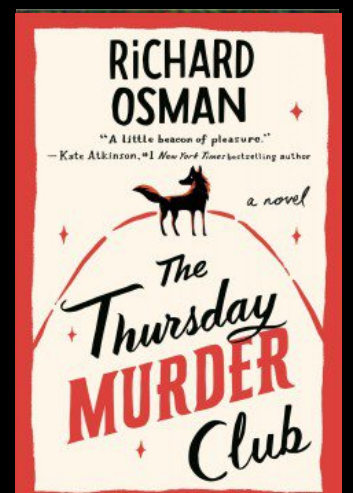
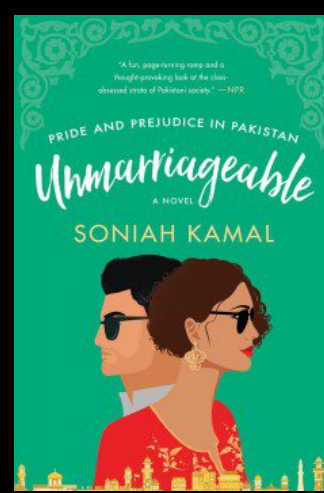
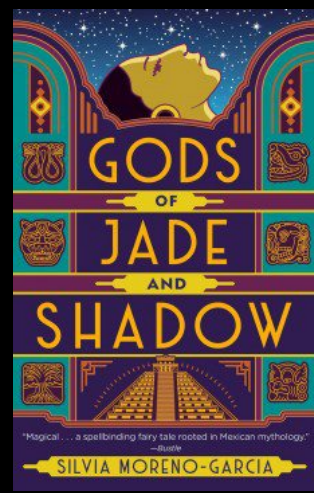
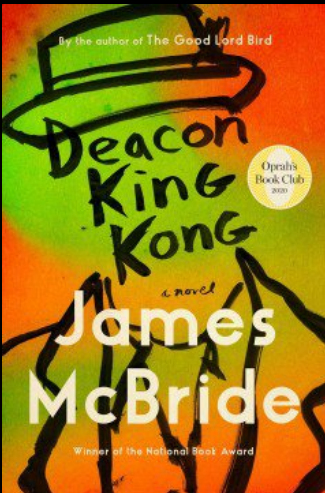
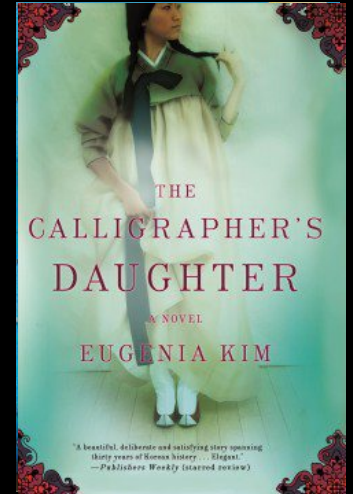
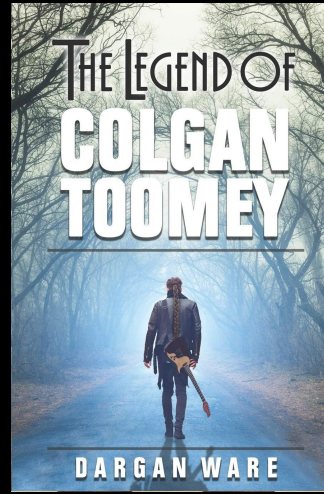
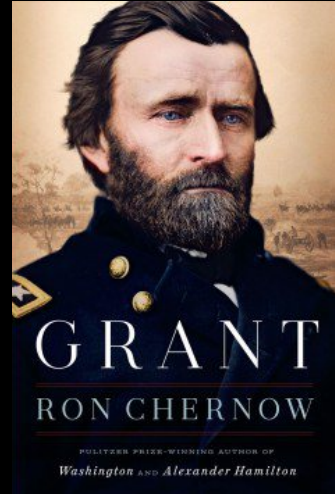
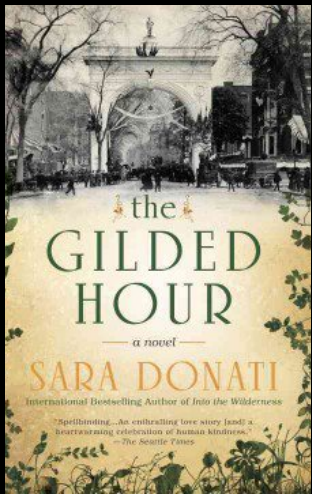


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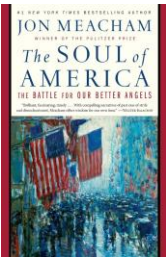
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JANUARY 21

Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen | 352 p | 7 c's

When a high-society dowager murdered at the height of Palm Beach's charity gala season is declared a political martyr by the colorful President she supported, a talented wildlife wrangler uncovers the truth amid the discovery of a controversial affair.



FEBRUARY 18

The Soul of America: The Battle for our better angels by John Meacham

416p | 6 copies

"Our current climate of partisan fury is not new, and in The Soul of America, Meacham shows us how what Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature" have repeatedly won the day.

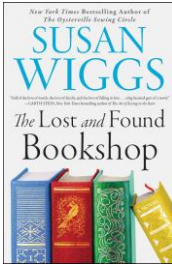


MARCH 18

Anxious People by Frederik Backman

349p | 10 copies

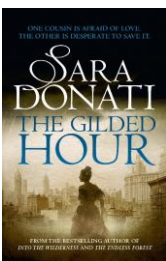
Taken hostage by a failed bank robber while attending an open house, eight anxiety-prone strangers—including a redemption-seeking bank director, two couples who would fix their marriages, and a plucky octogenarian—discover their unexpected common traits



APRIL 15

The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs | 356p | 8 copies

Inheriting her mother's San Francisco bookshop in the wake of a tragedy, Natalie bonds with her ailing grandfather and hires a contractor to perform repairs before unexpected discoveries connect her to the community and family secrets. 200,000 first printing.

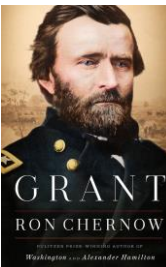


MAY 20

The Gilded Hour by Sara Donati

768p | 4 copies

Haunted by childhood losses in spite of successful medical careers in 1883 New York City, surgeon Anna Savard and her obstetrician cousin, Sophie, consider taking in a child and helping a desperate young mother, while avoiding dangerous anti-vice crusader Anthony Comstock



JUNE 17

Grant by Ron Chernow 1104p | 5 copies

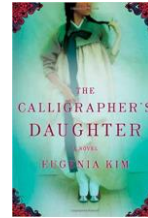
Pulitzer Prize winner Ron Chernow returns with a sweeping and dramatic portrait of one of our most compelling generals and presidents, Ulysses S. Grant.



JULY 15

The Legend of Colgan Toomey by Dargan Ware | 237p | 3 copies

It is a legend of many facets, all of which look different from every angle. Look inside to see it for yourself.



AUGUST 19

The Calligrapher's Daughter by Eugenia Kim 396p | 2 copies

In early twentieth-century Korea, Najin Han, the privileged daughter of a calligrapher, is sent to serve as a companion to the princess, only to see the monarchy crumble after the king's assassination and be sent on her own journey through increasing oppression, in a debut novel inspired by the life of the author's mother.

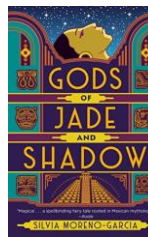


SEPTEMBER 16

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

384p | 5 copies

In the aftermath of a 1969 Brooklyn church deacon's public shooting of a local drug dealer, the community's African-American and Latinx witnesses find unexpected support from each other when they are targeted by violent mobsters.



OCTOBER 21

Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

384p | 3 copies

A dark fairy tale inspired by folklore is set against the Jazz age in Mexico's underworld, where a young dreamer is sent by the Mayan God of Death on a life-changing journey. By the award-winning author of Signal to Noise.



NOVEMBER 18

Unmarriageable: a novel by Sonia Kamal | 352p | 2 copies

A retelling of "Pride and Prejudice" set in modern-day Pakistan finds a practical-minded teacher from a family of sisters evaluating her resolve never to marry after encountering a brusque but compelling man during a series of lavish wedding parties



DECEMBER 16

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman 363p | 1 copy

Meeting weekly in their retirement village's Jigsaw Room to exchange theories about unsolved crimes, four savvy septuagenarians propose a daring but unorthodox plan to help a woman rookie cop solve her first big murder case.