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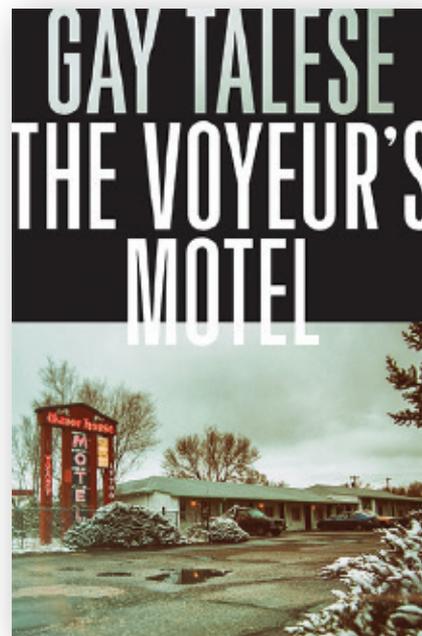
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GAY TALESE is a bestselling author who has written twelve books, including *Thy Neighbor's Wife*, *Unto the Sons*, and *Honor Thy Father*, and has contributed to the *New Yorker* and other magazines. Talese lives with his wife, Nan, in New York City.



On January 7, 1980, in the run-up to the publication of his landmark bestseller *Thy Neighbor's Wife*, Gay Talese received an anonymous letter from a man in Colorado. "Since learning of your long awaited study of coast-to-coast sex in America," the letter began, "I feel I have important information that I could contribute to its contents or to contents of a future book." The man went on to tell Talese a remarkable, shocking secret, so compelling that Talese traveled to Colorado to verify it in person. But because the letter writer insisted on remaining anonymous, Talese filed his reporting away, certain the story would remain untold.

Over the following years, the man occasionally reached out to Talese to fill him in on the latest developments in his life, but he continued to insist on anonymity. Finally, after thirty-five years, he's ready to go public and granted Talese permission to tell his story.

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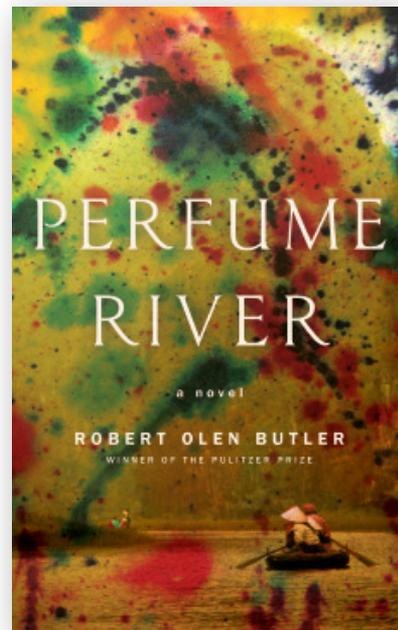
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From the Pulitzer Prize–winning author of *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain* comes a powerful novel about the way the Vietnam War divided families, and a layered portrayal of marriage, brotherhood, and the sum of a life

Perfume River

Robert Olen Butler



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Perfume River is a lyrical and emotional exploration of one family’s drama that echoes the lives of so many who are affected by the aftermath of war. It is a profound and poignant book written by an author at the height of his powers, a portrait of family, personal choice, and how war resonates through the American experience.



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Excerpt

They will not speak again about the war. Not on this day. Not, as it turns out, ever again.

In his mind now, in his bed, Robert has had enough.

The room is cold.

He wants his first cup of coffee.

He draws back the covers.

He sits, puts his feet on the floor.

But he has come this far on Labor Day, 1967, and the rest of it must play through him so he can drink his coffee with the past relegated once more to the past.

Much of that final scene is a blur. It wasn't about him, after all. He was simply a witness, standing apart. He's not even sure where they all are in the house. He can only see Jimmy and Pops. They're shouting at each other. Likely they're in the kitchen, because Mom walks out, brushing past Robert. He should follow her. But he doesn't.

He stays, though for a long while only in body. He tunes out the words, as Jimmy is drawn by his father into the politspeak he said he despises. High-decibel politspeak that goes on and on.

Until abruptly the voices cease.

For a moment the room rings with silence.

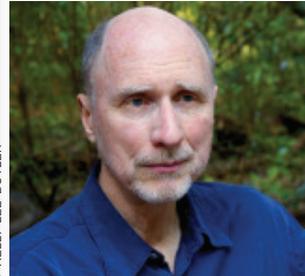
Robert takes notice.

Jimmy and Pops are standing close, facing each other.

And then Jimmy begins to speak, but softly.

Robert listens. He misses some of the words, but he gets the gist. It's about a murderous war. It's about those who defy their country. Then Jimmy's voice rises and Robert hears clearly: "Those are the real heroes."

And William raises his right hand and slaps his son across the face. Jimmy's face jerks away from Robert's view.



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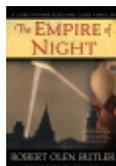
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PRAISE FOR ROBERT OLEN BUTLER

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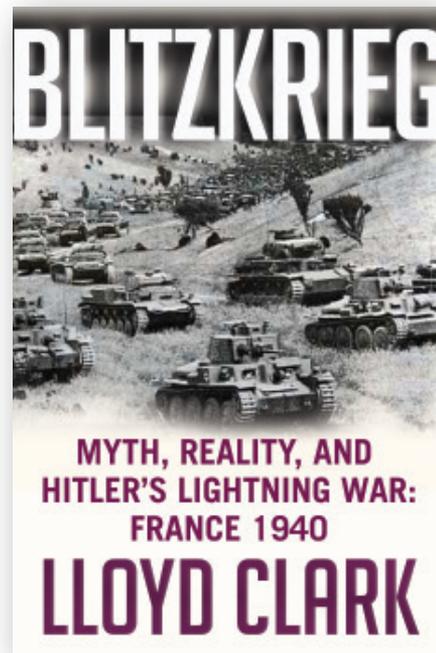
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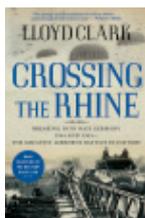
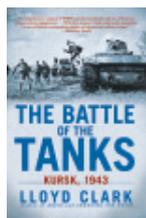
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But as Lloyd Clark, a leading British military historian and academic, argues in *Blitzkrieg*, much of our understanding of this victory, and blitzkrieg itself, is based on myth. The tactic was not really new, and far from being a foregone victory, this narrative of the campaign shows that Hitler's invasion was incredibly risky and could easily have failed had the Allies been even slightly less inept or the Germans less fortunate. There was a real fear of defeat. The Germans recognized that success depended not only on surprise but on avoiding being drawn into a protracted struggle for which they were not prepared. And while speed was essential, 90 percent of Germany's ground forces were still reliant on horses, bicycles, and their own feet for transportation. Their surprise victory proved the apex of their achievement; far from being undefeatable, Clark argues, the campaign revealed Germany and its armed forces to be highly vulnerable, lessons not learned by Hitler as he began to plan for the invasion of the Soviet Union.



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In the early hours of 10 May, a proclamation was issued by Hitler which was to be read by officers to all personnel on the Western Front. Nervous and already tired, their minds in a whirl of imagination, the Reich's warriors listened intently. The last sentences were poignant: "The battle which begins today will decide the fate of the German nation for the next thousand years. Now do your duty. The German people give you their blessing."

Most remained silent when the message ended, but those in the SS cheered. The opening of *Fall Gelb* was a momentous moment after seven months of the Phoney War as the posturing, planning and preparation came to an end. Europe would never be the same again and those involved felt it, some that were privy to *Fall Gelb* because they had no faith in it, others because they did. The opening moves, they understood, would be critical. Would the Allies fall into the trap or was Germany inviting disaster? Gefreiter Otto Gull, an engineer in 1st Panzer Division, was at the vanguard of the attack and later recalled:

"I had no real sense of the general plan—that was for the generals—and only an outline of what our division had to achieve. We had been told the night before that all our training had been done to push us through the Ardennes and across the Meuse. That was our objective. We were given a vague understanding that what we were doing was vital to the operation and that speed was vital. No time wasting!"



COURTESY OF LLOYD CLARK

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PRAISE FOR *THE BATTLE OF THE TANKS*

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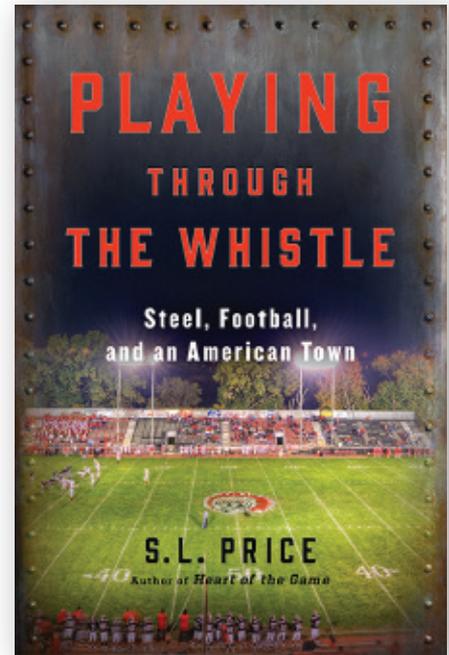
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From a *Sports Illustrated* senior writer, a moving epic of football and industrial America, telling the story of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, its now-shuttered steel mill, and its legendary high school team

Playing Through the Whistle

Steel, Football, and an American Town

S. L. Price



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Playing Through the Whistle began as a *Sports Illustrated* article, which was chosen for *The Best American Sports Writing* and was named by *Sports Illustrated* as one of the 60 best stories in the magazine's history

Price was a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize finalist for *Pitching Around Fidel: A Journey into the Heart of Cuban Sports*

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Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, a small town twenty-six miles down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh, is famous for two things: the Jones & Laughlin steel mill, an industrial behemoth that helped win World War II; and football, with a high school team that has produced numerous NFL stars, including Mike Ditka and Darrelle Revis. But the mill, once the fourth-largest producer in America, employer of over fifteen thousand people in a town of twenty-six thousand, started withering in the 1980s and closed for good in 2000. What happens to a town when a dream dies? Does it just disappear?

In *Playing Through the Whistle*, celebrated sportswriter S. L. Price tells the story of this remarkable place, its people, its players, and, through it, a wider story of American history from the turn of the twentieth century. Aliquippa has been many things—a rigidly controlled company town, a booming racial and ethnic melting pot, a battleground for union rights, and, for a brief time, a sort of workers' paradise. Price expertly traces this history, following the growth and decline of industry and the struggles and triumphs of Eastern European immigrants and blacks from the South willing to trade their grueling labor for a better life for their families.

Alongside, Price recounts the birth and development of high school sports, from a minor pastime to a source of civic pride, to today, when it can sometimes seem like the only way out of a life of poverty, drug abuse, and crime. And yet the tough town of Aliquippa endures, churning out state champions, charismatic coaches, and legendary players. *Playing Through the Whistle* is sportswriting at its best, a masterpiece of narrative journalism that will make you cry and cheer in equal measure.



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Excerpt

In truth, none of it—football, the town, life, fatherhood—was ever going to be easy for Jeff Baldwin to figure. Thick, strong and with a mammoth capacity for work, he was the latest in the series of Aliquippans with big-time talent. Soon he'd be drawing Division 1-A scholarship offers from all over the nation. But Baldwin had weaknesses. Maybe if he'd come up in a different decade—like Jimmy Frank or Ditka or Richie Mann—before drug use had become casual, before the black family began to implode, before big steel collapsed and the church and unions lost their clout, they wouldn't have figured so prominently. Weakness was nothing new. Maybe, like the lost or alcoholic or unskilled souls that had preceded him for generations, he would have found his worst impulses channeled by the mill or stunted by societal norms. Maybe he would've earned a college degree, or come home to find a stabilizing spot at J&L. Maybe.

But as it was, Jeff Baldwin came up at a time when the old pillars were crumbling, and he wasn't strong enough to withstand the ensuing shock waves. Indeed, he was fated like few others to live out the dual nature of Aliquippa just beginning to emerge—its pride and pain, its talent and trouble—and personify the year-by-year narrowing of its options until football and prison could seem, at times, the only two left. For him, even then, the narrowing had begun: Jeff Baldwin, the fifteen-year-old boy hurrying into his clothes in the Quips locker room that night, was already the father of a one-year-old boy named Jamie Mandel Brown.



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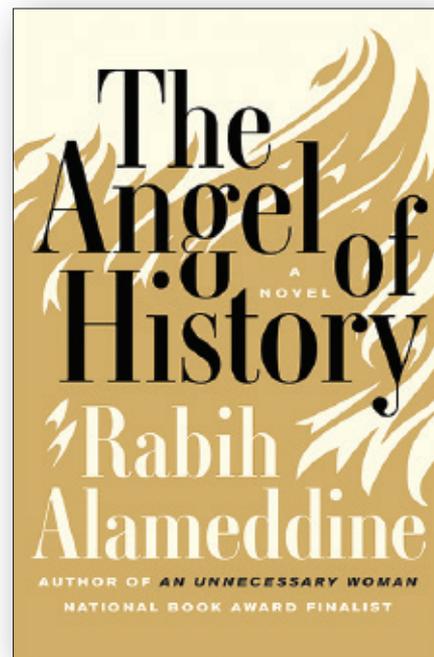
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I'm the congenital immigrant, Doc, think about it. I left parts of me everywhere. I was born homeless, countryless, raceless, didn't belong to either my father's family or my mother's, no one could claim me, or wanted to. I was a rug-burn baby, a Persian rug burn—my father, all of fourteen at the time, fucked my not-much-older mother right there on the Mahi from Tabriz while sunbeams played hide-and-seek among the furniture. Both pairs of knees chafed since they stole each other's virginity canine-style and my mother could admire the exquisite deep blue rosettes surrounded by gold lancet leaves repeating all around her, her body on all fours right above the carpet's main medallion, which looked like a fish rising to the surface of a pond at midnight to admire the reflection of the moon. That's basically why that design is called Mahi, I think. I've never seen the carpet, not once did my eyes fall upon that masterwork, or the penthouse apartment in Beirut's Achrafieh neighborhood, yet my mind's eye rewove the century-old treasure thread by silk thread since my mother never tired of describing it to me as a child. In luxury I came to be, she used to tell me, in remarkable beauty I was conceived, deep blue water, gold, cobalt violet toothed leaves that represented the scales of the fish, repeating patterns, ogees and swoops and arabesque arcs, over and over and over.



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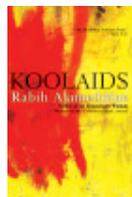
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Every Man a Menace

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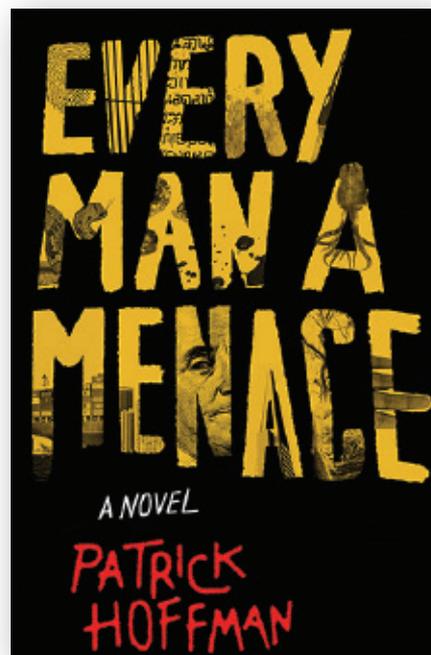
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Patrick Hoffman burst onto the crime fiction scene with *The White Van*, a captivating thriller set in the back streets of San Francisco. Hoffman returns with *Every Man a Menace*, the inside story of an increasingly ruthless ecstasy-smuggling ring.

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Stretching from the Golden Triangle of Southeast Asia to the Golden Gate of San Francisco, *Every Man a Menace* offers an unflinching account of the making, moving, and selling of the drug known as Molly—pure happiness sold by the brick, brought to market by bloodshed and betrayal.



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Excerpt

They relocated David Eban, the man they'd been using in Belgium, to San Francisco. He'd be in charge of picking up the frozen squid. He was a good worker—quiet and sober. All he had to do was drive to a fish warehouse in Oakland, hand a slip of paper to a Chinese kid who worked for Fariq's organization, and throw the squid into his van. From there, he'd take it to a place he'd rented in Fremont, put it on the ground, and come back the next day, when it had thawed. Then he'd open it up and pull out the vacuum-sealed loaves of drugs. I used to love squid, he told them later. I can't eat it anymore.

In those early days, Eban drove across the country once a month. He'd pack the drugs into a false compartment in the trunk of his SUV, hang a cross from his mirror, set the cruise control to just below the speed limit, and leave some toys gift wrapped on the backseat. San Francisco to Miami—four days of driving. After a while, though, these trips bothered Semion and Isaak—they were clearly the most exposed element of their plan. What they needed was a buyer in California.



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PATRICK HOFFMAN is a writer and private investigator based in Brooklyn. His first novel, *The White Van*, was a finalist for the Crime Writers' Association Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award and was named a *Wall Street Journal* Best Book of the Year. He was born in San Francisco and lived there for half his life, working as an investigator, both privately and at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office.

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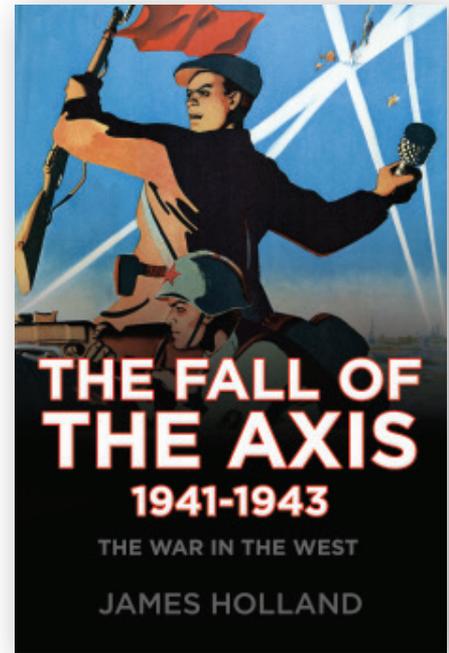
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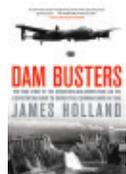
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In the United States, the armaments revolution that Bill Knudsen had promised was now starting to bear fruit. Machine tools had been made, factories constructed, and a labor force employed. The tools had been provided and now American industry could get on with the job. This spirit of enterprise and manufacturing drive was being demonstrated in the huge factories at Detroit, or at Willow Run, the new Ford aircraft assembly plant in Michigan. It was also being put into practice at the new shipyards built by Henry Kaiser and his colleagues. Here, the principles of the assembly line were now being applied to shipbuilding. It had been originally estimated that it would take 220 days to build a liberty ship, but by the beginning of the year that figure had been slashed to 105 days. At Richmond, California, Kaiser's partner Clay Bedford, had been reducing that time even further. At the same time, Kaiser's son, Edgar, now running the shipyard at Portland, Oregon, was viewing Clay Bedford's efforts as a personal challenge. In May, the Richmond yards built the *James Whitcomb* in seventy-three days. Two months later, in July, Kaiser's men at Portland sailed the *Thomas Bailey Aldrich* in just forty-three days. Then in August, Bedford's men built a ship in a staggering twenty-four days. This was ship-building on a truly astonishing scale. No-one had ever believed in their wildest dreams that a 10,000-ton dry cargo weight merchant ship could be built in such a ridiculously short time. That record, however, would soon be beaten again. And again. How could the U-boats, with their still-failing torpedoes and lack of sufficient air cover possibly compete? The answer, of course, was that they could not.

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JAMES HOLLAND is the author of the bestselling *Fortress Malta*, *The Battle of Britain*, and numerous works of historical fiction. Holland regularly appears on television and radio and has written and presented the BAFTA shortlisted documentaries *Battle of Britain* and *Dam Busters* for the BBC, among others. A fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he has his own collection at the Imperial War Museum.

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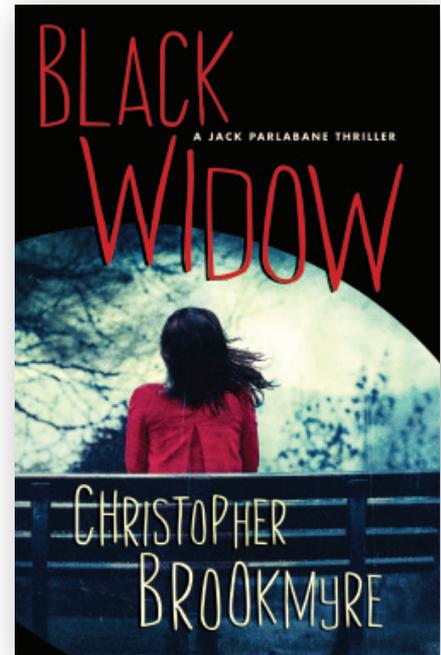
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I regard the police officers standing next to me. There are no cuffs on my wrists but I can still feel the cold steel like I can still feel the sting of humiliation that comes with wearing them. It clings to me every second I remain in the dock. There is a burning coal of moral opprobrium in the black pupil of every eye focused on me.

As the trial proceeds, the court will hear how a driven woman acted out of the oldest and sincerest of motives: to be with the man she was destined for. My crime and my actions will seem cold and heinous to everyone else because they can never know what I felt.

I think of all the anger and hate I have gone through since my arrest. It has taken time, but I have come to realise I must make my peace with what I have done. I need to take ownership of it. I need to forgive myself, because nobody else's forgiveness matters.

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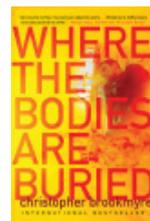
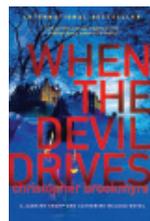
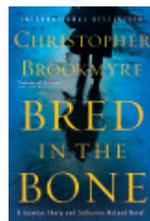
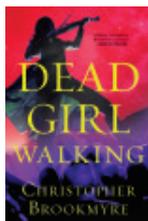
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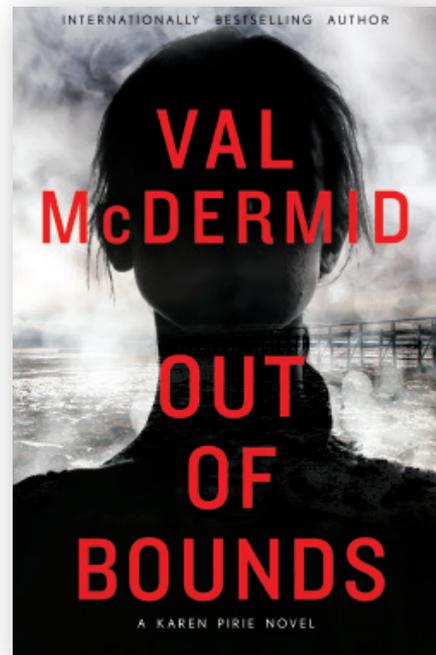
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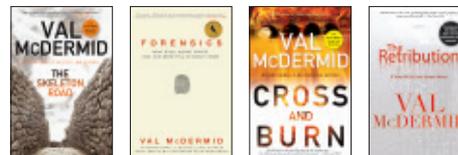
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She walked. Whenever sleep slipped from her grasp, she walked. It occurred to her that her life had come to resemble the first draft of an advertising script for Guinness or Stella Artois. 'She walks. That's what she does.' Except that there was no brightly lit pub full of cheery faces waiting to greet her at the end of her wanderings.

Often at the end of the day, she knew there was no point in stripping to the skin and sliding between cool sheets. She would only lie stiff as a corpse, thoughts of murder running in her head, frantic hamsters on a wheel.

And so she would walk. Along the breakwater, tall apartment blocks to her left, the choppy waters of the Firth of Forth on her right, the night breeze filling her nostrils with salt and seaweed. Then she'd turn inland, past the twenty-four-hour Asda and across the main drag into the old village of Newhaven. She'd pick random routes through the huddled streets of fishermen's cottages, then work her way inland and upwards, always trying to choose streets and alleys and quiet back lanes that she'd never entered before.

That was part of the point. She had chosen to move to Edinburgh precisely because it was unfamiliar. Deciding to live here had felt like a project. Learning the city one street at a time might take her mind off the grief and the pain.

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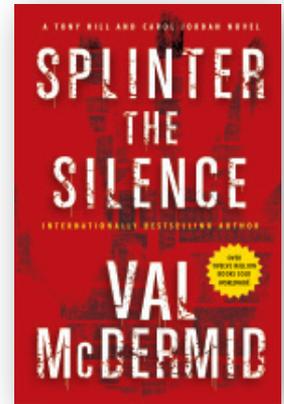
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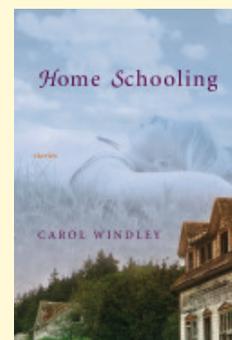
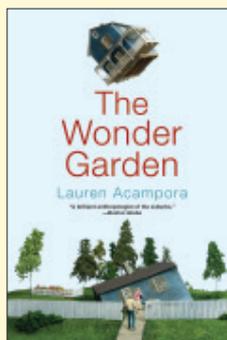
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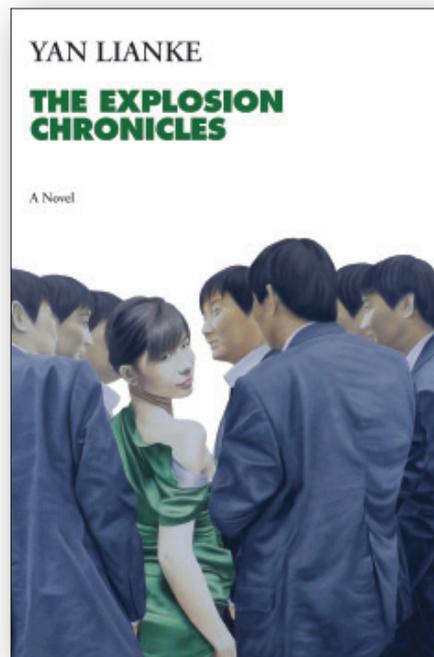
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“You should all leave,” Kong Dongde said, pointing to the door. His face, which had not smiled for more than two weeks, looked as though it were plated in gold. “You should all leave, and each of you should proceed in one of the four directions of the compass. You should continue forward without looking back, and when you find something you should pick it up—and whatever it is, it will determine your future life-course.”

His sons didn’t say a word, since they all assumed their father had gone mad.

However, Kong Dongde repeated these instructions three times, almost as though he were begging them. Finally, Second Brother Kong Mingliang gave his elder brother Mingguang a meaningful look, then led their two younger brothers Mingyao and Minghui away from the brazier, the stools, their parents, the gecko, and the spider, as they all hesitantly made their way out the door.

Afterwards, everything changed, and the world would never be the same again. Following this juncture, the historical chronicles of Explosion entered a new phase.

When Kong Dongde’s sons left, their mother, who had been sitting on the edge of the bed staring at her husband, asked, “Are you ill?”

He replied, “I want a bottle of wine.”

She said, “You seem different.”

“Our family will produce an emperor,” he said, “but I don’t know which of our four sons it will be.”



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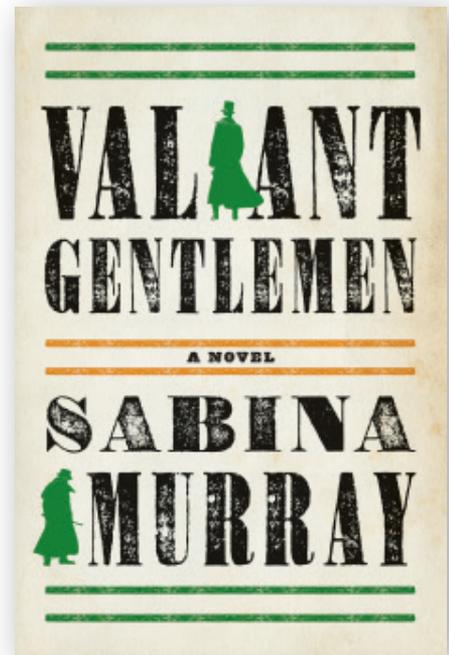
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Valiant Gentlemen

A Novel

Sabina Murray



MARKETING

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Following her *New York Times* Editors’ Choice collection of short stories *Tales of the New World*, historical fiction master Sabina Murray returns with a bold novel of friendship and betrayal set across four continents and a forty-year time span.

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The first time Casement sees him, Ward is turned away, working on a sketch. He's in a white shirt and the sleeves are rolled to the elbows, showing strong forearms darkened with exposure to the sun. The stance is perfect contrapposto, the hips angled, the right foot casually set forward. As if sensing Casement's gaze, Ward turns and smiles. It is a romantic image that Casement has played over in his mind: first, the sight of the shoulders, the sun hitting the fair hair, the subtle movement of the arms, the hands, Ward's attention drawn to some compelling subject.

"That's ridiculous," says Ward. "The first time we met was in an office. I was waiting for you to show up so that we could share the transport to Vivi. We shook hands. In fact, I think I saw you before you saw me."

"How can you be so sure?"

"Well, for one thing I wouldn't be standing in the sun without my hat."

"I remember the absence of the hat because it was exceptional."

"Also," adds Ward, "you can't see my forearms from behind, not if I'm sketching. My left hand is holding the book and I've got the pen in my right. From where you were standing," Ward presents his back to illustrate, "my arms are completely blocked by my torso. If you were an artist, you would know this." Ward turns again to Casement and shakes his head. He's wondering why Casement would find the need to create such a scenario. "That's the problem with you, Casement. You're a romantic, always making things up."

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MARKETING

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Keith Richards on "Street Fighting Man"

I love the songwriting process, but I really don't like writing by myself. I love the bounce of one person's ideas off the other. Mick wrote down a ton of lines. Then we tore the lines into strips and moved them around. Reams of pages were flying around—and some of them wound up burned [laughs]. Eventually they took shape and we laid down the vocal tracks.

Joni Mitchell on "Carey"

I had my dulcimer with me from the States. I used it to write "Carey" over a period of weeks in different locations in and around Matala as a birthday present for Cary. My lyric, "Oh Carey get out your cane" referred to a cane Cary carried with him all the time. He was a bit of a scene-stealer, and the cane was a theatrical prop for him.

Stevie Wonder on "Love's in Need of Love Today"

It's about creating a marriage of all the instruments and vocals, bringing them together to make a statement . . . Whether it's the Beatles, Sly Stone, Prince or Ed Sheeran, you start with an idea or vision and bring what you hear in your mind to reality. When I'm doing this, I become all the different musicians and approach the song from each musician's understanding.



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Debbie Harry on "Heart of Glass"

Chris [Stein] and I both came from an art background, and we were familiar with existentialism, surrealism, abstractionism, and so on. The feeling I wanted to get across was, "Live and let live," like this is what happened and now it's not happening, you know? I threw in the "Ooo-ooo, ohhh-oh" fill when we started performing the song at CBGB. It was a 1960s "girl group" thing. Chris and I both loved R&B.

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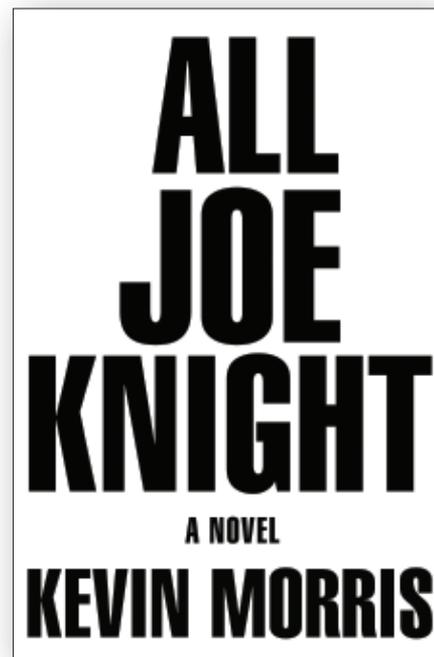
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Truth is I've made enough money and cut off enough strings that I don't have to do anything and I like it. Coming up the way I did, from where I did, I am not burdened by a sense of sympathy or the guilt of a free pass. Truth is the math is simple: I don't care enough about changing the general state of things to do anything. If you tuck enough away and are just carrying yourself, there is really not much anyone can do to you, especially if you are not pushing into anyone else's world. That's the great thing about America—the freedom to succeed and the freedom to be let alone once you do.

I think about kids once in a while, like who is the kid out there who is me, just forty years later. That passes unanswered. My own kid, she'll be okay, I have her fixed up, and she doesn't really want much from me anyway. Truth is there's nothing about the status quo that on balance makes me want to do anything differently than live life in this nice-ass apartment, above what's left of the greene country towne that will never be burnt, always wholesome. Truth is I have ridden a wave generated by a miracle wind-machine born in this brick city five lifetimes ago. All this freedom. Truth is I will probably die like this, another American man who got what he wanted.



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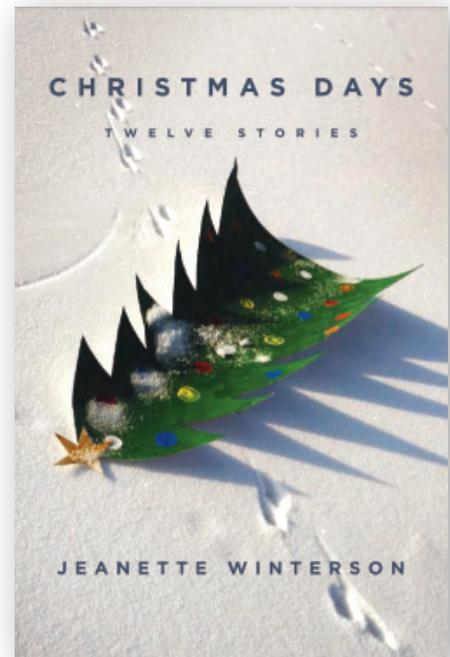
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Excerpt

I woke from a dead sleep in dead darkness to hear . . . what? What can I hear? It sounded like a ball bearing or a marble rolling on the bare floor above my head. It rolled hard on hard then hit the wall. Then it rolled again in the other direction. This might not have mattered except that the other direction was uphill. Things can come loose and roll downwards but they cannot come loose and roll upwards. Unless someone . . .

That thought was so unwelcome that I dismissed it along with the law of gravity. Whatever was rolling over my head must be a natural dislodging. The house was draughty and unused. The attics were under the eaves where any kind of weather might get in. Weather or an animal. Remember the bats. I pulled the covers up to my eyebrows and pretended not to listen.

There it was again: Hard on hard on hit on pause on roll.

I waited for sleep waiting for daylight.

We are lucky, even the worst of us, because daylight comes.

It was a brooding day, that 21st of December. The shortest day of the year. Coffee, coat on, car keys. *Shouldn't I just check the attic?*

The second set of stairs was narrow—a servant's staircase. It led to a lath and plaster corridor barely a shoulder-width wide. I started coughing. Breathing was difficult. Damp had dropped the plaster in thick crumbling heaps on the floorboards. As below, there were three doors. Two were closed. The door to the room above my room was ajar. I made myself go forward.



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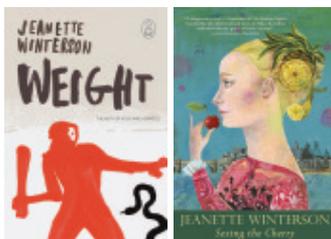
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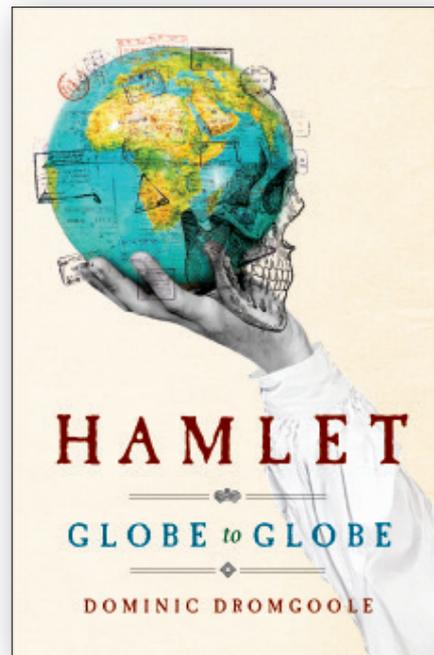
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Translated into too many languages to count, and performed more times than Shakespeare ate hot dinners, and cold ones, or drew breath for that matter, *Hamlet* is one of those rare documents, which can truly be said to have brought the world closer together. In 1608, on board a ship called the *Dragon*, *Hamlet* was performed by its crew off the coast of Sierra Leone for a group of visiting dignitaries. The crew remembered enough of the play from what they had seen at the Globe to shamble together a show without a script. Several months later, they did the same in Indonesia. Within ten years of its first performance, groups of English actors, known collectively as the English Comedians, were performing it across Northern Europe in broad, hyperphysical productions. Since then it has played everywhere, in theatres, fields, caves, hovels and palaces.

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DOMINIC DROMGOOLE is artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. He is the author of *Will & Me: How Shakespeare Took Over My Life* and *The Full Room: An A-Z of Contemporary Playwriting*. He is a contributor to the *Guardian* (UK), *New Statesman* (UK), and *Sunday Times* (UK).

PRAISE FOR *WILL & ME*

"A superbly written, infectiously high-spirited narrative. It is a bumptious, opinionated memoir crammed with fascinating anecdotes, finely tuned phrases, and genuine shafts of insight. A book hard to put down."—**Terry Eagleton, literary critic and author of *The Truth About the Irish***

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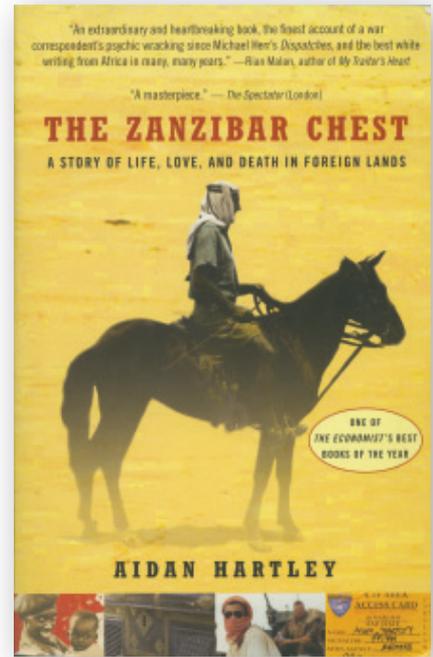
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The Zanzibar Chest

A Story of Life, Love, and Death in Foreign Lands

Aidan Hartley



MARKETING

The Zanzibar Chest was originally published by Atlantic Monthly Press in 2003 to strong critical acclaim. It was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize and was named an *Economist* and *PW* Best Book of the Year

A longtime foreign correspondent for Reuters, Hartley now writes the column *Wild Life* for the *Spectator* (UK)

Hartley has made nearly 30 documentaries for the Channel 4 Television award-winning series *Unreported World* in the UK



COURTESY OF THE AUTHOR

AIDAN HARTLEY was born in 1965 and brought up in East Africa. He read English at Oxford and studied politics at London University. He joined Reuters as a foreign correspondent and worked in the Balkans, the Middle East, and Russia. He now writes a column for the *Spectator* (UK). He lives with his family in Kenya.

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In his final days, Aidan Hartley’s father said to him, “We never should have come.” Those words spoke of a colonial legacy that stretched back through four generations of one British family living in Africa. In *The Zanzibar Chest*, Hartley, a frontline reporter who covered the atrocities of 1990s Africa, embarks on a journey to unlock the mysteries and secrets of that legacy, and delivers a beautiful, sometimes harrowing memoir of intrepid young men cut down before their prime, of forbidden love and its fatal consequences, of family and history—and the collision of cultures that defined them both.

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—*Washington Post*

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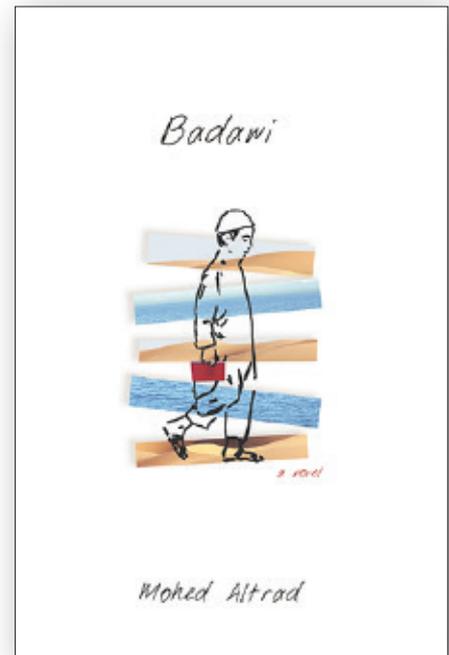


This powerful debut novel by Syrian-born French billionaire Mohed Altrad follows Maïouf, a boy who is a perpetual outsider, from the desert tribe of his ill-fated birth to the South of France and on to the oil fields of the United Arab Emirates

Badawi

Mohed Altrad

Translated from the French by Adrianna Hunter



MARKETING

Mohed Altrad is a Syrian-born French billionaire and winner of the 2015 Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of the Year Award, one of the highest forms of recognition in business. He has been touted as “France’s Horatio Alger story” (*Forbes*)

Badawi draws inspiration from Altrad’s life story and is the first of his works to be translated into English

Badawi was first published in France, where it has sold more than 35,000 copies. The Academy of Montpellier has recommended the book for its curriculum in regional schools

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Published to wide critical acclaim in France, *Badawi* is Mohed Altrad’s heartrending debut novel, inspired by the author’s own narrative arc from Bedouin orphan to engineer and finally billionaire businessman.

In the Syrian desert, a young boy watches as his mother dies. She was a repudiated woman, abandoned by the boy’s powerful father, leaving Maïouf to his scornful grandmother. Though the Bedouin tribes have stopped their centuries-long travels across the dunes—their tents long since converted into sedentary shacks—Maïouf’s grandmother wants him to carry on the tradition of becoming a shepherd. But from the first time he sneaks off to the white-walled schoolhouse to watch the other children learn, Maïouf envisions a different future for himself. This is one extraordinary child’s story of fighting for an education, and a life, he was never supposed to have, from a tiny desert village to the city of Raqqa, from the university halls of Montpellier to the oil fields of Abu Dhabi. But is a life of exile the one he wants? Can a child whose name means “the abandoned one” ever make a home for himself? With each step forward, he feels the love of his youth—a steadfast young Syrian woman named Fadia—and the shifting, haunted sands of his native village pulling him back toward the past he thought he had left behind.



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Excerpt

In the distance, the child could see the hole that had been dug in the sand. In the distance, he could still hear the women's cries and the muted litany of prayers. But none of it meant anything to him. Or rather, he preferred not to think about it. The white figure was lowered. It was laid on a plank which, in keeping with custom, was lowered to the bottom of the hole, then covered with sand. Even from far away, he could hear the sand being thrown on the body. The ceremony came to an end abruptly, like a job done, and the people dispersed.

It was only when he was alone that the child dared venture closer. The disturbed sand around the grave made a darker shape. All around it, little hillocks of sand crumbled slowly. Apart from that, nothing, no one, just the wind.

When he came back, years later, the wind had swept the hillside bare.



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MOHED ALTRAD was born into a Bedouin tribe in Syria. After earning a PhD in computer science at the University of Montpellier and working for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, he founded Groupe Altrad, a world leader in the concrete and scaffolding industry, and was named the 2015 EY World Entrepreneur of the Year. He has published three other novels in French, *L'Hypothèse de Dieu*, *La Promesse d'Annab*, and *La Reconstruction* from Actes Sud.

PRAISE FOR *BADAWI*

“*Badawi* is less a celebration of rags-to-riches success than a story about the pain of being caught between two worlds.”—*Forbes*

“With precision, beauty, and fierceness, Mohed Altrad tells the story of a young Bedouin setting off to conquer life . . . A fine book . . . From the beginning, one notes the fresh style, which gives illumination to this poor boy's fate . . . A subtle tension takes hold in these pages, a pregnant atmosphere . . . And so it is that we're taken in by the story of Maïouf, launched along his amazing trajectory.”—*La Marseillaise (France)*

“French literature has been enriched by its first Bedouin writer.”—*Entreprendre (France)*

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“This debut novel, a story of learning, written with simplicity and modesty, rings incredibly true: indeed it seems imbued with the experience both rich and painful of Mohed Altrad, a Syrian who has been settled in France for a long time, of living in exile.”

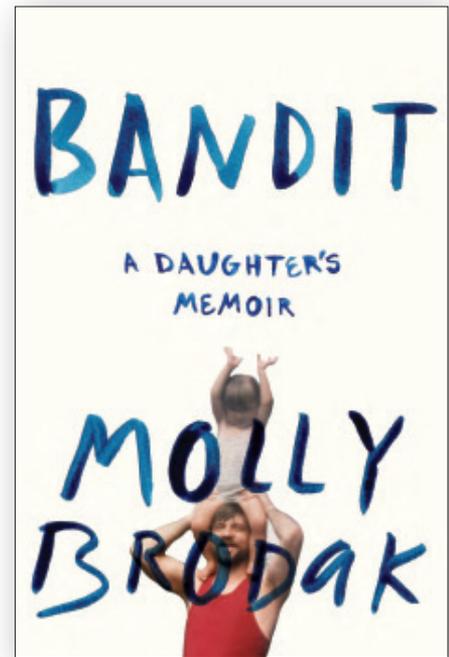
—*Notes Bibliographiques (France)*

A “raw, poetic and compulsively readable”
(Kathryn Stockett) memoir by a woman whose
father robbed banks

Bandit

A Daughter's Memoir

Molly Brodak



MARKETING

An excerpt from *Bandit* appeared in *Granta*
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In the summer of 1994, when Molly Brodak was thirteen years old, her father robbed eleven banks, until the police finally caught up with him while he was sitting at a bar drinking beer, a bag of stolen money plainly visible in the backseat of his parked car. Dubbed the “Mario Bros. Bandit” by the FBI, he served seven years in prison and was released, only to rob another bank several years later and end up back behind bars.

In her powerful, provocative debut memoir, *Bandit*, Molly Brodak recounts her childhood and attempts to make sense of her complicated relationship with her father, a man she only half knew. At some angles he was a normal father: there was a job at the GM factory, a house with a yard, birthday treats for Molly and her sister. But there were darker glimmers, too—another wife he never mentioned to her mother, late-night rages directed at the TV, the red Corvette that suddenly appeared in the driveway, a gift for her sister. Growing up with this larger-than-life, mercurial man, Brodak learned to “get small” and stay out of the way. In *Bandit*, she unearths and reckons with her childhood memories and the fracturing impact her father had on their family—and in the process attempts to make peace with the parts of herself that she inherited from this bewildering, beguiling man.

Written in precise, spellbinding prose, *Bandit* is a stunning, gut-punch story of family and memory, of the tragic fallibility of the stories we tell ourselves, and of the contours of a father’s responsibility for his children.



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Excerpt

I was with my dad the first time I stole something.

It was a little booklet of baby names. I was seven and I devoured word lists: dictionaries, vocab sheets, menus. I couldn't ask for this pointless string of names but I couldn't leave it. I pressed it to my chest as we walked out of Kroger. It was pale blue with the word BABY spelled out in pastel blocks above a stock photo of a smiling white baby in a white diaper. I stood next to Dad, absorbed in page 1, as he put the bags of our food in the trunk of his crappy gold Chevette and he stopped when he saw it. At first he said nothing. He avoided my eyes. He just pressed hard into my back and marched me to the lane we'd left and plucked the stupid booklet out of my hand and presented it to the cashier.

"My daughter stole this. I apologize for her." The droopy cashier winced and muttered that it was OK. Then stooping over me he shouted, "Now you apologize. You will never do this again." The cold anger in his face was edged with some kind of glint I didn't recognize. As he gripped my shoulders he was almost smiling. I remember an acidic boiling in my chest and a rinse of sweaty cold on my skin, disgusted with my own desire and what it did. I never stole again until I was a teenager, when he was in prison.



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MOLLY BRODAK is from Michigan and currently lives in Georgia. Her poems have recently appeared in *Field*, *Kenyon Review*, *Ninth Letter*, and *Colorado Review*. Her first book of poetry, *A Little Middle of the Night*, won the 2009 Iowa Poetry Prize.

PRAISE FOR *BANDIT*

"Raw, poetic, and compulsively readable. In Molly Brodak's dazzling memoir, *Bandit*, her eye is so honest, I found myself nodding like I was agreeing with her, sometimes cringing at what she sustained, and laughing—often. I can't wait to buy a copy for everyone I know."

—Kathryn Stockett, author of *The Help*

"Molly Brodak's account of growing up as the daughter of a multiple felon bank robber is one of the most astonishing memoirs I've ever read, an unflinching look into the meaning of family, morality, forgiveness. It provides an eye into the more personal side of the criminal mind, asking the biggest questions about what makes us who we are, whether we really know the things we think we know. We've all read the true crime accounts of man's personal depravity, but never has there been one telling this side of the story, at least not one armed with such patience, poetry, humanity. This is a rare one."

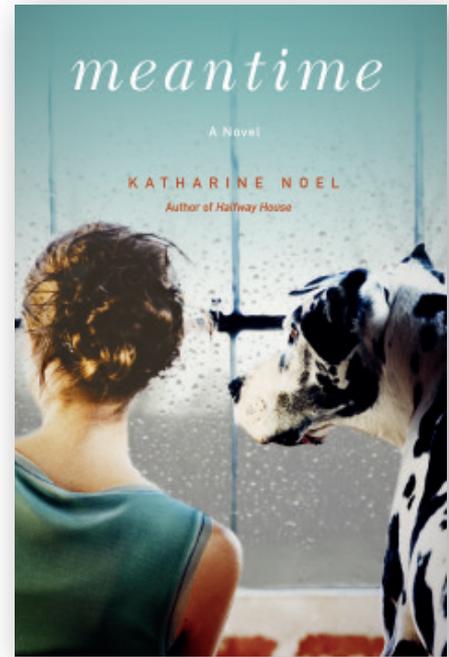
—Blake Butler, author of *Three Hundred Million*

A beautifully wrought, emotionally riveting novel about two fiercely independent sisters drawn together in the wake of life-changing events as they reimagine their futures and redefine their beliefs in family

Meantime

A Novel

Katharine Noel



MARKETING

Halfway House won the Kate Chopin Writing Award and the Ken/NAMI Award, and it was a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, a Book Sense Selection, and longlisted for the Quill Award

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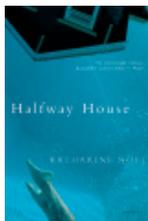
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Katharine Noel—the award-winning, critically acclaimed author of *Halfway House*—returns with a funny, wise, and moving second novel about the deep bond between two sisters whose stable lives are suddenly uprooted, forcing them to question old decisions and seek out new possibilities.

Claire Hood has never had a typical family. When she was nine, her father fell in love with a married woman, and the two households agreed to live under one roof. Nicknamed “the Naked Family,” they were infamous in the community for their eccentric, free-spirited lifestyle. Now, in their thirties, her stepsister Nicole has set her mind to having a baby on her own, and Claire’s husband, Jeremy, longs to start a family as well. But Claire wants to avoid an ordinary existence at all costs.

When Jeremy becomes seriously ill, his high school sweetheart, Gita, is a bit too eager to lend a hand in his recovery. As Claire’s suspicion of their relationship grows, she feels increasingly distant not only from the people she loves, but also from the kind of person she’d imagined herself to be. Faced with Nicole’s impending motherhood and Jeremy’s increasing closeness with his ex, Claire must resolve lingering childhood hang-ups and decide what she’s willing to sacrifice for independence.

Meantime is a heartfelt, insightful story of how individuals shape and reshape their families while discovering their truest sense of self. With humanity, grace, and humor, Katharine Noel examines the complex, delicate connections between spouses, siblings, parents, and children.



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Excerpt

She crossed the asphalt and kicked me lightly in the hip, *scooch*. Neither of us had thought to grab cups and so we passed the wine I'd brought between us, sitting shoulder-to-shoulder. She raised her hood and I reached over, pulling the drawstring tight so that only a saucer of her face showed.

"Ugh," she said, and loosened it. "So—?"

The week had felt hectic, but as I tried to think of things to tell her, they skittered away, cockroaches when the kitchen light goes on. I'd worked; Jeremy had been kind of sick and run-down; we'd had our same argument about the future that we'd had in the past. "Oh, I met Jeremy's ex."

"That's right. Pretty?"

I reached for the wine. "She had on running shoes with khakis. Prom still has a special place in her heart."

"Aha. *Nice*, then."

"Exactly." *Nice* meant bland. *Nice* was what people said when they couldn't come up with anything better. "I'm meeting her for a drink after here."

"Lucky you."

"She suggested like ten different things and that one seemed easiest." Nicole held out her hand for the wine. In high school, she used to do this amazing thing at parties, turning a handleless cartwheel, holding a bottle of something in one hand without spilling a drop.

"So I'm really going to do it," she said. "I've been tracking my cycle."

"Huh, okay." Nicole's relationships never lasted more than a few months: an early flare of infatuation, then the match quickly burnt down to her fingers and she dropped it. After every break up she'd talk about having a baby on her own.

"For real this time."



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PRAISE FOR *HALFWAY HOUSE*

"[Noel's] observations are crisply on target . . . [she] has genuine talent."—*Seattle Times*

"An emotionally intense, beautifully crafted debut."—*People*

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"Noel [writes with] intelligence and steady instincts as a storyteller."
—*New York Times Book Review*

"[This] stunning debut novel moves us through painfully believable human relationships tested, repaired, and transformed by time and experience . . . told with a rare and honest sympathy that rings true by an author to watch."—*Library Journal* (starred review)

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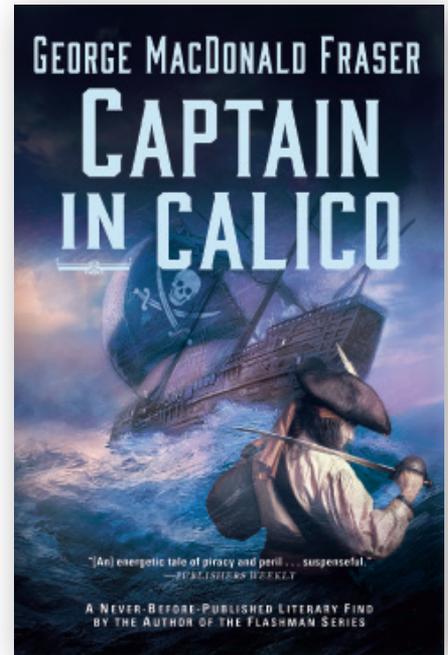
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Captain in Calico

George MacDonald Fraser



MARKETING

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—*Guardian* (UK)

George MacDonald Fraser was renowned for his legendary Flashman series featuring the incorrigible knave Harry Flashman. In this swash-buckling stand-alone novel, *Captain in Calico*, Fraser introduces the real-life antihero Captain John Rackham. Called Calico Jack, he was an illustrious eighteenth-century pirate, the first to fly the skull and crossbones on a black flag in the Caribbean seas.

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“Capt. Jack Rackham arrives on the page fearless and fully formed . . . An entertaining story laced with historical references.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“[An] energetic tale of piracy and peril.”

—*Publishers Weekly*



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GEORGE MACDONALD FRASER (1925–2008) was the author of the bestselling Flashman series. Born in England and raised in Scotland, he served in the Highland regiment in India, Africa, and the Middle East.

He also wrote screenplays, including *The Three Musketeers* and the James Bond film *Octopussy*.



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MARKETING

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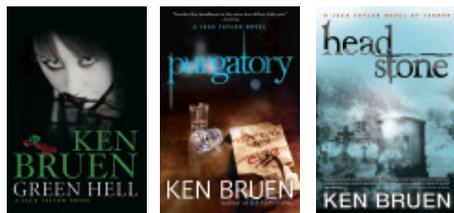
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Ken Bruen, the “Godfather of the modern Irish crime novel” (*Irish Independent*), is beloved for his black humor, verse-like prose, and irascible protagonist Jack Taylor, an ex-cop who is as addicted to trouble as he is to Jameson, pills, and pop culture.

In *The Emerald Lie*, the latest terror to be visited upon the dark Galway streets arrives in a most unusual form: an Eton and Cambridge graduate who becomes murderous over split infinitives, dangling modifiers, and any other sign of bad grammar. Meanwhile, Jack is approached by a grieving father with a pocketful of cash on offer if Jack will help exact revenge on those responsible for his daughter’s brutal rape and murder. Though hesitant to get involved, Jack agrees to get a read on the likely perpetrators. But Jack is soon derailed by the reappearance of Emily (previous alias: Emerald), the chameleon-like young woman who joined forces with Jack to take down her pedophile father in Bruen’s *Green Hell* and who remains passionate, clever, and utterly homicidal. She is ready to use any sort of coercion to get Jack to conspire with her against the serial killer the Garda have nicknamed “the Grammarian,” but her most destructive obsession just might be Jack himself.

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Excerpt

Soon as I got to my door, I sensed something off. Bracing myself, I pushed it open.

Sitting in my armchair was a woman, dressed like Annie Hall, smoking a thin cheroot. I kid thee fucking not.

Emily.

I said,

“Jesus wept.”

She gave that radiant smile, asked,

“Miss me, Jack?”

Already I was off balance, which is what I’d always been with her. No matter what tack I took, she was always out of left field. All you could do was hope the damage would be short. I said,

“See you made yourself at home.”

She shook the glass in her hand, said,

“I’m about ready for a refill.”

The dog gave me a delighted greeting then, the treacherous bastard, bounded on to her lap. She asked,

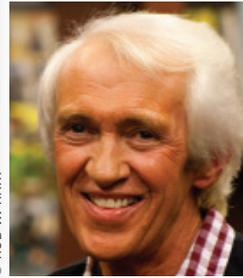
“What did you name him?”

I grabbed the bottle from the table, poured one and refreshed hers. I said,

“Storm.”

She rubbed his ears, then,

“How very you.”



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KEN BRUEN received a doctorate in metaphysics, taught English in South Africa, and then became a crime novelist. The critically acclaimed author of eleven previous Jack Taylor novels and *The White Trilogy*, he is the recipient of two Barry Awards and two Shamus Awards and has twice been a finalist for the Edgar Award. He lives in Galway, Ireland.

PRAISE FOR KEN BRUEN AND THE JACK TAYLOR SERIES

“The things Jack witnesses these days . . . would cause a saint to go blind. And Jack, whose heroism is fueled by ‘plain old-fashioned rage, bile and bitterness,’ is no saint. Never was, never will be. Amen.”—*Marilyn Stasio, New York Times Book Review, on Purgatory*

“One of the most sublime pleasures in crime fiction is reading a new book by Ken Bruen . . . This is real writing, the likes of which we are blessed to behold.”
—*Strand Magazine, on Purgatory*

“Bruen gets more done in a paragraph, a word, even a fragment of a word, than most writers get in an entire four-hundred-page doorstop. If his prose was any sharper, your eyeballs would bleed.”—*Mystery Scene, on Green Hell*

“Bleaker than David Goodis, colder than Derek Raymond, and funnier and more violent than Richard Stark, Ken Bruen is among the most original and innovative noir voices of the last two decades.”—*Los Angeles Review of Books, on Headstone*

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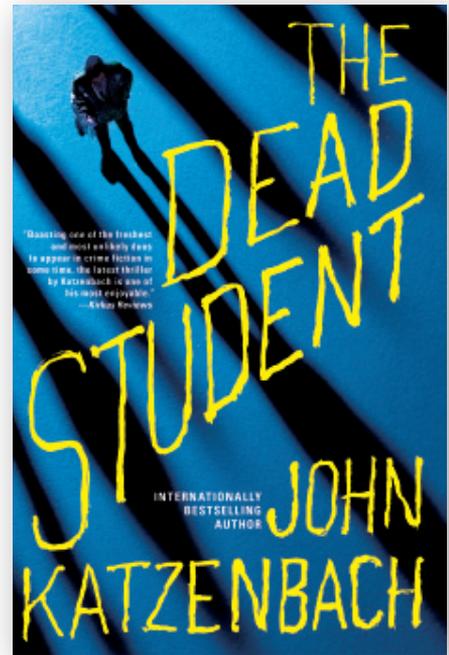
JOHN KATZENBACH has written fourteen novels, including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Traveler*, *Day of Reckoning*, *What Comes Next*, and *Red 1-2-3*.

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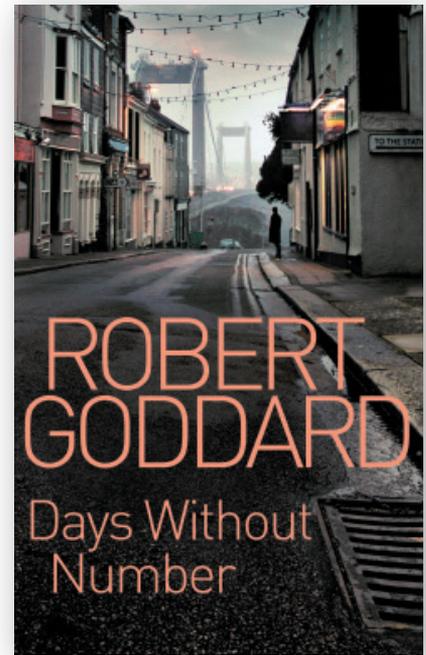
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ROBERT GODDARD

is the Edgar Award-winning, internationally bestselling author of *Into the Blue*, which won the first WH Smith Thumping Good Read Award, *Long Time Coming*, and the critically acclaimed James Maxted

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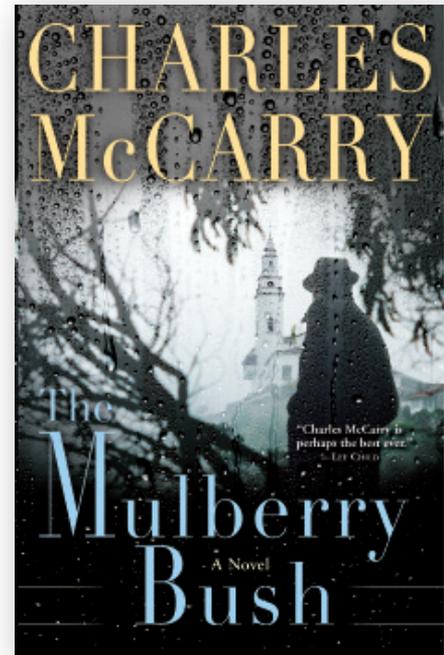
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The Mulberry Bush

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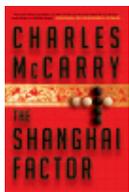
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CHARLES McCARRY

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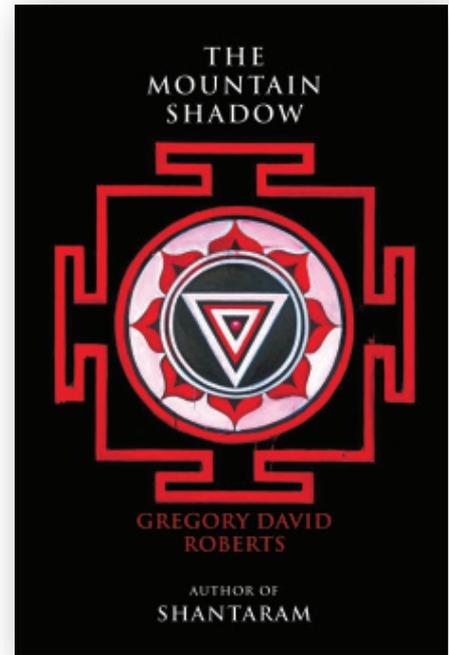
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GDR retired from public life in 2014 to devote time to his family and new writing projects.



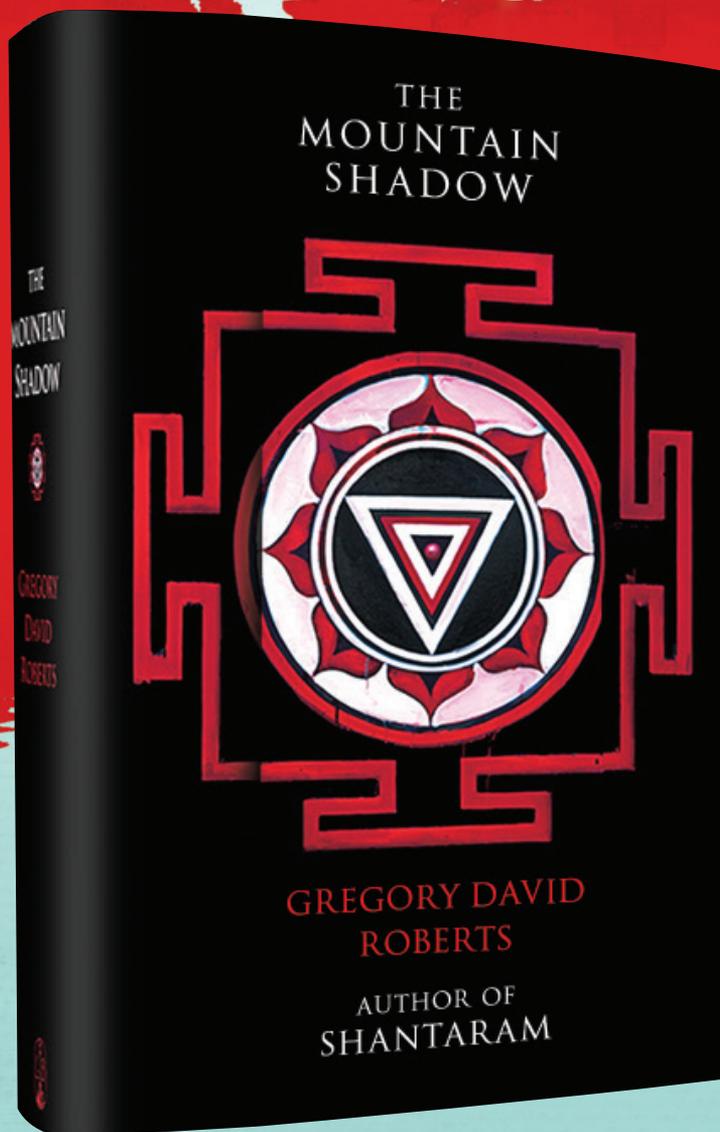
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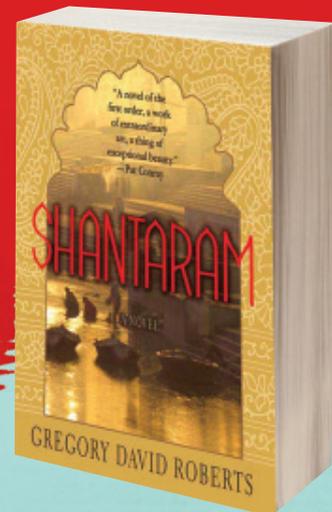
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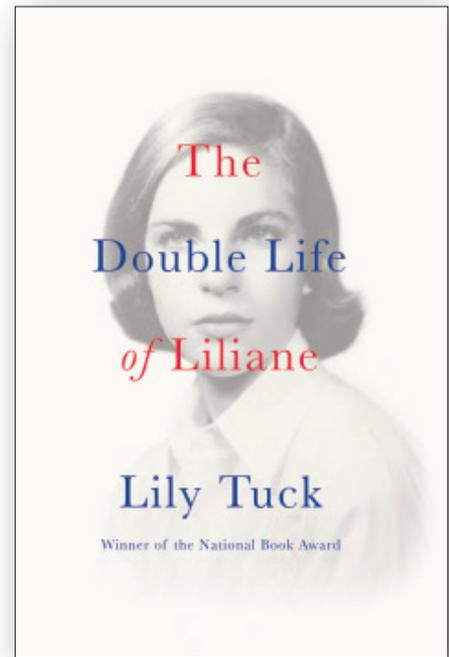


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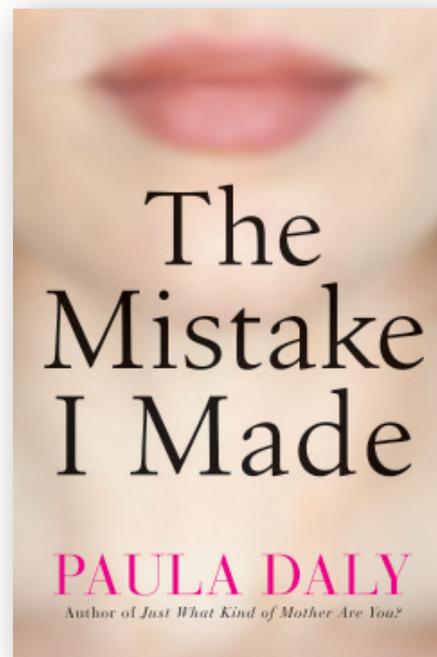
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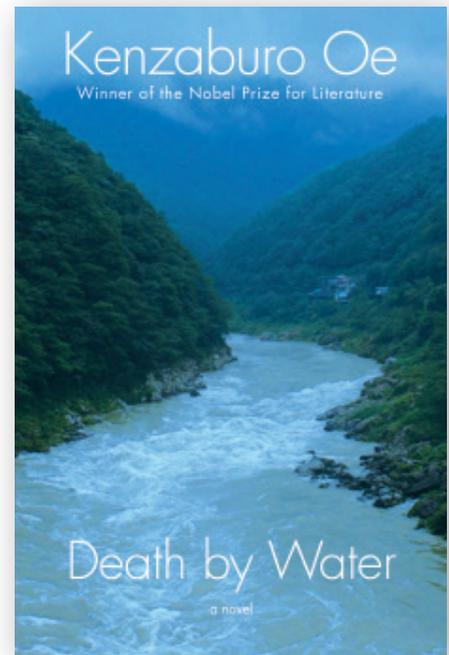
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KENZABURO OE was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for creating “an imagined world, where life and myth condense to form a disconcerting picture of the human predicament today.” He is the author of

numerous books, including *The Changeling*; *Rouse Up O Young Men of the New Age!*; *Hiroshima Notes*; *A Personal Matter*; *Teach Us to Outgrow Our Madness*; and *The Silent Cry*, among others.



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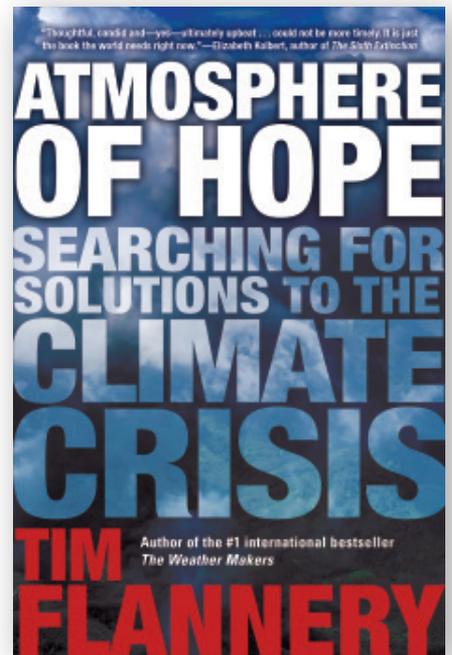
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Ryan has served as the sixteenth poet laureate of the United States, was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2011, and received a 2012 National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama

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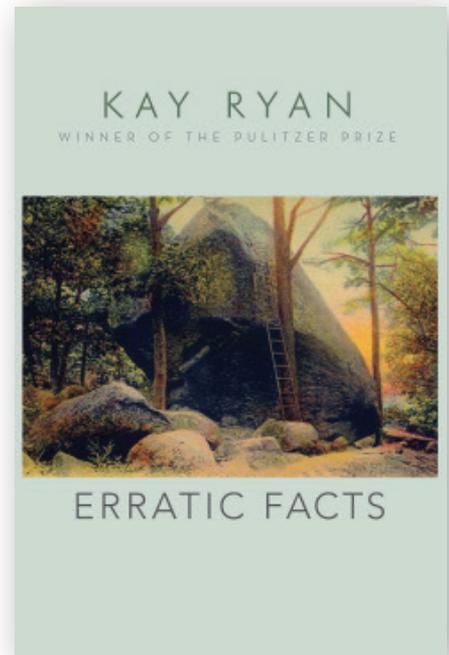
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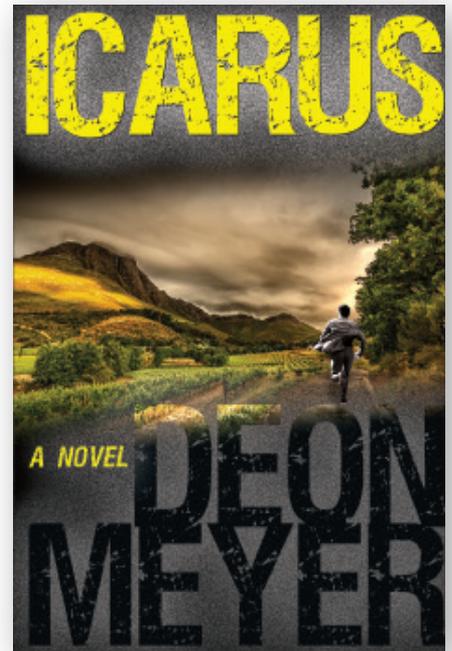
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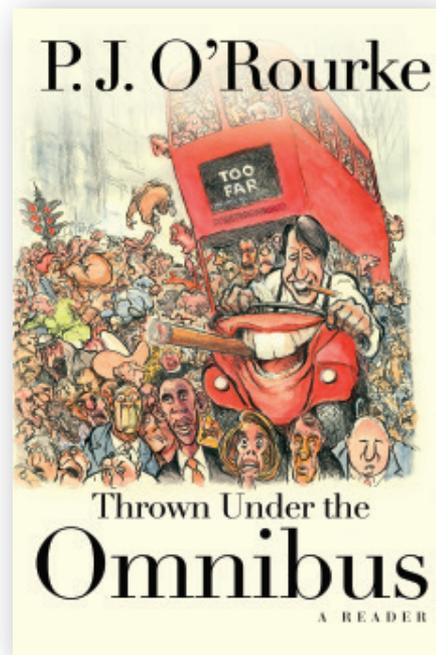
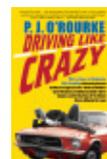
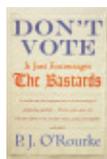
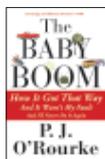
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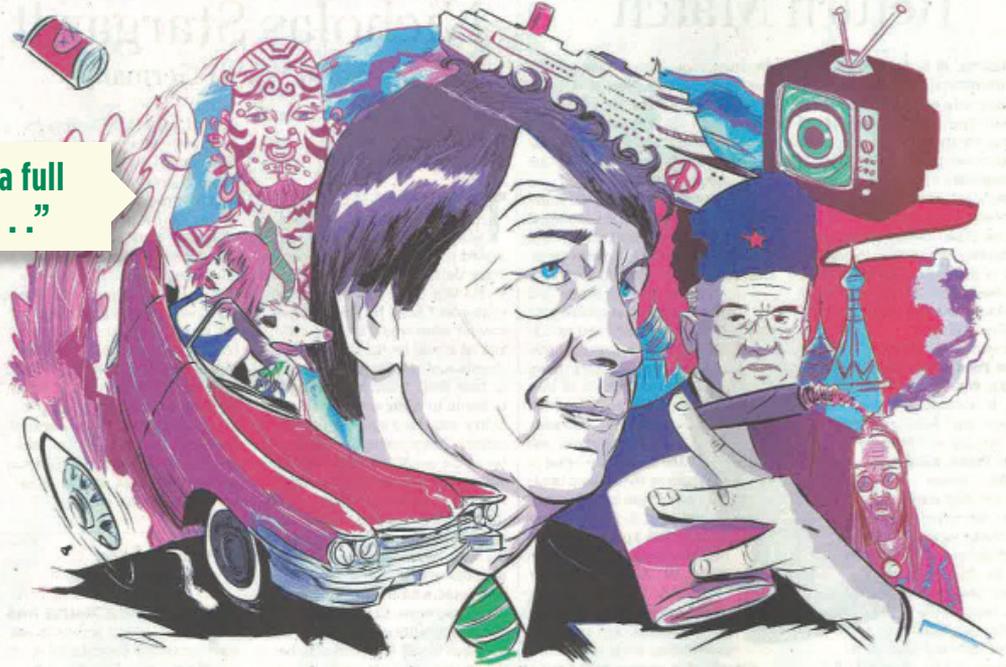
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A son of Ohio (and alumnus of Miami of Ohio), Mr. O'Rourke has had a full and illustrious career, including stints at National Lampoon, Car and Driver and Rolling Stone. He occupies a rare place among the laughing class: He has somehow avoided the orifice obsession that captivates many of its members; he identifies as Republican; and he is no mere thumb-sucker, having visited more than 40 countries to report on wars, regime changes, eco-

ted the chink in their ideological armor. These "were people who believed everything about the Soviet Union was perfect, but they were using their own toilet paper." Details reveal large truths.

After throwback moment, he is one true believer on the matter, radiating "not the kind of ugliness that's an accident of birth but the kind that is the result of years of ill temper, pique, and petty malice. These had given a rattish, shrewish, leaf-nosed-bat quality to her face." Today this passage might be dismissed as hag-shaming, though less fevered minds might recognize it as an excellent example of literary portraiture.

As the years passed Mr. O'Rourke found his way to many conflicts, including the invasion of Iraq, where his traveling companion, Atlantic editor Michael Kelly, was killed in an accident during the assault on the Baghdad airport. The interview with in-

about Mr. O'Rourke's work: If you're early on in an attempt to regain sobriety, it might be best to leave this book on the shelf until your legs are fully under you, for Mr. O'Rourke is a friend of the grape—or, more precisely, of whiskey. "Yes, alcohol kills brain cells," he writes, "but it's very selective. It kills only the brain cells that contain good sense, shame, em-

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the pen, including a primer, from his 1987 masterwork "Republican Party Reptile," on how to drive while drugged, possum-eyed drunk and within easy grope range of a feral female, an article that might get him arrested today. In the same spirit, he was an early opponent of the war on tobacco. "If someone asks you not to smoke, tell him you have no intention of living to be an embittered old person. But thank him for his concern."

Of greater delight are his take-downs of the smug drones who insist they know The True Way. In 1969 Mr. O'Rourke infiltrated an entire load of such people who were engaged in the heroic work of a "peace" cruise down the Volga. Our correspondent was truly out of water. Among other considered socialism "a the American principle shouldn't stick your nose in people's business except to buck." His fellow travelers, other hand, were fans of the state, then under the enlightened leadership of longtime KGB thug Andropov. Yet Mr. O'Rourke, exercising profound investigative skill, spot-

tomers "just wanted to be with other people." Which brings up one caution

and green initiatives and look down on American politicians for not hav-

stand thwart history shouting. "Don't swallow the refrigerator magnet!"

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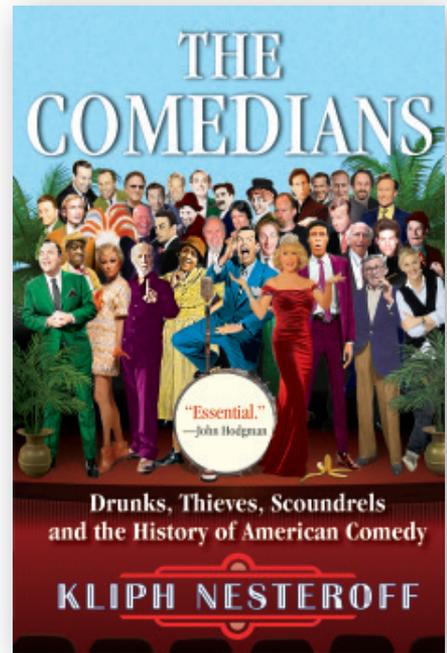
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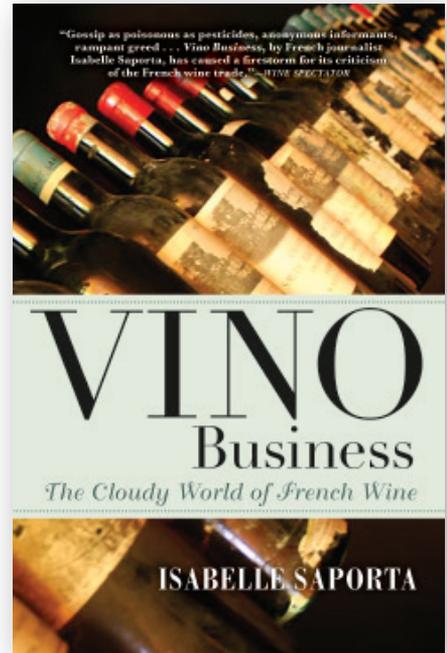


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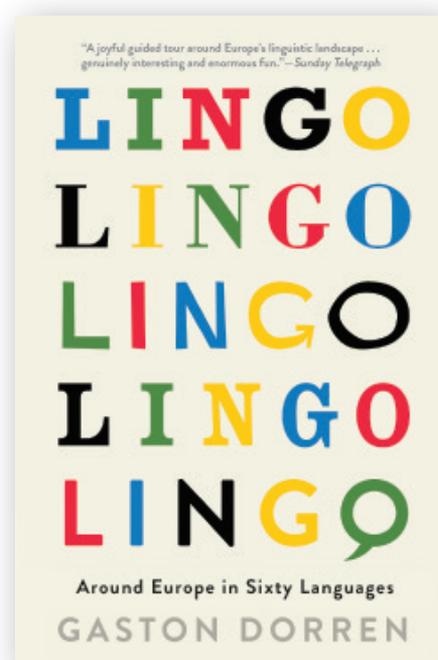
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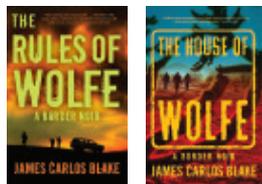
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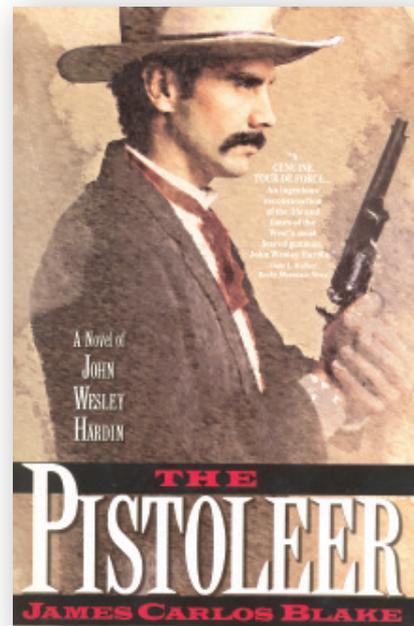
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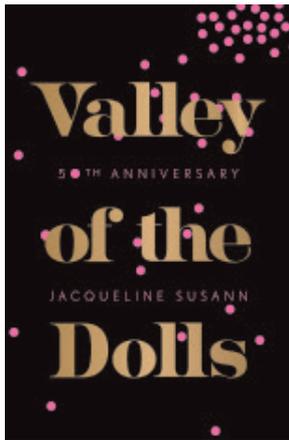


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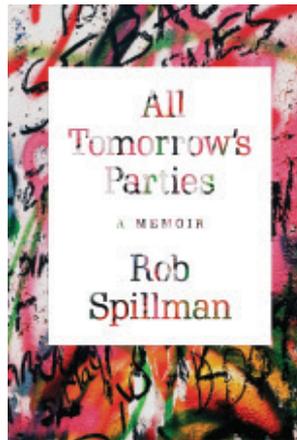
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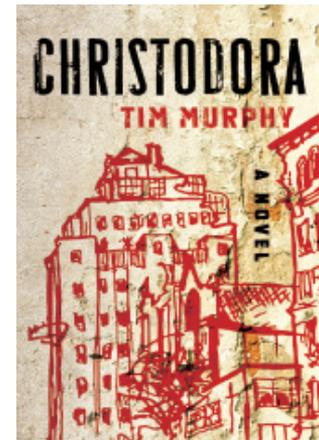
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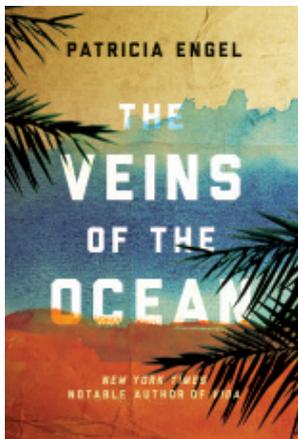
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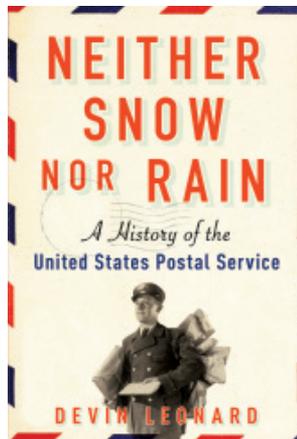
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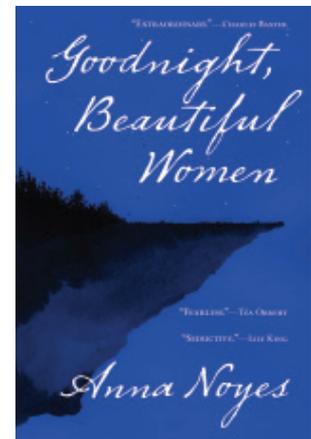
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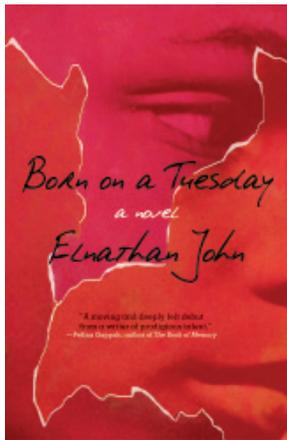
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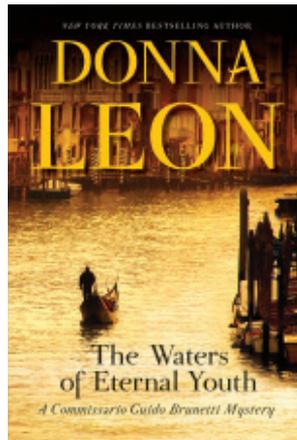
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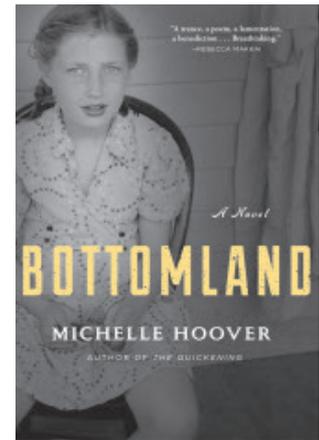
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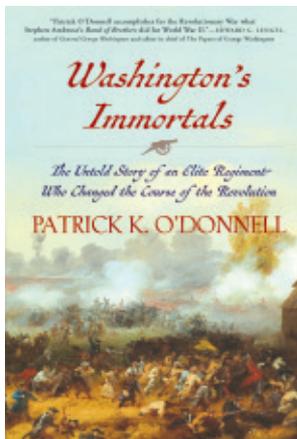
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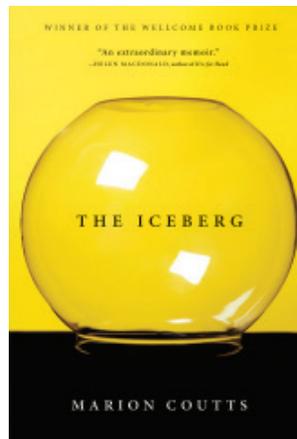
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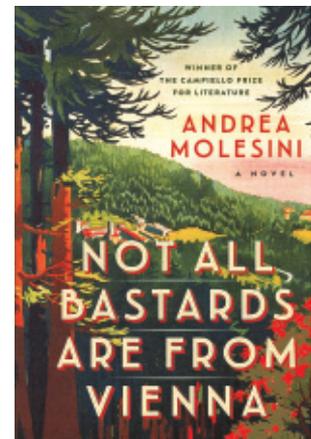
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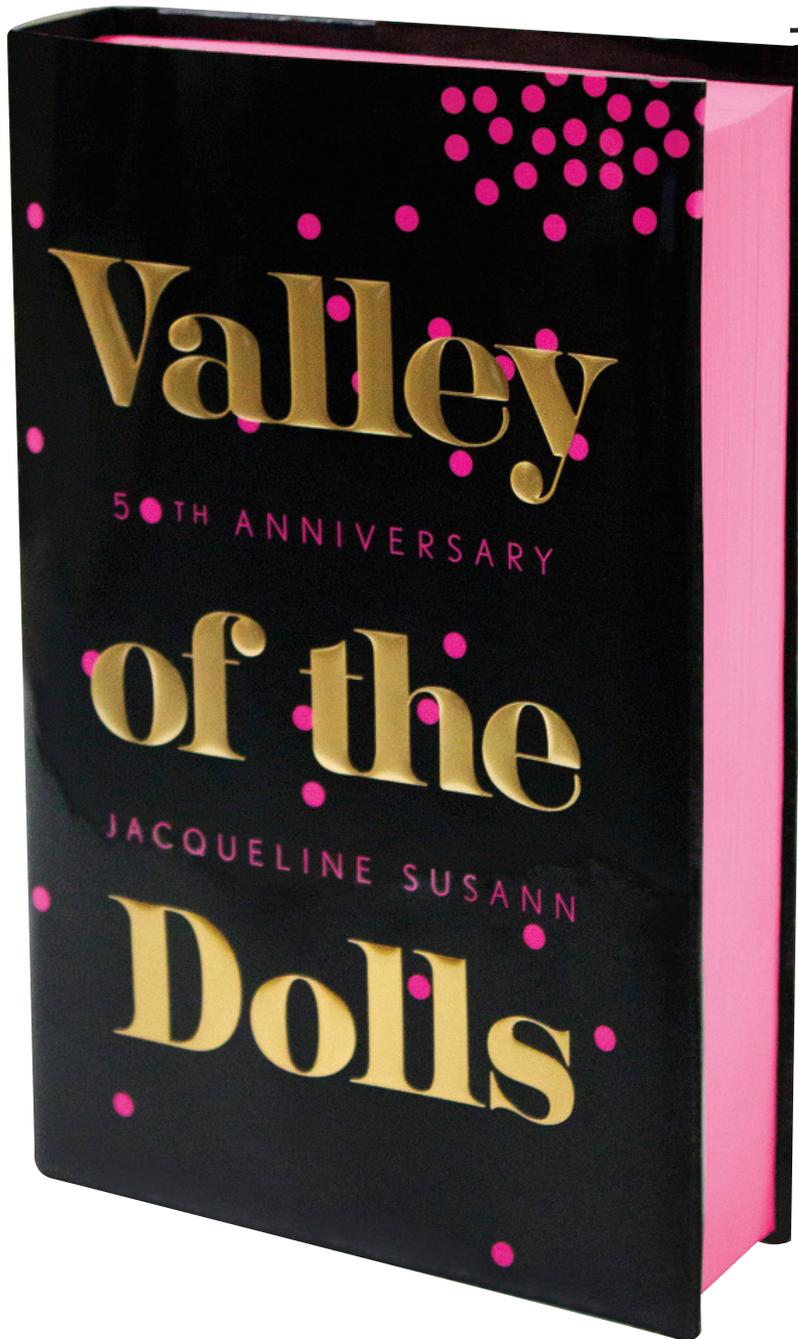
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