to Grace, Arizona, to confront her past and face her ailing, distant father. What she finds is a town threatened by a silent environmental catastrophe, some startling clues to her own identity, and a man whose view of the world could change the course of her life.

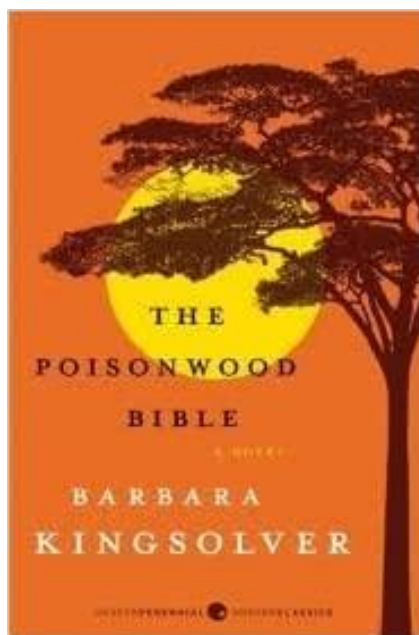
Blending flashbacks, dreams, and Native American legends, *ANIMAL DREAMS* is a suspenseful love story and a moving exploration of life's largest commitments.

“Kingsolver probes the human heart with uncommon wisdom. *Animal Dreams* is a gracefully written, large-spirited novel. Anchored on the earth, it dares to soar into the ethereal.” —*New York Newsday*

“Rich, complex, witty . . . This is a sweet book, full of bitter pain; a beautiful weaving of the light and the dark. This one will be with us for a long time.” —*Washington Post Book World*

“*Animal Dreams* is a novel that feels closer to the truth about modern lives than anything I’ve read in a long time . . . An astonishing book that ought to put Barbara Kingsolver in the first ranks of fiction writers.” —*Cosmopolitan*

“*Animal Dreams* literally bursts with life. Its description of how one woman finds her way back from the edge of despair seems absolutely perfect . . . [It] leaves the reader filled with wonder and hope.” —*Houston Post*



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THE POISONWOOD BIBLE (1998)

****Over 70 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list****

“A powerful ... epic ... [Kingsolver] has with infinitely steady hands worked the prickly threads of religion, politics, race, sin and redemption into a thing of terrible beauty.” —Los Angeles Times Book Review

Widely acknowledged as one of the most important novels in American literature, THE POISONWOOD BIBLE is a suspenseful epic of tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction in the interlocked fates of one family and a newly independent African nation

THE POISONWOOD BIBLE is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it—from garden seeds to Scripture—is worse than useless on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic of one family’s tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in postcolonial Africa.

The novel is set against one of the most dramatic political chronicles of the twentieth century: the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium, the murder of its first elected prime minister, the CIA coup to install his replacement, and the insidious progress of a world economic order that robs the fledgling African nation of its autonomy. Taking its place alongside the classic works of postcolonial literature, this ambitious novel establishes Kingsolver as one of the most thoughtful and daring of modern writers.

****Oprah's Book Club Pick****

****Finalist for the 1999 Pulitzer Prize****

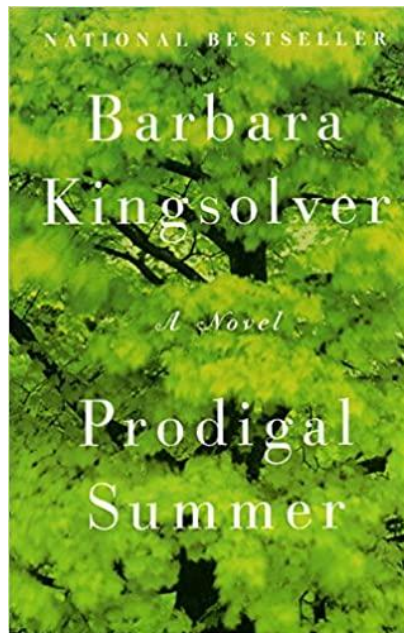
****Winner of the 2000 Boeke Prize****

****Winner of the 2020 Indies Choice Book Award for Adult Fiction****

“Powerful . . . Kingsolver is a gifted magician of words.” —*Time*

“Kingsolver’s powerful new book is actually an old-fashioned 19th-century novel, a Hawthornian tale of sin and redemption and the ‘dark necessity’ of history.” —Michiko Kakutani, *New York Times*

“Beautifully written . . . Kingsolver’s tale of domestic tragedy is more than just a well-told yarn . . . Played out against the bloody backdrop of political struggles in Congo that continue to this day, it is also particularly timely.” —*People*



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PRODIGAL SUMMER (2000)

PRODIGAL SUMMER weaves together three stories of human love within a larger tapestry of lives in southern Appalachia. At the heart of these intertwined narratives is a den of coyotes that have recently migrated into the region. Deanna Wolfe, a reclusive wildlife biologist, watches them from an isolated mountain cabin where she is caught off-guard by Eddie Bondo, a young hunter who comes to invade her most private spaces and her solitary life.

Down the mountain, another web of lives unfolds as Lusa Maluf Landowski, a bookish city girl turned farmer's wife, finds herself in a strange place where she must declare or lose her attachment to the land that has become her own. And a few more miles down the road, a pair of elderly, feuding neighbors tend their respective farms and wrangle about God, pesticides, and the possibilities the future holds.

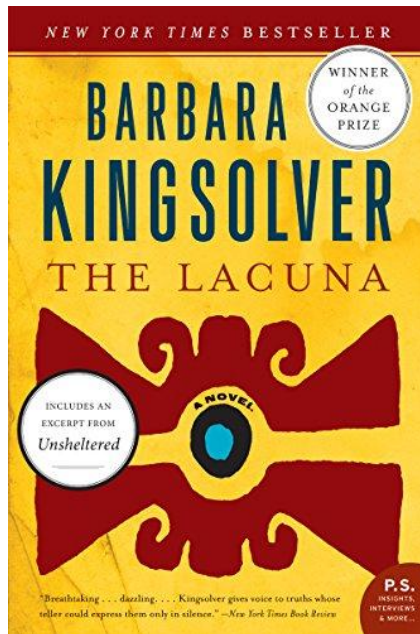
Over the course of one long summer, these characters find connections to one another, and to the land, and the final, urgent truth that humans are only one piece of life on earth.

“[An] extravagantly gifted narrative voice.” —*New York Times Book Review*

“Kingsolver is a gifted magician of words.” —*Time*

“Ms. Kingsolver's writing is generously well-grafted; choice moments ... radiate from nearly every page.” —*Wall Street Journal*

“[Kingsolver's] sexy, lyrical fifth novel renders our solitary yearnings with a finely trained eye and ear” —*People Magazine*



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THE LACUNA (2009)

****Over 40 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list****

THE LACUNA tells the story of Harrison William Shepherd, a man caught between two worlds—an unforgettable protagonist whose search for identity will take readers to the heart of the twentieth century’s most tumultuous events.

Born in America and raised in Mexico, Harrison Shepherd is a liability to his social-climbing flapper mother, Salome. When he starts work in the household of Mexican artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo - where the Bolshevik leader, Lev Trotsky, is also being harbored as a political exile - he inadvertently casts his lot with art, communism and revolution. A compulsive diarist, he records and relates his colorful experiences of life in the midst of the Mexican revolution. A violent upheaval sends him back to America; but political winds continue to throw him between north and south, in a plot that turns many times on the unspeakable breach - the lacuna - between truth and public presumption.

****Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction****

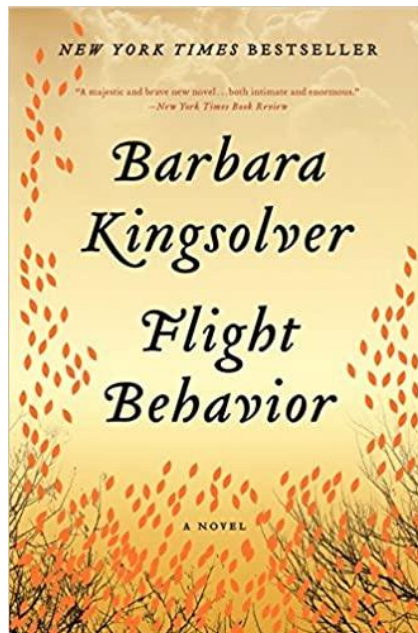
National Bestseller: New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle (#1), Chicago Tribune (#1), Denver Post (#1), Minneapolis Star-Tribune (#1), Publishers Weekly, Indie Next Bestseller (#1)

Best Book of the Year: New York Times Notable, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Seattle Times, Kansas City Star

“Compelling...Kingsolver’s descriptions of life in Mexico City burst with sensory detail—thick sweet breads, vividly painted walls, the lovely white feet of an unattainable love.” —*The New Yorker*

“Breathtaking...dazzling...The Lacuna can be enjoyed sheerly for the music of its passages on nature, archaeology, food and friendship; or for its portraits of real and invented people...But the fuller value...lies in its call to conscience and connection.” —*New York Times Book Review*

“Rich...impassioned...engrossing...Politics and art dominate the novel, and their overt, unapologetic connection is refreshing.” —*Chicago Tribune*



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FLIGHT BEHAVIOR (2012)

****18 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list****

National Bestseller: New York Times, Wall Street Journal, LA Times (#1), Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Publisher's Weekly, IndieBound (#1), Walmart,

Best book of the year: New York Times Notable, Washington Post Notable, Amazon Editor's Choice, USA Today's Top Ten (#1), St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Kansas City Star

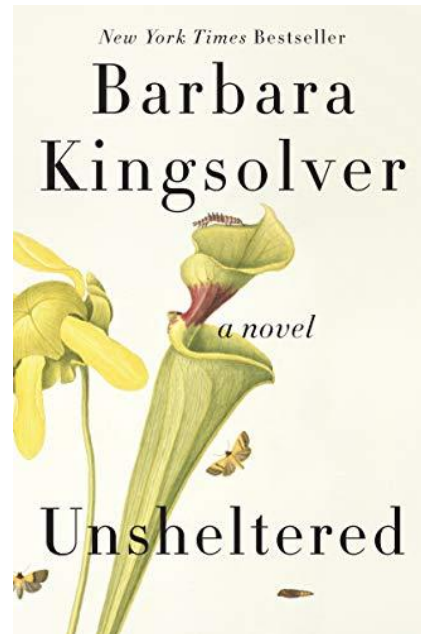
Set in the present day in the rural community of Feathertown, Tennessee, *Flight Behavior* tells the story of Dellarobia Turnbow, a petite, razor-sharp 29-year-old who nurtured worldly ambitions before becoming pregnant and marrying at seventeen. Now, after more than a decade of tending to small children on a failing farm, oppressed by poverty, isolation and her husband's antagonistic family, she has mitigated her boredom by surrendering to an obsessive flirtation with a handsome younger man.

In the opening scene, Dellarobia is headed for a secluded mountain cabin to meet this man and initiate what she expects will be a self-destructive affair. But the tryst never happens. Instead, she hikes up a mountain road behind her house toward her secret rendezvous, but instead encounters a shocking sight: a silent, forested valley filled with what looks like a lake of fire. She can only understand it as a cautionary miracle, but it sparks a raft of other explanations from scientists, religious leaders, and the media. The bewildering emergency draws rural farmers into unexpected acquaintance with urbane journalists, opportunists, sightseers, and a striking biologist with his own stake in the outcome.

As the community lines up to judge the woman and her miracle, Dellarobia confronts her family, her church, her town, and a larger world, in a flight toward truth that could undo all she has ever believed.

“One of the gifts of a Kingsolver novel is the resplendence of her prose. She takes palpable pleasure in the craft of writing, creating images that stay with the reader long after her story is done...(a) majestic and brave new novel.” —*New York Times Book Review*

“Kingsolver has written one of the more thoughtful novels about the scientific, financial and psychological intricacies of climate change. And her ability to put these silent, breathtakingly beautiful butterflies at the center of this calamitous and noisy debate is nothing short of brilliant.” —*Ron Charles, Washington Post*



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UNSHELTERED (2018)

****#2 New York Times bestseller ****

How could two hardworking people do everything right in life, a woman asks, and end up destitute? Willa Knox and her husband followed all the rules as responsible parents and professionals, and have nothing to show for it but debts and an inherited brick house that is falling apart. The magazine where Willa worked has folded; the college where her husband had tenure has closed. Their dubious shelter is also the only option for a disabled father-in-law and an exasperating, free-spirited daughter. When the family's one success story, an Ivy-educated son, is uprooted by tragedy, he seems likely to join them, with dark complications of his own.

In an earlier era, in the same house, a troubled husband and public servant asks, How can a man tell the truth, and be reviled for it? A science teacher with a passion for honest investigation, Thatcher Greenwood finds himself under siege: his employer forbids him to speak of the exciting work just published by Charles Darwin. His young bride and social-climbing mother-in-law bristle at the risk of scandal, and dismiss his worries that their elegant house is unsound. In a village ostensibly founded as a benevolent Utopia, Thatcher wants only to honor his duties, but his friendships with a woman scientist and a renegade newspaper editor threaten to draw him into a vendetta with the town's powerful men.

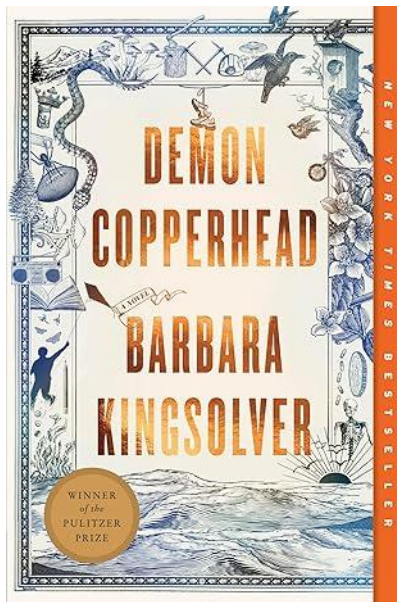
UNSHELTERED is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times, when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.

National Bestseller: New York Times, Wall Street Journal, LA Times, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Publisher's Weekly, IndieBound (#1)

Best book of the year: NPR, O, The Oprah Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle, Christian Science Monitor and Newsweek

"I felt almost bereft closing the cover on this book... With a spellbinding narrative and its exquisitely accurate evocation of two eras, Barbara Kingsolver's novel is itself a shelter of sorts. One doesn't want to leave it."

—Helen Klein Ross, *Wall Street Journal*



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DEMON COPPERHEAD (2022)

****RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 PULITZER PRIZE FOR FICTION****

****WINNER OF THE 2023 WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION****

****NYT TOP TEN BOOK OF THE YEAR****

****AN OPRAH'S BOOKCLUB SELECTION****

****70 WEEKS ON THE NYT FICTION BESTSELLER LIST AND COUNTING****

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Unsheltered* and *Flight Behavior*, a brilliant novel which enthralls, compels, and captures the heart as it evokes a young hero's unforgettable journey to maturity.

Demon Copperhead is set in the mountains of southern Appalachia. It's the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote *David Copperfield* from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

"May be the best novel of 2022. . . . Equal parts hilarious and heartbreaking, this is the story of an irrepressible boy nobody wants, but readers will love." —**Ron Charles, *Washington Post***

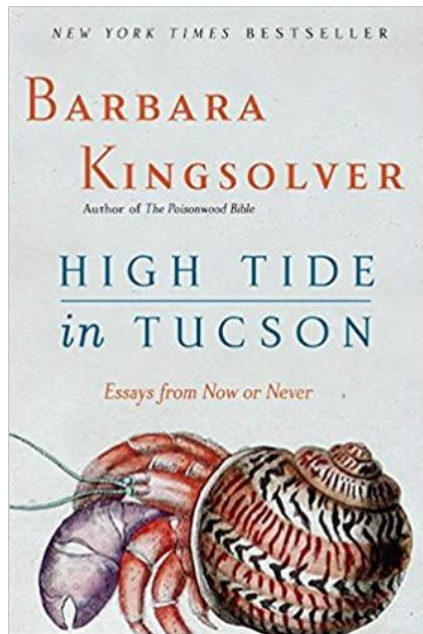
"An Appalachian *David Copperfield*. . . . Kingsolver's novel sweeps you along just as powerfully as the original does." — ***New York Times***

"A serpentine, hard-striking tale of profound dimension and resonance." — **★*Booklist***



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**BARBARA KINGSOLVER
NONFICTION**



US & Can: HarperCollins
 UK: Faber & Faber
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HIGH TIDE IN TUCSON: *Essays From Now or Never* (1995)

****Over 20 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List****

In these twenty-five essays, Kingsolver returns to her familiar themes of family, community, and the natural world. With the eyes of a scientist and the vision of a poet, Kingsolver writes about notions as diverse as modern motherhood, the history of private property, and the suspended citizenship of humans in the animal kingdom. Her canny pursuit of meaning from an inscrutable world compels us to find instructions for life in surprising places: a museum of atomic bomb relics, a West African voodoo love charm, a family of paper dolls, the ethics of a wild pig who persistently invades a garden, a battle of wills with a two-year-old, or a troop of oysters who observe high tide in the middle of Illinois.

In sharing her thoughts about the urgent business of being alive, Kingsolver the essayist employs the same keen eyes, persuasive tongue, and understanding heart that characterize her acclaimed fiction. Defiant, funny, courageously honest, HIGH TIDE IN TUCSON proves once again that "there is no one quite like Barbara Kingsolver in contemporary literature."--*Washington Post Book World*

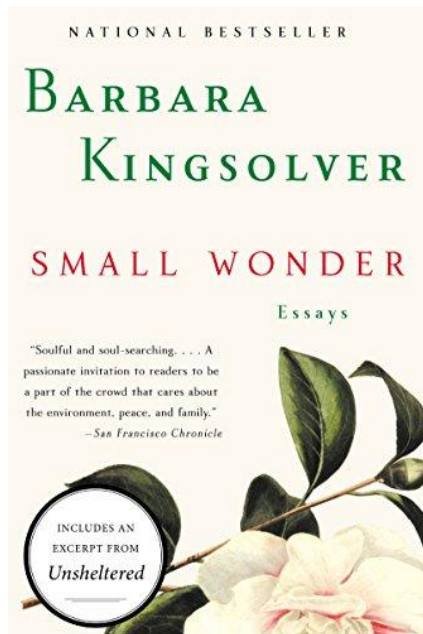
"Kingsolver's essays should be savored like quiet afternoons with a friend.... [She] speaks in a language rich with music and replete with good sense." —*New York Times Book Review*

"A delightful, challenging, and wonderfully informative book." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"The acclaimed novelist's extraordinary powers of observations and understanding of character serve her beautifully in this collection of essays." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"Ms. Kingsolver possesses the rare ability to see the natural world with the keenness of both the poet and the naturalist." —*Washington Times*

"Clever...magical...beautifully crafted. Kingsolver spins you around the philosophic world a dozen times" —*Milwaukee Sentinel*



US & Can: HarperCollins
UK: Faber & Faber
Translation: FGLA

SMALL WONDER: *Essays* (2002)

In twenty-two wonderfully articulate essays, Barbara Kingsolver raises her voice in praise of nature, family, literature, and the joys of everyday life while examining the genesis of war, violence, and poverty in our world

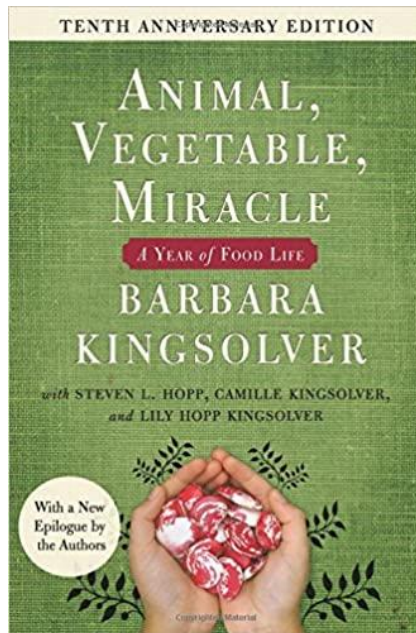
SMALL WONDER begins with a parable gleaned from recent news: villagers search for a missing infant boy and find him, unharmed, in the cave of a dangerous bear that has mothered him like one of her own. Clearly, our understanding of evil needs to be revised. What we fear most can save us. From this tale, Barbara Kingsolver goes on to consider a world of surprising and hopeful prospects, ranging from an inventive conservation scheme in a remote jungle to the backyard flock of chickens tended by the author's small daughter.

These essays are grounded in the author's belief that our largest problems have grown from the earth's remotest corners as well as our own backyards, and that answers may lie in those places, too. In the voice Kingsolver's readers have come to rely on, sometimes grave, occasionally hilarious, and ultimately persuasive, *Small Wonder* is a hopeful examination of the people we seem to be, and what we might yet make of ourselves.

“Soulful and soul searching....A passionate invitation to readers to be part of the crowd that cares about the environment, peace, and family....A tantalizing peek into Kingsolver's world.” — *San Francisco Chronicle Book Review*

“This book of essays by Barbara Kingsolver is like a visit from a cherished old friend.” — *Publishers Weekly*

“Trained as a biologist and gifted in the art of storytelling, Kingsolver is able to draw on her knowledge of the wild--of evolution and biodiversity--as well as her feel for archetypes to bring into focus and dramatize the biological and social impact of our unexamined habits of consumption.” —*Booklist*



US & Can: HarperCollins
UK: Faber & Faber
France: Rivages
Translation: FGLA

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE (2007; rev. ed. 2017)

****26 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list****

Since its publication in 2007, ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE has captivated readers with its blend of memoir and journalistic investigation. Newly updated with original pieces from the entire Kingsolver clan, this commemorative volume explores how the family's original project has been carried forward through the years.

When Barbara Kingsolver and her family moved from suburban Arizona to rural Appalachia, they took on a new challenge: to spend a year eating nothing but food they can grow, or find locally, paying close attention to the provenance of all they consume. Concerned about the environmental, social, and physical costs of American food culture, they hoped to recover what Barbara considers our nation's lost appreciation for farms and the natural processes of food production. Since 2007, their scheme has evolved enormously. In the updated edition, featuring an afterword composed by the entire Kingsolver family, Barbara's husband, Steven, discusses how the project grew into a farm-to-table restaurant and community development project training young farmers in their area to move into sustainable food production. Camille, Barbara's older daughter, writes about her decision to move back to a rural area after college, and how she and her husband incorporate their food values in their lives as they begin their new family. Lily, Barbara's younger daughter, writes about how growing up on a farm, in touch with natural processes and food chains, has shaped her life as a future environmental scientist. And Barbara writes about their sheep, and how they grew into her second vocation as a fiber artist, and reports on the enormous response they've received from other home-growers and local-food devotees.

“A hybrid book...part memoir...part call to action, part education, part recipe collection...ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE makes an important contribution to the chorus of voices calling for change.”

—*Chicago Tribune*

“Cogent and illuminating... Without sentimentality, this book captures the pulse of the farm and the deep gratification it provides, as well as the intrinsic humor of the situation.” —Janet Maslin, *New York Times*

“It's a lovely book. One wants with all one's heart to sit with [Kingsolver] on the porch at the end of the day and shell peas.” —*Los Angeles Times*



US: Cornell University Press

UK: Faber & Faber (new edition 2024)

Translation: FGLA

HOLDING THE LINE (1996)

Holding the Line, Barbara Kingsolver's first non-fiction book, is the story of women's lives transformed by an a signal event. Set in the small mining towns of Arizona, it is part oral history and part social criticism, exploring the process of empowerment which occurs when people work together as a community. Like Kingsolver's award-winning novels, *Holding the Line* is a beautifully written book grounded on the strength of its characters.

Hundreds of families held the line in the 1983 strike against Phelps Dodge Copper in Arizona. After more than a year the strikers lost their union certification, but the battle permanently altered the social order in these small, predominantly Hispanic mining towns. At the time the strike began, many women said they couldn't leave the house without their husband's permission. Yet, when injunctions barred union men from picketing, their wives and daughters turned out for the daily picket lines. When the strike dragged on and men left to seek jobs elsewhere, women continued to picket, organize support, and defend their rights even when the towns were occupied by the National Guard. "Nothing can ever be the same as it was before," said Diane McCormick of the Morenci Miners Women's Auxiliary. "Look at us. At the beginning of this strike, we were just a bunch of ladies."

"Like Kingsolver's fiction, *Holding the Line* is a beautifully written book grounded on the strength of its characters—only this time the characters are real." — *Journal of the Southwest*

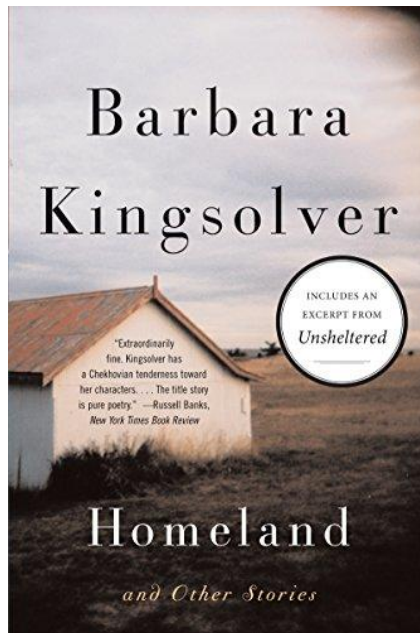
"The women tell remarkable stories of their lives and actions.... This book pays powerful tribute to their resolve and passion for economic justice." — *Publishers Weekly*

"*Holding the Line* is both clear and emotional, the story of women who try to get a fair shake in their workplace and realize they can stop at nothing short of control over their entire lives. This is a report from the trenches of where the political meets the personal." — **John Sayles**



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**BARBARA KINGSOLVER
SHORT STORIES & POETRY**



US & Can: HarperCollins
 UK: Faber & Faber
 France: Rivages
 Translation: FGLA

HOMELAND AND OTHER STORIES (1989)

“Extraordinarily fine. Kingsolver has a Chekhovian tenderness toward her characters. . . . The title story is pure poetry.” —Russell Banks, *New York Times Book Review*

With the same wit and sensitivity that have come to characterize her highly praised and beloved novels, acclaimed author Barbara Kingsolver gives us a rich and emotionally resonant collection of twelve stories. Spreading her memorable characters over landscapes ranging from Northern California to the hills of eastern Kentucky and the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, Kingsolver tells stories of hope, momentary joy, and powerful endurance. In every setting, Kingsolver's distinctive voice— at times comic, but often heartrending—rings true as she explores the twin themes of family ties and the life choices one must ultimately make alone.

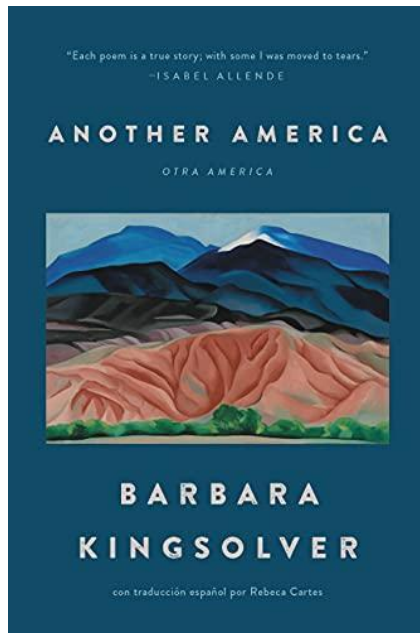
HOMELAND AND OTHER STORIES creates a world of love and possibility that readers will want to take as their own.

“Read HOMELAND AND OTHER STORIES and you will feel glad to be alive. You are delighted by a gifted storyteller. You are strengthened and healed by the toughness and tenderness she discerns in humanity’s daily rounds.” —*Newsday*

“Kingsolver’s humanity sounds the clearest note, telling us about characters in the middle of their days, who live as we really do, from one small incident of awareness to the next.” —*Los Angeles Times*

“Kingsolver understands in an uncanny way the significance of the ordinary, the fleeting moment that may become lost or become catharsis. She writes with refreshing clarity, humor and honesty.” —*Detroit Free Press*

“Kingsolver is an extraordinary storyteller.” —*Chicago Tribune*



WO English + Spanish: Seal Press
Translation: FGLA

ANOTHER AMERICA (1998; rev. ed. 2022)

“From a bestselling and beloved author, an intensely personal collection of poetry “rich with political and human resonance” (Ursula K. LeGuin)

Before becoming the bestselling author we know today, Barbara Kingsolver, as a new college graduate in search of adventure, moved to the borderlands of Tucson, Arizona. What she found, she says, was “another America.”

Interweaving past political events, from the US-backed dictatorships in South America to the government surveillance carried out in the Reagan years, Kingsolver’s early poetry expands into a broader examination of the racism, discrimination, and immigration system she witnessed at close range. The poems coalesce in a record of her emerging adulthood, in which she confronts the hypocrisy of the national myth of America—a confrontation that would come to shape her not only as an artist, but as a citizen. With a new introduction from Kingsolver that reflects on the current border crisis, *Another America* is a striking portrait of a country deeply divided between those with privilege and those without, and the lives of urgent purpose that may be carved out in between.

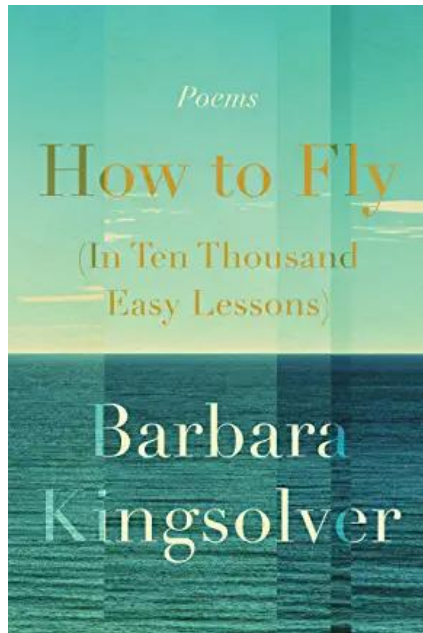
“Barbara Kingsolver belongs in the company of such poets as Clifton, Levertov, Hogan, Forché and Rich. Her pure American voice, chorded in both the great American languages, is rich with political and human resonance.” —Ursula K. LeGuin

“Each poem is a true story; with some I was moved to tears.” —Isabelle Allende

“These poems made me stop mid-book, telephone a friend and brave saying the unsayable – *palabras del corazón* that often go unsaid.” —Sanda Cisneros

“The best of American political poetry, melding emotion and analysis, daily life and national issues, voice and heart.” —Booklist

“This powerful collection of poetry deals with protest against political and social repression experienced by ordinary people, particularly women, under military regimes in Central and South America during the last 20 years. Through vivid imagery and compelling messages, Kingsolver makes a passionate appeal to end the suffering of victims of revolution, oppression, and war.” —School Library Journal



US & Can: HarperCollins
UK: Faber & Faber
France: Rivages
Italy: Interno Poesia
Translation: FGLA

HOW TO FLY (In Ten Thousand Easy Lessons) (2020)

In this intimate collection, the beloved author of *The Poisonwood Bible* and more than a dozen other *New York Times* bestsellers, winner or finalist for the Pulitzer and countless other prizes, now trains her eye on the everyday and the metaphysical in poems that are smartly crafted, emotionally rich, and luminous.

In her second poetry collection, Barbara Kingsolver offers reflections on the practical, the spiritual, and the wild. She begins with “how to” poems addressing everyday matters such as being hopeful, married, divorced; shearing a sheep; praying to unreliable gods; doing nothing at all; and of course, flying. A next section includes poems about making peace (or not) with the complicated bonds of friendship and family, and making peace (or not) with death, in the many ways it finds us. Some poems reflect on the redemptive powers of art and poetry itself; others consider where everything begins.

Closing the book are poems that celebrate natural wonders—birdsong and ghost-flowers, ruthless ants, clever shellfish, coral reefs, deadly deserts, and thousand-year-old beech trees—all speaking to the daring project of belonging to an untamed world beyond ourselves.

Altogether, these are poems about transcendence: finding breath and lightness in life and the everyday acts of living. It’s all terribly easy and, as the title suggests, not entirely possible. Or at least, it is never quite finished.

“A gorgeous collection of poetry...These poems unplug from TV and social media and the outrage of the moment and turn our attention to the immediate and the everlasting, human intimacy and the power and mystery of nature.” —*Tampa Bay Times*

“Kingsolver brings her gifts of observation and reflection to HOW TO FLY...For a reader wanting to escape, to fly while grounded, this book is a map that offers surprise and delight.” —*BookPage*

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