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KPL Fiction Spotlight April 2017

Pull Me Under

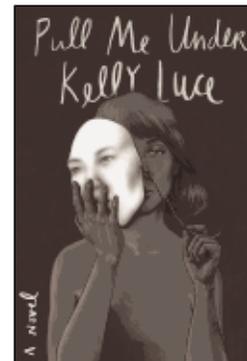
by Kelly Luce

Published 2016 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780374238582

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Jacket Notes:



A searing debut novel from one of the most imaginative minds in fiction

Chizuru Akitani is the twelve-year-old daughter of the famous violinist and Japanese -Living National Treasure- Hiro Akitani. Overweight and *hafu* (her mother is white), she is tormented by her classmates and targeted by the most relentless bully of them all, Tomoya Yu. When Chizuru's mother dies suddenly her father offers her no comfort and she is left feeling alone and unmoored. At school, her bully's cruelty intensifies, and in a moment of blind rage, Chizuru grabs a Morimoto letter opener from her teacher's desk and fatally stabs Tomoya Yu in the neck.

For the next seven years, Chizuru is institutionalized. Her father visits her just twice before ultimately disowning her. Upon release, Chizuru flees Japan for a new identity and life in the United States. Determined to outrun her murderous past, she renames herself Rio, graduates from nursing school, marries a loving man, and soon has a daughter. But when a mysterious package arrives on her doorstep in Boulder, Colorado, announcing the death of her father, Rio feels compelled to return to Japan for the first time in twenty years, leaving her husband and her daughter confused and bereft. Going back to her homeland, and to the scene of her complicated past, feels like stepping into a strange and familiar dream. When she unexpectedly reconnects with Miss Danny, who had been her beloved teacher at the time of the stabbing, long-kept secrets are unearthed, forcing Rio to confront her past in ways she never imagined, and to decide if she will reveal to her family who she once was.

Full of atmospheric and illuminating descriptions of Japan and its culture, *Pull Me Under* is an affecting exploration of home, identity, and the limits of forgiveness. Kelly Luce has written a bold and psychologically complex first novel that grips and dazzles from start to finish.

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In *Luceas* ("Three Scenarios in Which Hana Sasaki Grows a Tail" debut novel, a Japan-born mother leaves her family in Colorado and travels back to Japan to attend the funeral of her estranged father, a world-renowned violinist. As a girl, Rio Silvestri fatally stabbed a bully at school, a crime whose shame led her to move to the United States, change her name, and keep her identity a secret from her husband and daughter. The novel's first two acts deal directly with Rio's slow exhumation of her past, including a reunion with Ms. Danny, her teacher at the time of the murder. After accompanying Ms. Danny on a revealing spiritual pilgrimage, Rio, unable to prove her identity, is arrested by Japanese authorities at her childhood home. Her imprisonment brings her American family to Japan, where her past is finally laid bare. Set mostly in the countryside, Luce deftly evokes Japan without exoticizing it, though a structure heavy on flashback undercuts too much of the drama. But the final act is the novel's strongest and most confident, weaving the book's threads together and leaving a lasting reverberation. "Agent: Katherine Fausset, Curtis Brown. (Nov.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Afterlife of Stars

by Joseph Kertes

Published 2017 by Little Brown and Company

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316308113

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Jacket Notes:

"Devastating yet unnervingly funny.... inspired and deeply affecting....a story for the ages." --Julie Orringer, *New York Times Book Review*

"*The Afterlife of Stars* moved me more than any other novel I've read in recent memory." --Tim O'Brien

New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice

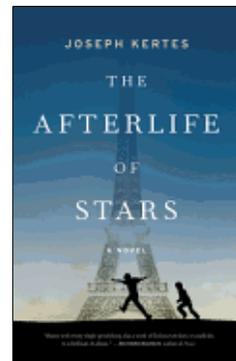
"10 New Books We Recommend This Week" --*New York Times Book Review*

A Brother's Love is Forever

As Russian tanks roll through the cobblestone streets of Budapest and shots ring out, young Robert and Attila Beck, inseparable brothers, peer from the boot of a toppled statue of Stalin at the first grisly signs of revolution. The year is 1956. That October day, Russian soldiers will storm their family home, prompting the boys' hurried escape from the city with their parents, grandmother, and two cousins. Not all will survive. Their immediate destination is Paris, and the town house of Hermina, their great-aunt, once a renowned opera singer, now a recluse who wears long gloves to preserve her dignity against a past scarred by an unspeakable violence.

Along the way, these two brothers encounter mysterious fellow travelers, witness the bewildering sights of a nation in transition, and grapple with rivalry and loss, while never losing their capacity for joy or their appreciation of humor, and each other, as they stare down the unaccountable and the absurd. Robert, the younger, idolizes the fiery Attila, whose growing edge of anger and rebellion threatens to endanger them both. As exiles in Paris, they seek adventure and whatever semblance of home they might find, from the unfamiliar streets to the labyrinthine sewers beneath. When the duo uncovers a long-held family secret involving a double agent and a daring Holocaust rescue, this novel hurtles toward its cataclysmic conclusion. A fleeting decision by Attila has consequences that will last a lifetime, and the bond that has proved unbreakable may be the brothers' undoing.

With dazzling storytelling and a firm belief in the power of humor in the face of turmoil, Joseph Kertes has crafted a fierce saga of identity and love that resonates through its final page. *The Afterlife of Stars* is not only a stirring account of one displaced family's possibilities for salvation, but also an extraordinary tale of the singular and enduring ties of brotherhood.



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Fifth Petal

by Brunonia Barry

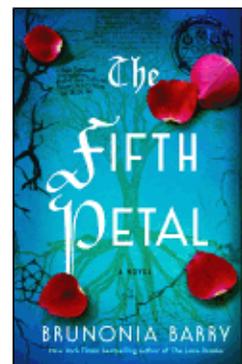
Published 2017 by Crown Publishing Group (NY)

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781101905609

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Jacket Notes:

Beloved author Brunonia Barry returns to the world of THE LACE READER with this spellbinding new thriller, a complex brew of suspense, seduction and murder.



When a teenage boy dies suspiciously on Halloween night, Salem's chief of police, John Rafferty, now married to gifted lace reader Towner Whitney, wonders if there is a connection between his death and Salem's most notorious cold case, a triple homicide dubbed "The Goddess Murders," in which three young women, all descended from accused Salem witches, were slashed on Halloween night in 1989. He finds unexpected help in Callie Cahill, the daughter of one of the victims newly returned to town. Neither believes that the main suspect, Rose Whelan, respected local historian, is guilty of murder or witchcraft.

But exonerating Rose might mean crossing paths with a dangerous force. Were the women victims of an all-too-human vengeance, or was the devil raised in Salem that night? And if they cannot discover what truly happened, will evil rise again?

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Publishers Weekly 11/28/2016

Bestselling author Barry (*The Lace Reader* brings readers into the historic town of Salem, Mass., where the parallels between a past crime and the present-day death of a teenage boy at the hanging site of the Salem witches seem all too familiar to the suspicious community. Rose, a once-respected Salem witch-trial historian and scholar who was the primary suspect in the unsolved Goddess murders, which rocked the town nearly 20 years ago, has never been the same after the humiliation of the investigation. Now a mentally unstable outcast, Rose is again the target of public scrutiny concerning the murder of the troubled teen. The chief of police, Rafferty, and Callie, Rose's niece and daughter of one of the murdered women, aren't convinced of Rose's guilt. Whisked away from Salem under the care of nuns after the death of her mother, Callie was the sole witness to the Goddess murders and has been sheltered from much of her family history until news of the murdered boy brings her again to Salem and memories begin flooding back during waking dreams. By reopening the Goddess-murder cases and relying on the power of modern magic, mythology, and history, Callie and Rafferty seek to uncover the true murderer. Dark and suspenseful, Barry's well-constructed tale is filled with traps and red herrings as the truth is slowly revealed and Salem is forced to confront its sordid past. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Girl Before

by Jp Delaney

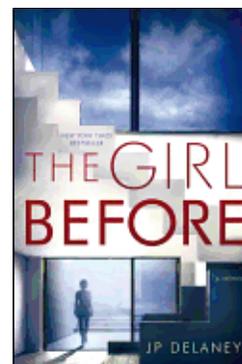
Published 2017 by Ballantine Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780425285046

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Jacket Notes:

In the tradition of *The Girl on the Train*, *The Silent Wife*, and *Gone Girl* comes an enthralling psychological thriller that spins one woman's seemingly good fortune, and another woman's mysterious fate, through a kaleidoscope of duplicity, death, and deception.



SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE DIRECTED BY RON HOWARD

Please make a list of every possession you consider essential to your life.

The request seems odd, even intrusive--and for the two women who answer, the consequences are devastating.

EMMA

Reeling from a traumatic break-in, Emma wants a new place to live. But none of the apartments she sees are affordable or feel safe. Until One Folgate Street. The house is an architectural masterpiece: a minimalist design of pale stone, plate glass, and soaring ceilings. But there are rules. The enigmatic architect who designed the house retains full control: no books, no throw pillows, no photos or clutter or personal effects of any kind. The space is intended to transform its occupant--and it does.

JANE

After a personal tragedy, Jane needs a fresh start. When she finds One Folgate Street she is instantly drawn to the space--and to its aloof but seductive creator. Moving in, Jane soon learns about the untimely death of the home's previous tenant, a woman similar to Jane in age and appearance. As Jane tries to untangle truth from lies, she unwittingly follows the same patterns, makes the same choices, crosses paths with the same people, and experiences the same terror, as the girl before.

Advance praise for *The Girl Before*

"Dazzling, startling, and above all cunning--a pitch-perfect novel of psychological suspense."--**Lee Child**

"Riveting! One of the most compelling page-turners I've read in years. Twisty, turny, and with an ending not to be missed!"--**Lisa Gardner**

"*The Girl Before* is a cat-and-mouse game that toys with our expectations and twists our sympathies. At times almost unbearably suspenseful, it keeps us guessing from the first page to the very last. Don't miss it."--**Joseph Funder**

"Riveting . . . Writing with precision and grace, Delaney strips away the characters' secrets until the raw truth of each is revealed."--**Publishers Weekly**

"Superior psychological suspense . . . a cleverly constructed thriller."--**The Bookseller**

"A masterfully crafted spellbinder . . . guaranteed to astonish."--**Booklist (starred review)**

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Publishers Weekly 10/24/2016

In the pseudonymous Delaneyas riveting psychological thriller, first Emma Matthews and then Jane Cavendish take up residence at One Folgate Street in London. The house, a masterpiece of minimalist architecture designed by the enigmatic Edward Monkford, is let only to tenants willing to abide by his stringent rules, which reduce life to its basics. This setup appeals to people looking for order, like Emma, whoas trying to recover from a brutal attack thatas hastening the end of her relationship with a man who adores her. Later, it is Jane, grief-stricken by the stillbirth of her daughter, who seeks asylum within One Folgateas walls. Both find themselves drawn to the houseas creator and its tragic history. Were the deaths of Edwardas family members accidental? Or were they murdered for not conforming to Edwardas obsessive need for order? Writing with precision and grace, Delaney strips away the charactersa secrets until the raw truth of each is revealed. That Emma and Jane act in often foolhardy ways hasnat prevented rights sales in more than 30 markets and movie rights to Universal with Ron Howard directing. *Agent: Caradoc King, United Artists (U.K.). (Jan.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Girl in Green

by Derek B Miller

Published 2017 by Houghton Mifflin

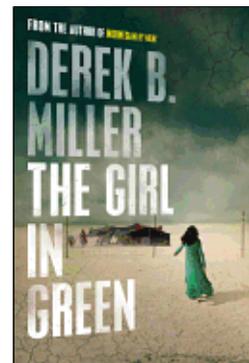
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780544706255

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Jacket Notes:

From the author of *Norwegian by Night*, a novel about two men on a misbegotten quest to save the girl they failed to save decades before

1991. Near Checkpoint Zulu, one hundred miles from the Kuwaiti border, Thomas Benton meets Arwood Hobbes. Benton is a British journalist who



reports from war zones in part to avoid his lackluster marriage and a daughter he loves but cannot connect with; Arwood is a midwestern American private who might be an insufferable ignoramus, or might be a genuine lunatic with a death wish--it's hard to tell. Desert Storm is over, peace has been declared, but as they argue about whether it makes sense to cross the nearest border in search of an ice cream, they become embroiled in a horrific attack in which a young local girl in a green dress is killed as they are trying to protect her. The two men walk away into their respective lives. But something has cracked for them both. Twenty-two years later, in another place, in another war, they meet again and are offered an unlikely opportunity to redeem themselves when that same girl in green is found alive and in need of salvation. Or is she?"

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Publishers Weekly 11/14/2016

Miller's second novel (after *Norwegian by Night*) is a polished and powerful commentary on the effects of war on two men: an ambitious British journalist and a clueless American soldier who meet briefly in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War in 1991. Private Arwood Hobbes and Brit reporter Thomas Benton witness the slaughter of Shiite civilians by the Iraqi army and cannot prevent the cold-blooded murder of a young girl in a green dress. The experience haunts both men for years, but 22 years later, in 2013, shocking news footage of an insurgent attack in Iraq reunites the two men in a desperate and risky gambit to save a girl in a green dress shown in the video. Middle-aged Hobbes is energized to right an old wrong, and old, slow Benton is reluctant to get involved. Amid the dangerous Syrian, Iraqi, and Kurdish refugee crisis in northern Iraq, Hobbes and Benton team up with a U.N. refugee officer, but the men are captured by ISIL terrorists, beginning a deadly cat and mouse game of torture, intimidation, and negotiation. Benton doesn't understand Hobbes's obsession with the girl in the video or the unique skills he's gained since 1991. This is an excellent depiction of the complicated Iraq-Syria situation, especially the desperate plight of refugees and the West's failure to provide peace or relief. Miller caps his stellar, electrifying story with a knockout ending. (*Jan*) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

Most Dangerous Place on Earth

by Lindsey Lee Johnson

Published 2017 by Random House

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780812997279

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Jacket Notes:

An unforgettable cast of characters is unleashed into a realm known for its cruelty the American high school in this captivating debut novel.

The wealthy enclaves north of San Francisco are not the paradise they appear to be, and nobody knows this better than the students of a local high school. Despite being raised with all the opportunities money can buy, these vulnerable kids are navigating a treacherous adolescence in which every action, every rumor, every feeling, is potentially postable, shareable, viral.

Lindsey Lee Johnson's kaleidoscopic narrative exposes at every turn the real human beings beneath the high school stereotypes. Abigail Cress is ticking off the boxes toward the Ivy League when she makes the first impulsive decision of her life: entering into an inappropriate relationship with a teacher. Dave Chu, who knows himself at heart to be a typical B student, takes desperate measures to live up to his parents' crushing expectations. Emma Fleed, a gifted dancer, balances rigorous rehearsals with wild weekends. Damon Flintov returns from a stint at rehab looking to prove that he's not an irredeemable screwup. And Calista Broderick, once part of the popular crowd, chooses, for reasons of her own, to become a hippie outcast.

Into this complicated web, an idealistic young English teacher arrives from a poorer, scruffier part of California. Molly Nicoll strives to connect with her students without understanding the middle school tragedy that played out online and has continued to reverberate in different ways for all of them.

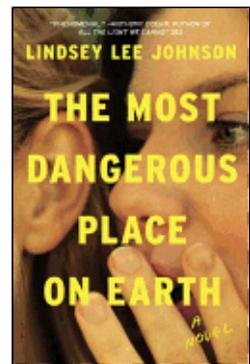
Written with the rare talent capable of turning teenage drama into urgent, adult fiction, *The Most Dangerous Place on Earth* makes vivid a modern adolescence lived in the gleam of the virtual, but rich with sorrow, passion, and humanity.

Praise for *The Most Dangerous Place on Earth*

A young high school teacher stumbles on buried secrets in this engrossing, multilayered drama. *Cosmopolitan*

If you are cruising for a quality read that's also an unputdownable quickie, reach for Lindsey Lee Johnson's debut novel, *The Most Dangerous Place on Earth*. It's a high-wire high school drama. *Elle*

The characters in Lindsey Lee Johnson's debut novel affected me in a way I can't remember feeling since I binge-watched all five seasons of *Friday Night*



Lights. . . . You'll walk away feeling like you could revisit a hallway drama armed with bulletproof perspective. *Glamour*

In Johnson's excellent debut, her sharp storytelling conveys an authentic sense of the perils of adolescence. . . . Readers may find themselves so swept up in this enthralling novel that they finish it in a single sitting. *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

Johnson's polished debut novel puts a human face to the details of today's daily headlines of teen life. *Library Journal* (starred review)

In sharp and assured prose, roving among characters, Lindsey Lee Johnson plumbs the terrifying depths of a half-dozen ultraprivileged California high school kids. . . . It's a phenomenal first book, a compassionate *Less Than Zero* for the digital age. **Anthony Doerr, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Light We Cannot See***

The Most Dangerous Place on Earth is a deftly composed mosaic of adolescence in the modern age, frightening and compelling in its honesty: a terrific debut, and one that I didn't want to set down. **Julia Pierpont, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Among the Ten Thousand Things*"**

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Publishers Weekly 08/15/2016

Welcome to Mill Valley, endowed with not only green mountains and gold hillsides, but also redwood forests, canyon waterfalls, a just over the bridge from San Francisco in affluent Marin County. It's hardly the most dangerous place to grow up, but in Johnson's excellent debut, her sharp storytelling conveys an authentic sense of the perils of adolescence observed through a group of teenagers complicit in a terrible event back when they were all in middle school: the suicide of a classmate beset by cyberbullying after sending a love note. The group, now high school juniors, is seen through the eyes of Molly Niccol, a young new English teacher from outside Fresno, a nowhere place between beige strip mall and brown farmland. Molly is anxious to connect with her students; she's not so far removed from her own teen years, when she felt the same claustrophobic rage that she could not explain to anyone... there was no clear reason why she should be in any particular moment so furious, so bored. Molly struggles to make sense of the kids in her class and the rumors about them she hears in the teachers' lounge, like ambitious Abigail's affair with a teacher, and the disappearance of Damon Flintov, one of the original middle school tormentors. Johnson allows these dramas to unfold through various shifting perspectives, including the texts and Facebook posts that run current to teenage life. She keeps the action brisk and deepens readers' investment, culminating in high school party that goes wrong. Readers may find themselves so swept up in this enthralling novel that they finish it in a single sitting. "Agent: Susan Golomb, Susan Golomb Agency. (Jan.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Wicked City

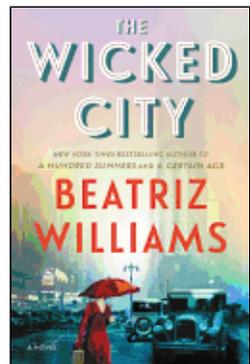
by Beatriz Williams

Published 2017 by William Morrow & Company

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Jacket Notes:



Bestselling author Beatriz Williams brings together two generations of women inside a Greenwich Village apartment a flapper hiding an extraordinary past, and a modern-day Manhattanite forced to start her life anew.

When she discovers her banker husband has been harboring a secret life, Ella Gilbert escapes their sleek SoHo loft for a studio in a quaint building in Greenwich Village. But her new refuge isn't quite what it seems. Her charismatic musician neighbor, Hector, warns her to stay out of the basement after midnight, when a symphony of mysterious noise strikes up laughter, clinking glasses, jazz piano, the occasional bloodcurdling scream even though it's stood empty for decades. Back in the Roaring Twenties, the building hosted one of the city's most notorious speakeasies.

In 1924, Geneva "Gin" Kelly, a quick-witted flapper from the hills of western Maryland, is a regular at this Village hideaway known as the Christopher Club. Caught up in a raid, Gin lands in the office of Prohibition enforcement agent Oliver Anson, who persuades her to help him catch her stepfather, Duke Kelly, one of Appalachia's most notorious bootleggers.

Sired by a wealthy New York scion who abandoned her showgirl mother, Gin is nobody's fool. She strikes a risky bargain

with the taciturn, straight-arrow Revenue agent, even though her on-again, off-again Princeton beau, Billy Marshall, wants to make an honest woman of her and heal the legacy of her hardscrabble childhood. Gin's alliance with Anson rattles Manhattan society, exposing sins that shock even this free-spirited redhead sins that echo from the canyons of Wall Street to the mountain hollers of her hometown.

As Ella unravels the strange history of the building and the family thread that connects her to Geneva Kelly she senses the Jazz Age spirit of her incandescent predecessor invading her own shy nature, in ways that will transform her life in the wicked city. . .

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Say Goodbye for Now

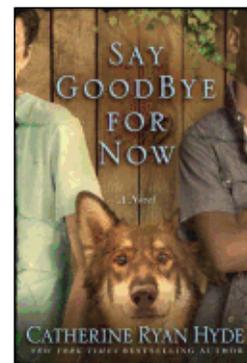
by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Published 2016 by Lake Union Publishing

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781503939448

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Jacket Notes:



Catherine Ryan Hyde delivers once again with this feel-good story guaranteed to be a hit *Redbook*

On an isolated Texas ranch, Dr. Lucy cares for abandoned animals. The solitude allows her to avoid the people and places that remind her of the past. Not that any of the townsfolk care. In 1959, no one is interested in a woman doctor. Nor are they welcoming Calvin and Justin Bell, a newly arrived African American father and son.

When Pete Solomon, a neglected twelve-year-old boy, and Justin bring a wounded wolf-dog hybrid to Dr. Lucy, the outcasts soon find refuge in one another. Lucy never thought she'd make connections again, never mind fall in love. Pete never imagined he'd find friends as loyal as Justin and the dog. But these four people aren't allowed to be friends, much less a family, when the whole town turns violently against them.

With heavy hearts, Dr. Lucy and Pete say goodbye to Calvin and Justin. But through the years they keep hope alive waiting for the world to catch up with them.

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Lucky Boy

by Shanthi Sekaran

Published 2017 by G.P. Putnam's Sons

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781101982242

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Jacket Notes:

A gripping tale of adventure and searing reality, *Lucky Boy* gives voice to two mothers bound together by their love for one lucky boy.

"Sekaran has written a page-turner that's touching and all too real." --*People*

"A fiercely compassionate story about the bonds and the bounds of motherhood and, ultimately, of love."--Cristina Henriquez, author of *The Book of Unknown Americans*

Eighteen years old and fizzing with optimism, Solimar Castro-Valdez embarks on a perilous journey across the Mexican border. Weeks later, she arrives in Berkeley, California, dazed by first love found then lost, and pregnant. This was not the plan. Undocumented and unmoored, Soli discovers that her son, Ignacio, can become her touchstone, and motherhood her identity in a world where she's otherwise invisible.

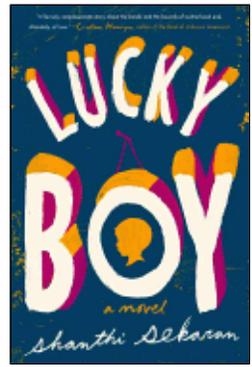
Kavya Reddy has created a beautiful life in Berkeley, but then she can't get pregnant and that beautiful life seems suddenly empty. When Soli is placed in immigrant detention and Ignacio comes under Kavya's care, Kavya finally gets to be the singing, story-telling kind of mother she dreamed of being. But she builds her love on a fault line, her heart wrapped around someone else's child.

"Nacho" to Soli, and "Iggy" to Kavya, the boy is steeped in love, but his destiny and that of his two mothers teeters between two worlds as Soli fights to get back to him. *Lucky Boy* is a moving and revelatory ode to the ever-changing borders of love.

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Publishers Weekly 10/03/2016

Sekaran's second novel (after *The Prayer Room* humanizes the issue of illegal immigration. Born in a small, impoverished village in Mexico, teenage Soli makes the dangerous journey across the border to the U.S. and ends up in Berkeley, Calif., living with her cousin, Silvia, and working as housekeeper to the well-to-do Cassidy family. In a parallel story, Kavya Reddy and her techie husband, Rishi, frustrated at their inability to get pregnant, decide to adopt. Having become pregnant en route to the U.S., Soli gives birth to a little boy she nicknames Nacho. Arrested, she is sent to immigrant detention and Nacho is placed in foster care, where he eventually comes to the attention of Kavya and Rishi, who attempt to adopt the boy. But they find there is a steep learning curve in becoming instant parents. From her cell in Washington State, Soli fights the Reddys for custody of her son. With the odds stacked against her, she is left with no choice but to make a desperate bid for freedom for herself and her son. Sekaran has made sure to tell a story without obvious villains (except for government functionaries). Despite the unsurprising and drawn-out ending, Soli and Kavya are both given sympathetic treatment thanks to the textured rendering of their lives, and readers will be emotionally invested in Nacho's fate. Agent: Lindsay Edgcombe, Levine, Greenburg, Rostan Agency. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



Patriots

by Sana Krasikov

Published 2017 by Spiegel & Grau

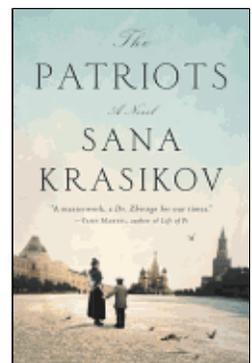
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Jacket Notes:

A sweeping multigenerational debut novel about idealism, betrayal, and family secrets that takes us from Brooklyn in the 1930s to Soviet Russia to post-Cold War America

When the Great Depression hits, Florence Fein leaves Brooklyn College for what appears to be a plum job in Moscow--and the promise of love and



independence. But once in Russia, she quickly becomes entangled in a country she can't escape. Many years later, Florence's son, Julian, will make the opposite journey, immigrating back to the United States. His work in the oil industry takes him on frequent visits to Moscow, and when he learns that Florence's KGB file has been opened, he arranges a business trip to uncover the truth about his mother, and to convince his son, Lenny, who is trying to make his fortune in the new Russia, to return home. What he discovers is both chilling and heartbreaking: an untold story of what happened to a generation of Americans abandoned by their country.

The Patriots is a riveting evocation of the Cold War years, told with brilliant insight and extraordinary skill. Alternating between Florence's and Julian's perspectives, it is at once a mother-son story and a tale of two countries bound in a dialectic dance; a love story and a spy story; both a grand, old-fashioned epic and a contemporary novel of ideas. Through the history of one family moving back and forth between continents over three generations, *The Patriots* is a poignant tale of the power of love, the rewards and risks of friendship, and the secrets parents and children keep from one another.

Praise for *The Patriots*

"*The Patriots* is a historical romance in the old style: multigenerational, multi-narrative, intercontinental, laden with back stories and historical research, moving between scrupulous detail and sweeping panoramas, the first-person voice and a kaleidoscopic third, melodrama and satire, Cleveland in 1933 and Moscow in 2008."--**Nathaniel Rich, *The New York Times Book Review***

"Extraordinary . . . *The Patriots* has the weight of a classic."--**Commentary Magazine**

"I found on every page an observation so acute, a sentence of such truth and shining detail, that it demanded re-reading for the sheer pleasure of it. *The Patriots* has convinced me that Krasikov belongs among the totemic young writers of her era."--**Khaled Hosseini, author of *And the Mountains Echoed* and *The Kite Runner***

"*The Patriots* is a masterwork, a *Dr. Zhivago* for our times. It is a novel rooted in characters so real you weep over their tragic fates, so realized you think you're watching a movie, with sentences so sharp and wise they stop you in your tracks."--**Yann Martel, author of *The High Mountains of Portugal* and *Life of Pi***

"Sana Krasikov's masterful *The Patriots* works that rare novelistic magic that can sweep us over tumultuous decades, illuminate the workings of history, and at the same time reveal the personal depths of rich, complex characters. This is one of the finest first novels I've read in ages."--**Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Empire of Night* and *The Star of Istanbul***

"Suspenseful . . . In a galvanizing tale of flawed and courageous protagonists, erotic and political passion, and harrowing struggles for survival, Krasikov masterfully and devastatingly exposes the 'whole dark clockwork' of totalitarianism and asks what it means to be a hero, a patriot, a human being."--**Booklist (starred review)**

"Ambitious and compelling."--**Kirkus Reviews (starred review)**

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Publishers Weekly 11/21/2016

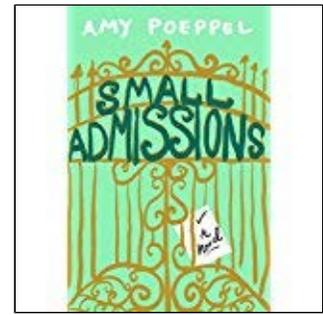
Three generations of a Russian-American Jewish family are caught in the turmoil of the Soviet Union and its aftermath in Krasikov's capacious, exhausting novel. In 1933, the headstrong young Brooklynite Florence Fein meets Soviet engineer Sergey Sokolov through her work at Amtorg, the unofficial Soviet trade mission in the U.S. After a summer affair, she follows Sergey back to the Old World, dreaming of a more equitable society; the reality she finds in the city of Magnitogorsk looks more like appalling sanitation... endless hunger... bullying superiors. Journeying on to Moscow, she begins to make a new life with a new love, a fellow expatriate lured by the Soviet promise of the future, but that life is soon imperiled by Stalin's purges, as arrests, interrogations, and executions terrorize the population. By shifting frequently among narrators and time periods, Krasikov suggests that the perils of Russian life are perennial; in 2008, Florence's adult son, Julian, now living in the U.S. and working for an oil company, returns to Moscow and finds himself faced not only with pervasive corruption, but with the possibility that his own son, Lenny, may be endangered by the unsavory business deal he has been tasked to execute. Krasikov aims for a cubist take on the Soviet century, touching on orphanages, labor camps, universities, and the theater. The plot lags and the prose is awkward, but readers may discover some interesting details of the time and place through the extensive research Krasikov implements into the story. (*Feb.*) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Small Admissions

by Amy Poeppel

Published 2016 by Atria Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781501122521



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Jacket Notes:

People s Book of the Week

Perfect for fans of Curtis Sittenfeld's *Prep*. *Booklist*

Top 6 Books You Need to Read *BuzzFeed*

Best Books to Give Every Book Lover on Your List *Town and Country*

One admission can change your life...forever.

When ambitious grad student Kate Pearson's handsome French almost fiance ditches her, she definitely does not roll with the punches, despite the best efforts of family and friends. It seems that nothing will get Kate out of pajamas and back into the world.

Miraculously, one cringe-worthy job interview leads to a position in the admissions department at the revered Hudson Day School. Kate's instantly thrown into a highly competitive and occasionally absurd culture, where she interviews all types of children: suitable, wildly unsuitable, charming, loathsome, ingratiating, or spoiled beyond all measure. And then there are the Park Avenue parents who refuse to take no for an answer.

As Kate begins to learn there's no room for self-pity or nonsense during the height of admissions season or life itself, her sister and friends find themselves keeping secrets, dropping bombshells, and arguing with each other about how to keep Kate on her feet. Meanwhile, Kate seems to be doing very nicely, thank you, and is even beginning to find out that her broken heart is very much on the mend. Welcome to the world of *Small Admissions*."

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Publishers Weekly 09/12/2016

The focus in Poeppel's quick-witted debut novel is on elite private school admissions. Kate Pearson is a sharp yet aimless young woman a couple of years out of Wellesley, struggling to recover from a disastrous breakup. Her helicopter sister, Angela, gets her a job interview, which is a comical nightmare for Kate and her prospective boss. Surprisingly to both of them he hires her to be in charge of admissions at Manhattan's prestigious Hudson Day School. Poeppel's novel follows Kate's journey from hot mess to self-actualizing grown-up, while detailing the campaigns for admission of a small group of students and their families. Some rise to the challenge, but one fails miserably. The novel is also about friendship and family, and the author gently satirizes hippie academics through Kate's parents, whose nontraditional take on child rearing contributed in no small part to Angela's tightly wound demeanor. Rounding out the cast are Kate's two best friends: Chloe, who goes to extreme, humorous lengths to find Kate a boyfriend, and Vicki, who tries to manipulate the situation to her advantage. With so many strong personalities and disparate threads, Kate and her story might easily have gotten lost, but the author, like a circus ringmaster, points attention here and there, always bringing it back to the center. An excellent debut. (*Dec.*) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

River at Night

by Erica Ferencik

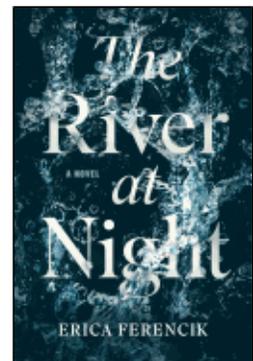
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Jacket Notes:

A January 2017 Indie Next Pick



A *Bustle* Most Anticipated Thriller Novel of 2017

A high stakes drama set against the harsh beauty of the Maine wilderness, charting the journey of four friends as they fight to survive the aftermath of a white water rafting accident, *The River at Night* is a nonstop and unforgettable thriller by a stunning new voice in fiction.

Winifred Allen needs a vacation.

Stifled by a soul-crushing job, devastated by the death of her beloved brother, and lonely after the end of a fifteen-year marriage, Wini is feeling vulnerable. So when her three best friends insist on a high-octane getaway for their annual girls trip, she signs on, despite her misgivings.

What starts out as an invigorating hiking and rafting excursion in the remote Allagash Wilderness soon becomes an all-too-real nightmare: A freak accident leaves the women stranded, separating them from their raft and everything they need to survive. When night descends, a fire on the mountainside lures them to a ramshackle camp that appears to be their lifeline. But as Wini and her friends grasp the true intent of their supposed saviors, long buried secrets emerge and lifelong allegiances are put to the test. To survive, Wini must reach beyond the world she knows to harness an inner strength she never knew she possessed.

With intimately observed characters, visceral prose, and pacing as ruthless as the river itself, *The River at Night* is a dark exploration of creatures both friend and foe that you won't soon forget."

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Publishers Weekly 10/17/2016

The decision of four female friends pushing 40 to spend their vacation white-water rafting in a remote corner of Maine jump-starts this adrenaline rush of a novel from Ferencik (*Repeaters*). Winifred aWinia Allen isn't keen on the idea, but she goes along to be with Pia Zanderlee, who arranged the trip, and two other close friends. Wini also needs to get away her brother has recently died, her husband has left her, and she despises her job as a graphic designer for a Boston-based food magazine. Pia has hired a hunky 20-year-old Maine college student, Rory Ekhart, to be their guide. The river outing has barely begun when tragedy strikes and the group is left without their raft and most supplies. But battling nature pales when they realize that they aren't the only people in the area. Set over five days, this adventure tests the women's friendship while also depicting their resilience. Fans of John Dickey's *Deliverance* will enjoy this current take on the wilderness survival tale. Agent: Erin Harris, Folio Literary Management. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

All the Ugly and Wonderful Things

by Bryn Greenwood

Published 2016 by Thomas Dunne Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250074133

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***New York Times* bestseller**

***USA Today* bestseller**

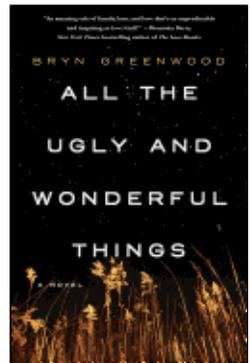
Book of the Month Club 2016 Book of the Year

Second Place Goodreads Best Fiction of 2016

31 Books Bringing the Heat this Summer --*Bustle*

Top Ten Hottest Reads of 2016 --*New York Daily News*

Best Books of 2016 --*St. Louis Post Dispatch*



A beautiful and provocative love story between two unlikely people and the hard-won relationship that elevates them above the Midwestern meth lab backdrop of their lives.

As the daughter of a drug dealer, Wavy knows not to trust people, not even her own parents. It's safer to keep her mouth shut and stay out of sight. Struggling to raise her little brother, Donal, eight-year-old Wavy is the only responsible adult around. Obsessed with the constellations, she finds peace in the starry night sky above the fields behind her house, until one night her star gazing causes an accident. After witnessing his motorcycle wreck, she forms an unusual friendship with one of her father's thugs, Kellen, a tattooed ex-con with a heart of gold.

By the time Wavy is a teenager, her relationship with Kellen is the only tender thing in a brutal world of addicts and debauchery. When tragedy rips Wavy's family apart, a well-meaning aunt steps in, and what is beautiful to Wavy looks ugly under the scrutiny of the outside world. A powerful novel you won't soon forget, Bryn Greenwood's *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things* challenges all we know and believe about love.

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Publishers Weekly 06/13/2016

Greenwood's strong debut, set throughout the United States, is about a young girl's triumph over the sordid life she might have led as the daughter of drug addicts, one of whom is a meth dealer. The author skillfully creates widely varied and original voices, as the story unfolds from a variety of characters' viewpoints, whether it's Wavy, the main character, whom we see growing from a six-year-old to a young adult; Wavy's grandmother, who takes care of her for a time before succumbing to cancer; or the loving Kellen, whose street smarts makes up for his lack of education. The relationship at the heart of the novel is between Wavy and Kellen, a drug runner for her father who changes her life. In *Wavy*, Greenwood has fashioned a resilient girl who doesn't speak much, hiding a fierce intelligence and strong will that enables her to take care of herself and her infant brother despite her parents' drug habits. This is a memorable coming-of-age tale about loyalty, defiance, and the power of love under the most improbable circumstances. "(Aug.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

Invisible Library **(First book in the Invisible Library Novel series)**

by Genevieve Cogman

Published 2016 by Ace Books

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781101988640

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Jacket Notes:

Collecting books can be a dangerous prospect in this fun, time-traveling, fantasy adventure from a spectacular debut author.

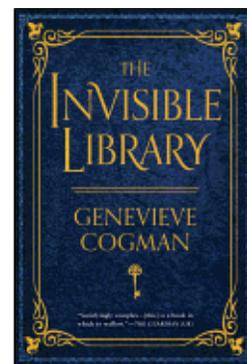
One thing any Librarian will tell you: the truth is much stranger than fiction...

Irene is a professional spy for the mysterious Library, a shadowy organization that collects important works of fiction from all of the different realities. Most recently, she and her enigmatic assistant Kai have been sent to an alternative London. Their mission: Retrieve a particularly dangerous book. The problem: By the time they arrive, it's already been stolen.

London's underground factions are prepared to fight to the death to find the tome before Irene and Kai do, a problem compounded by the fact that this world is chaos-infested--the laws of nature bent to allow supernatural creatures and unpredictable magic to run rampant. To make matters worse, Kai is hiding something--secrets that could be just as volatile as the chaos-filled world itself.

Now Irene is caught in a puzzling web of deadly danger, conflicting clues, and sinister secret societies. And failure is not an option--because it isn't just Irene's reputation at stake, it's the nature of reality itself...

FEATURING BONUS MATERIAL: including an interview with the author, a legend from the Library, and more!



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Publishers Weekly 04/25/2016

The first entry in Cogmanas debut fantasy series follows the adventures of feisty spy Irene. Sheas employed by the mysterious organization known as the Library, which exists across space and time, to find unique works of fiction across alternate realities and store them for posterity. Her latest mission is to find a tome in a version of London populated with vampires, werewolves, and Fair Folk while training one of the Libraryas newest recruits, the enigmatic Kai. She gets more than she bargains for when the book is stolen and sheas thrust into a dangerous underworld where magic and intrigue meet. Cogman writes with a vivacity and wittiness that breathes new life into the genre. Marrying political and academic intrigue with high-stakes battle scenes, the plot moves at a fair clip, with a captivating cast of characters. The relationship between Irene and Kai omits cliched romantic tension, and the banter they share is quite refreshing. Reminiscent of the works of Diana Wynne Jones and Neil Gaiman, Cogmanas novel is a true treat to read. "Agent: Lucienne Diver, Knight Agency. (June)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Fever Dream

by Samanta Schweblin

Published 2017 by Riverhead Books

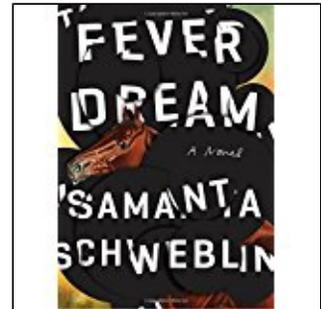
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Jacket Notes:

"Samanta Schweblin selectricstory reads like a*Fever Dream*." *Vanity Fair*

"Genius." Jia Tolentino, *The New Yorker*



A young woman named Amanda lies dying in a rural hospital clinic. A boy named David sits beside her. She s not his mother. He's not her child. Together, they tell a haunting story of broken souls, toxins, and the power and desperation of family.

Fever Dream is a nightmare come to life, a ghost story for the real world, a love story and a cautionary tale. One of the freshest new voices to come out of the Spanish language and translated into English for the first time, Samanta Schweblin creates an aura of strange psychological menace and otherworldly reality in this absorbing, unsettling, taut novel."

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Publishers Weekly 10/24/2016

In her pulsating debut, Schweblin tells the story of Amanda, a young mother dying in a hospital, who talks to a neighborhood boy, David, as he sits by her bedside. David has Amanda recount the events leading up to her sudden illnessa in search of, as he says, athe wormsa that caused her ailmenta and the result is a swirling narrative packed with dream logic and bizarre coincidences, where souls shift from sick bodies to healthy hosts and poisonous toxins seep under the skin upon contact with the grass. As Amanda and her daughter, Nina, try to settle in at their vacation home away from the city, they become entangled with Carla, Davidas mother, who appears at random intervals and spins wild tales of her son. After a frightening encounter with David, Amanda throws Carla and the boy out of her home, yet before long, the trio of women are reunited, and from her future hospital bed, a semilucid Amanda tries to remember how this meeting resulted in her death spiral. Powered by an unreliable narratora is Amanda imagining David by her side?a Schweblin guides her reader through a nightmare scenario with amazing skill. (*Jan.*) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Ice Beneath Her

by Camilla Grebe

Published 2016 by Ballantine Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780425284322



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Jacket Notes:

Acclaimed Swedish author Camilla Grebe makes her solo American debut with a psychological thriller as cunning in its twists as it is captivating in its storytelling for fans of the celebrated crime fiction of Camilla Lackberg, Jo Nesbo, Ruth Ware, and Fiona Barton.

Winter's chill has descended on Stockholm as police arrive at the scene of a shocking murder. An unidentified woman lies beheaded in a posh suburban home a brutal crime made all the more disturbing by its uncanny resemblance to an unsolved killing ten years earlier. But this time there's a suspect: the charismatic and controversial chain-store CEO Jesper Orre, who owns the home but is nowhere to be found.

To homicide detectives Peter Lindgren and Manfred Olsson, nothing about the suave, high-profile businessman including a playboy reputation and rumors of financial misdeeds suggests he conceals the dark heart and twisted mind of a cold-blooded killer. In search of a motive, Lindgren and Olsson turn to the brilliant criminal profiler Hanne Lagerlind-Schon. Once a valued police asset, now marooned in unhappy retirement and a crumbling marriage, she's eager to exercise her keen skills again and offer the detectives a window into the secret soul of Jesper Orre.

But they're not the only ones searching. Two months before, Emma Bohman, a young clerk at Orre's company, chanced to meet the charming chief executive, and romance swiftly bloomed. Almost as quickly as the passionate affair ignited, it was over when Orre inexplicably disappeared. One staggering misfortune after another followed, leaving Emma certain that her runaway lover was to blame and transforming her confusion and heartbreak into anger.

Now, pursuing the same mysterious man for different reasons, Emma and the police are destined to cross paths in a chilling dance of obsession, vengeance, madness, and love gone hellishly wrong.

Advance praise for *The Ice Beneath Her*

Exceptional. *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

Fans of Scandinavian crime fiction, and crime fiction generally, will enjoy the understated, angsty drama created by Grebe; librarians desperate for *Girl on the Train* read-alikes can also turn to this for readers who enjoy an antiheroine. *Booklist*

Impressive . . . a tour de force that lifts its author to the front rank among the increasingly crowded field of Nordic noir. *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

The Ice Beneath Her deserves to be called a page-turner I read it in one sitting! The narrative is fast-paced and the twists superb. **Cecilia Ekback, bestselling author of *Wolf Winter***

Slowly and subtly, Camilla Grebe lets *The Ice Beneath Her* unfold into a multilayered, psychologically nuanced murder mystery in which the truth, rather than drawing nearer, keeps slipping further and further away until it strikes with full force. **Arne Dahl, bestselling author of *Misterioso***

Tense, gripping, and utterly unpredictable . . . Camilla Grebe is an extraordinarily gifted writer and a master of suspense. **Kristina Ohlsson, bestselling author of *Unwanted***"

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Publishers Weekly 09/26/2016

The decapitation of a young woman propels Grebe's exceptional solo debut, which examines three lives broken by failures to take responsibility in a Stockholm where even the sky is crying. Peter Lindgren, the detective investigating the crime, is afraid of commitment and still hasn't accepted the teenage son he never wanted; shop assistant Emma Bohman, whose now-missing wealthy lover appears to be the prime suspect in the murder, dwells on her painful dysfunctional childhood; and profiler Hanne Lagerlind-Schon, who's trapped in a suffocating marriage, faces early-onset Alzheimer's while helping the police with the case. The present-day crime resembles a 10-year-old cold case during which Peter and Hanne shared a short, tragic relationship. In alternating chapters, the three central figures regret what could have been, grieve for what's been lost, and lament what seemingly can never be, until their bone-rattling self-revelations are redeemed at last by human love. Grebe has collaborated with her sister, Asa Traff, on the crime series featuring psychologist Siri Bergman (*More Bitter than Death* etc.). Agents: Astri Von Arbin Ahlander and Christine Edhall, Ahlander Agency

One Man: The Riveting and Intense Bestselling WWII Thriller

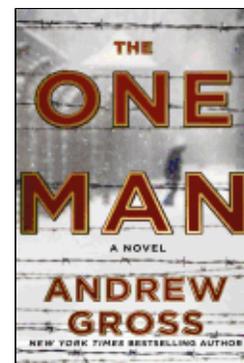
by Andrew Gross

Published 2016 by Minotaur Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250079503

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Jacket Notes:



"As moving as it is gripping. A winner on all fronts."--*Booklist* (starred review)

"Heart-pounding...This is Gross's best work yet, with his heart and soul imprinted on every page."--*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

Poland. 1944. Alfred Mendl and his family are brought on a crowded train to a Nazi concentration camp after being caught trying to flee Paris with forged papers. His family is torn away from him on arrival, his life's work burned before his eyes. To the guards, he is just another prisoner, but in fact Mendl--a renowned physicist--holds knowledge that only two people in the world possess. And the other is already at work for the Nazi war machine.

Four thousand miles away, in Washington, DC, Intelligence lieutenant Nathan Blum routinely decodes messages from occupied Poland. Having escaped the Krakow ghetto as a teenager after the Nazis executed his family, Nathan longs to do more for his new country in the war. But never did he expect the proposal he receives from "Wild" Bill Donovan, head of the OSS: to sneak into the most guarded place on earth, a living hell, on a mission to find and escape with one man, the one man the Allies believe can ensure them victory in the war.

Bursting with compelling characters and tense story lines, this historical thriller from *New York Times* bestseller Andrew Gross is a deeply affecting, unputdownable series of twists and turns through a landscape at times horrifyingly familiar but still completely new and compelling.

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Publishers Weekly 05/30/2016

Bestseller Gross ("Everything to Lose" revisits the horrors of Auschwitz in this harrowing, thematically rich thriller, which marks a significant departure from his previous contemporary suspense novels. In the spring of 1944, both the Germans and the Allies are pressing toward the transmutation of uranium into atomic weaponry that could win WWII. Gross postulates that the U.S. Manhattan Project, headed by Robert Oppenheimer and joined by renowned refugee physicists like Denmark's Niels Bohr, lacked one vital component but the Nazis have incarcerated the world expert in that area, Dr. Alfred Mendl, in Auschwitz. William aWild Billa Donovan, the head of the OSS, backs a near-suicidal plan to send a desk-bound Jewish intelligence officer, Nathan Blum, who escaped from Nazi-overrun Poland, into Auschwitz to rescue Mendl. Alternating between scenes of American hope-against-hope optimism and Nazi brutality, Blumas deadly odyssey into and out of this 20th-century hell drives toward a compelling celebration of the human will to survive, remember, and overcome. "Agent: Simon Lipskar, Writers House. (Aug.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Rising

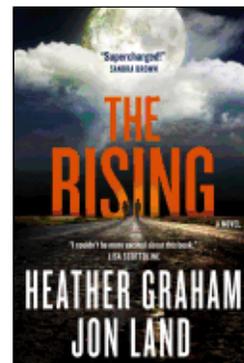
by Heather Graham

Published 2017 by Tor Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780765337917

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Jacket Notes:



From acclaimed thriller-suspense novelists Heather Graham and Jon Land comes a story of action, mystery, and the endurance of young love in *The Rising*.

Twenty-four hours. That's all it takes for the lives of two young people to be changed forever.

Alex Chin has the world on a plate. A football hero and homecoming king with plenty of scholarship offers, his future looks bright. His tutor, Samantha Dixon, is preparing to graduate high school at the top of her class. She plans to turn her NASA internship into a career.

When a football accident lands Alex in the hospital, his world is turned upside down. His doctor is murdered. Then, his parents. Death seems to follow him wherever he goes, and now it's after him.

Alex flees. He tells Samantha not to follow, but she became involved the moment she walked through his door and found Mr. and Mrs. Chin as they lay dying in their home. She cannot abandon the young man she loves. The two race desperately to stay ahead of Alex's attackers long enough to figure out why they are hunting him in the first place. The answer lies with a secret buried deep in his past, a secret his parents died to protect. Alex always knew he was adopted, but he never knew the real reason his birth parents abandoned him. He never knew where he truly came from. Until now.

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Publishers Weekly 11/14/2016

Alex Chin, the hero of this ambitious, technology-centered SF thriller from bestseller Graham (*The Unseen*) and Land (*Strong Cold Dead*), has enjoyed an outstanding football career at San Francisco's St. Ignatius College Prep, until he's knocked out on the playing field during a game. Thereafter Alex finds himself battling a clandestine group that includes a vicious homicidal general, androids posing as cops, and a shadowy figure known as Ash Man. Fortunately, Samantha Dixon, a brilliant fellow high school student with a crush on Alex, fights by his side. To ensure the world's survival, Alex must discover the secret of his origin, which his devoted, loving parents have kept from him, and unearth a vital piece of information, which he's unaware is already in his possession. Alex's perilous journey to solve these puzzles while trying to avoid those bent on destroying him can seem interminable at times, but his developing relationship with Sam will keep readers emotionally invested. Agents: Lucy Childs, Aaron M. Priest Literary Agency (Graham); Natalia Aponte, Natalia Aponte Literary Agency (Land). (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

Strays

by Emily Bitto

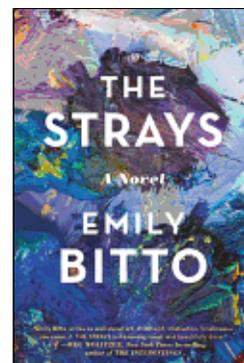
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Jacket Notes:

WINNER OF AUSTRALIA'S 2015 STELLA PRIZE



For readers of *Atonement*, a powerful and haunting story of three sisters and their friend who grow up on the outskirts of their parents'

glamorous bohemian lifestyle.

On her first day at a new school, Lily befriends one of the daughters of infamous avant-garde painter Evan Trentham. Lily has never experienced anything like the Trenthams' home, where Evan and his wife have created a wild, makeshift family of like-minded artists, all living and working together to escape the stifling conservatism of 1930's Australia. An only child accustomed to loneliness, Lily soon becomes infatuated with the creative chaos of the Trenthams and aches to fully belong.

Despite the Trenthams' glamorous allure, the artists' real lives are shaped by dire Faustian bargains and spectacular falls from grace. As the girls find themselves drawn closer to the white-hot flame of creativity, emotions and art collide with explosive consequences--and Evan's own daughters may be forced to pay a dangerous price for his choices.

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Publishers Weekly 10/03/2016

The lyrical first novel by Australian Bitto observes the life of a bohemian household in 1930s Melbourne from the point of view of one of the astrays the artistic Trenthams take in. Narrator Lily, an only child, is eight when she meets Eva, who will be her best friend for years. Bored with her conventional parents, whose idea of a good time is a jigsaw puzzle and a cup of cocoa, she begins to spend weekends with Eva, who lives with her controversial painter father; Eva's mother, whose inherited wealth supports the household; Eva's mature older sister, Bea; and her troubled younger sister, Heloise. As the years go by, other artists and their partners join the household. Eva's father's status is threatened by a young artist whose works sell better than his, and the parents' neglect of the children leads to a horrific outcome. Lily, in 1985 a professor of art history, is a thoughtful and articulate observer, aware of her own emotional investment in the family as well as of the many fractures within its seemingly structure. By placing her so firmly in a comfortable future, however, the core story loses much of its suspense, and too many of the novel's crucial events take place offstage, described rather than depicted. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Eleventh Grave in Moonlight

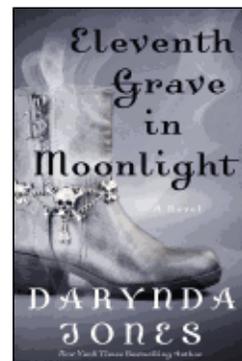
by Darynda Jones

Published 2017 by St. Martin's Press

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Jacket Notes:



Grim Reaper Charley Davidson is back in *Eleventh Grave in Moonlight*, the latest installment of Darynda Jones' *New York Times* bestselling paranormal series.

My entire life can be summed up in one sentence:

"Well, that didn't go as planned."

--T-Shirt

A typical day in the life of Charley Davidson involves cheating husbands, errant wives, missing people, philandering business owners, and, oh yeah...demons, hell hounds, evil gods, and dead people. Lots and lots of dead people. As a part-time Private Investigator and full-time Grim Reaper, Charley has to balance the good, the bad, the undead, and those who want her dead.

Now, Charley is learning to make peace with the fact that she is a goddess with all kinds of power and that her own daughter has been born to save the world from total destruction. But the forces of hell are determined to see Charley banished forever to the darkest corners of another dimension. With the son of Satan himself as her husband and world-rocking lover, will Charley be able to defeat the ultimate evil and find a way to have her happily ever after after all?

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Publishers Weekly 11/28/2016

Jonesas lively 11th novel featuring PI grim reaper Charley Davidson (after 2016as *The Curse of Tenth Grave* finds her highly enjoyable established cast of characters doing their usual things, including lots of argument-fueled, lightly supernatural sex between Charley and her husband, Son of Satan Reyes Farrow, and a few confused dead people using Charley to pass over to the other side. But at this point, strenuous efforts to ratchet up the stakes of Charleyas cosmic saga have diffused the series into an endless soap opera that plays out on the human and celestial stages, making this entry a less than memorable transition toward the next piece of the story. Paranormal PI lovers may be disappointed at the blandness of the main investigations: a chase down of the stereotyped religious zealots who were Reyesas original adoptive parents and a red herring of a stalker plot for Charlieas coworkeras daughter, Amber. Still, Uncle Bob fans will be glad to see him take some strong stands. *Agent: Alexandra Machinist, ICM Partners. (Jan.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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