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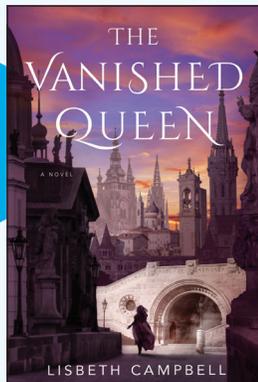
The Vanished Queen

A Novel

By Lisbeth Campbell

With riveting characters, Lisbeth Campbell creates a powerful story of political intrigue, rebellion, and betrayal. Years ago, Queen Mirantha disappeared, and the king claimed assassination from a rival, but everyone knows he was the true source. Anza, a resistance fighter determined to overthrow the treacherous king, finds the queen's missing diary, and dedicates herself to finding evidence of the king's evil. A chance encounter with the King's second son, Esvar, gives them both the chance they've been looking for to unseat the tyrant.

For fans of Spinning Silver and Foundryside



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Saga Press, August 2020
Literary Fiction/Epic Fantasy



Ana's Pick



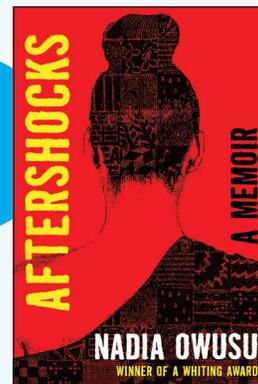
Aftershocks

A Memoir

By Nadia Owusu

Raised internationally by her father who worked for the UN and died when she was thirteen, this bold and profound memoir unpacks Nadia Owusu's stateless and motherless adolescence as she struggles in adulthood to define her identity and a meaning of home. Using strikingly constructed metaphors surrounding earthquakes she illustrates how traumas shake the ground beneath our feet to rattle parts of ourselves loose and broken, and exacerbate invisible fault lines underneath the surface.

For fans of The Argonauts and Heavy



Hardcover: 9781982111229
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Simon & Schuster, August 2020
Personal Memoir/African American Cultural



Amanda's Pick



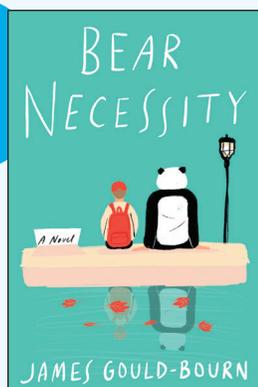
Bear Necessity

A Novel

By James Gould-Bourn

Three words that describe this novel are: tragic, uplifting, and charming. It is the story of Danny—a single father with a mute son named Will who is struggling to make ends meet in London. When Danny loses his job, he buys a panda costume as a last resort and begins entertaining people in a local park. A story of hope, love, and loss, with vibrant characters you feel for and with, Bear Necessity showed me the beauty that lies within father-son relationships in this heartbreaking story.

For fans of The Trouble with Goats and Sheep and Ervie Drake Starts Over



Hardcover: 9781982128296
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Scribner, August 2020
Family Life/Humorous



Rachel's Pick



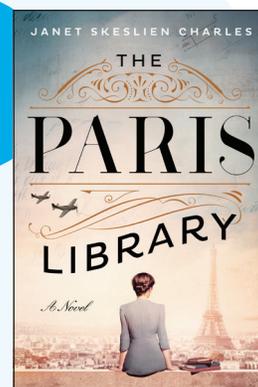
The Paris Library

A Novel

By Janet Skeslien Charles

I simply loved The Paris Library. Set in Nazi-occupied France during World War II, this novel tells the story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris, who continued to deliver books to their Jewish patrons once they were banned from the library. Each delivery meant putting their lives at risk. This novel is a powerful reminder to us all that books are more than just words on the page.

For fans of The Nightingale and The Little Paris Bookshop



Hardcover: 9781982134198
Ebook: 9781982134211
Atria Books, June 2020
World War II Fiction/Friendship



TURN THE PAGE FOR MORE SUMMER 2020 RELEASES

Big Summer

A Novel

By Jennifer Weiner

Daphne could never have predicted her high school best frenemy Bitsy would show up at her doorstep, as perfect as ever, bribing her to be a bridesmaid for her Cape Cod wedding to a reality TV star. Despite all the perks and Instagram-worthy moments of this picture-perfect wedding, Daphne is convinced there's something odd going on behind closed doors. Don't miss #1 *New York Times* bestseller Jennifer Weiner's latest summer read!

For fans of *Queen Bee* and *The Perfect Couple*



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Atria Books, May 2020
Literary Fiction/Family Life



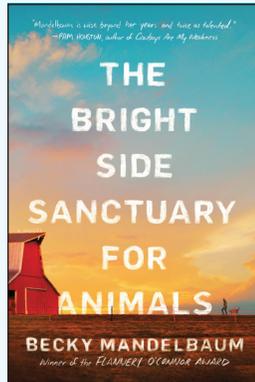
The Bright Side Sanctuary for Animals

A Novel

By Becky Mandelbaum

Ariel and her mother, Mona, are estranged, but when Mona's animal sanctuary is the target of on anti-Semitic hate crimes and on the brink of financial ruin, Ariel returns to the sanctuary to help. She finds tension with Mona, and unexpected emotions when her first love is also working at Bright Side, and she realizes part of her past may have played a role in the attack on the sanctuary.

For fans of *Unsheltered* and *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*



Hardcover: 9781982112981
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Simon & Schuster, August 2020
Literary Fiction/Coming of Age



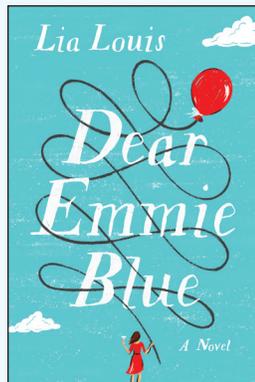
Dear Emmie Blue

A Novel

By Lia Louis

Teenager Emmie Blue releases a balloon with her contact info and a dark secret into the sky only to fall head-over-heels for the boy who finds it. Fourteen years later, Emmie is devastated to learn he's getting married. The one thing Emmie has been counting on is gone for good, and everything else she planned for herself is up in the air. But Emmie will soon find out that life is what happens when you are busy making other plans.

For fans of *The Unhoneymooners* and *One Day in December*



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Emily Bestler Books, July 2020
Romantic Comedy/Friendship



The Down Days

A Novel

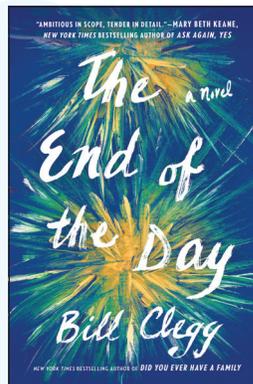
By Ilze Hugo

In the aftermath of a deadly outbreak, a city at the tip of Africa is losing its mind, with residents experiencing hallucinations and paranoia. Is it just another episode of mass hysteria, or something worse? Faith, a fulltime corpse collector, agrees to help an orphan find her abducted baby brother, wondering if the boy is even real. Faith's path crosses with a large cast of hustlers and intertwines with them as they move about the city, looking for answers that may not exist.

For fans of *Severance* and *The Book of M*



Hardcover: 9781982121549
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Skybound Books, May 2020
Apocalyptic Fiction/Sci-Fi Mystery



Hardcover: 9781476798202
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Scout Press, June 2020
Literary Fiction/Friendship

The End of the Day

A Novel

By Bill Clegg

A widow in Connecticut wakes to an unexpected visit from her childhood best friend whom she hasn't seen in forty-nine years. A man arrives at a Pennsylvania hotel to introduce his estranged father to his newborn daughter and finds him collapsed on the floor. A sixty-seven-year-old taxi driver in Kauai receives a call that jars her back to a traumatic past. These seemingly disconnected lives come together as old secrets begin to surface. It is in this moment that Bill Clegg reminds us how choices become our legacy.

For fans of *Did You Ever Have a Family* and *Clock Dance*

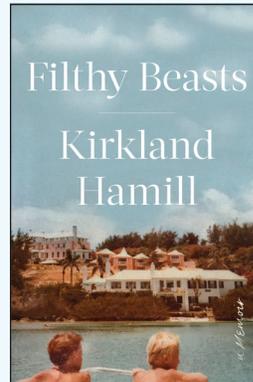
Filthy Beasts

A Memoir

By Kirkland Hamill

Following her divorce and a rancorous split from New York's upper classes, Wendy Hamill and her three sons are exiled from their elite circle. Kirk is eight when his mother moves the family to her native Bermuda, where the brothers must fend for themselves as Wendy chases the highs of her old life—drinks, men, and other indulgences. *Filthy Beasts* is both a gripping riches-to-rags story and the unforgettable journey of a man coming to terms with his family's flaws and his own buried truths.

For fans of *Fire Shut Up in My Bones* and *Running with Scissors*



Hardcover: 9781982122768
Ebook: 9781982122782
Avid Reader Press, July 2020
Personal Memoir/Coming of Age



The Girl from Widow Hills

A Novel

By Megan Miranda

Arden was just six years old when she went missing, swept away while sleepwalking during a terrible rainstorm. The media calls her survival a living miracle. Fame followed, a book, fan letters, stalkers. Desperate to escape the attention, Arden changed her name and moved far from home as soon as she could. But years later, her sleepwalking suddenly returns worse than ever. Everything changes when she wakes stumbling over a dead—and familiar—body...

For fans of *All the Missing Girls* and *The Family Upstairs*



Hardcover: 9781501165429
Ebook: 9781501165443
Simon & Schuster, June 2020
Women's Fiction/Suspense Thriller



Grand

A Memoir

By Sara Schaefer

Grand is a story about family, identity, and struggling to make something of yourself. Critically acclaimed stand-up comedian, writer, and producer Sara Schaefer deconstructs her struggles with anxiety and depression, and what it means to be a good person, and the radically discordant stories we tell ourselves and share with the world.

For fans of *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* and *Furiously Happy*



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Gallery Books, August 2020
Personal Memoirs/Marriage & Family



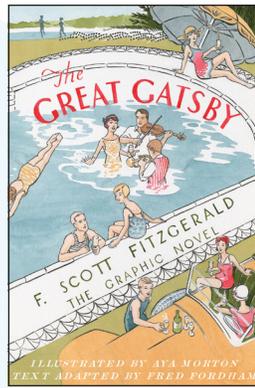
The Great Gatsby

The Graphic Novel

By F. Scott Fitzgerald,
adapted by Fred Fordham
Illustrated by Aya Morton

"I like large parties. They're so intimate. At small parties there isn't any privacy." Dive back into F. Scott Fitzgerald's third, beloved book with this graphic novel adaption of the quintessential Jazz Age novel, first published in 1925. Gatsby, Nick, Daisy, Tom, East, and West Egg are all here in vivid illustrations by Aya Morton, with the crystalline text adapted by Fred Fordham. Perfect for Gatsby fans, and kids and teachers turning to this classic for the first time.

For fans of *The Handmaid's Tale Graphic Novel* and *To Kill a Mockingbird: A Graphic Novel*



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Scribner, June 2020
Classics/Graphic Novel

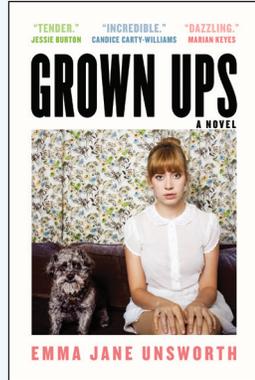
Grown Ups

A Novel

By Emma Jane Unsworth

Jenny McLaine's life is falling apart. Her friendships are flagging. Her body has failed her. She's just lost her column at *The Foo* because she isn't the fierce voice new feminism needs. Her ex is seeing someone new. And worst of all: Jenny's mother is moving in. Having left home at eighteen to remake herself as a self-sufficient millennial, Jenny is now in her thirties and nothing is as she thought it would be. Least of all adulthood.

For fans of *Normal People* and *My Year of Rest and Relaxation*



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Scout Press, May 2020
Literary Fiction/Coming of Age

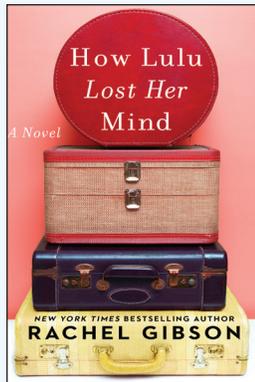
How Lulu Lost Her Mind

A Novel

By Rachel Gibson

Lulu's mother Patricia isn't doing well. On top of the Alzheimer's slowly claiming her mind, Patricia has been kicked out of yet another elder care facility for canoodling with too many male patients. Now Lulu must put her successful life as a relationship coach on hold to care full-time for her mother in her family's old plantation home. Every good day is followed by two days of meltdowns, and as Lulu adjusts to this new dynamic, she is forced to confront the fact that her mother's fate is out of her hands.

For fans of *The Art of Running in Heels* and *One Day in December*



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Humorous/Southern Women Fiction

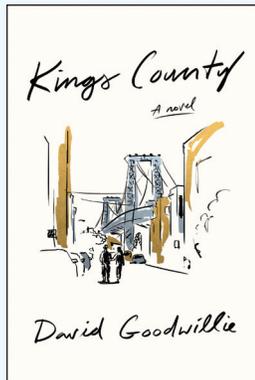
Kings County

A Novel

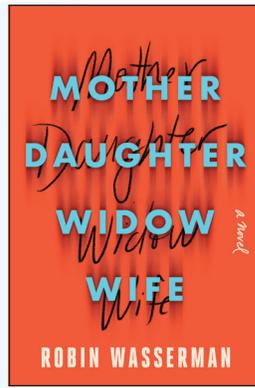
By David Goodwillie

When a mysterious suicide forces thirty-something lovers Audrey and Theo to confront a dark, long-buried secret, they find themselves fighting not just for each other, but for their very lives. From the raucous protests of Occupy Wall Street to the hushed halls of the publishing world, *Kings County* captures New York City at a moment of cultural reckoning as it confronts the urgent issues of our time.

For fans of *City on Fire* and *Ask Again, Yes*



Hardcover: 9781501192135
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Avid Reader Press, July 2020
City Life/Literary Fiction



Hardcover: 9781982139490
Ebook: 9781982139513
Scribner, June 2020
Literary Fiction/Psychological

Mother Daughter Widow Wife

A Novel

By Robin Wasserman

Who is Wendy Doe? Wendy, suffering from temporary amnesia, certainly doesn't know and submits to experimental observation at the Meadowlark Institute. To the Institute's Dr. Strauss, Wendy is a fascinating case study. To Dr. Strauss's ambitious student Lizzie, Wendy is simply *fascinating*. Through their entanglement, and a teenage daughter intent on discovering her vanished mother's past, Wasserman crafts a deft exploration of selfhood and female identity.

For fans of *Girls on Fire* and *The Female Persuasion*

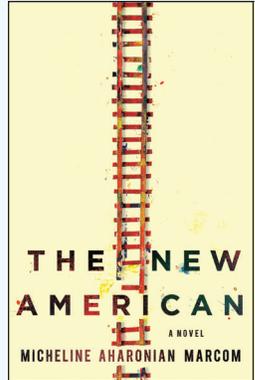
The New American

A Novel

By Micheline Aharonian Marcom

Emilio's parents sacrifice every day to make sure he is living the American Dream, but when he wants to get his driver's license at sixteen, he learns he is undocumented. He attends college under the Dreamers' Act, but when he gets into a car accident, the officer on scene reports Emilio to Immigration Services, and he is deported to Guatemala. Determined to get back to the only home he's ever known, Emilio embarks on an epic journey to return to California.

For fans of *The Book of Unknown Americans* and *America is Not the Heart*



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Coming of Age/Hispanic & Latino Fiction

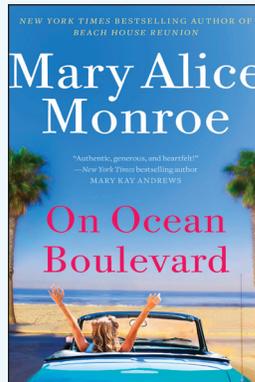
On Ocean Boulevard

A Novel

By Mary Alice Monroe

Known for her lyrical, Southern-set women's fiction, *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe is back with the next novel in her beloved Beach House series about new beginnings and the unbreakable bonds of friends and family.

For fans of the *Beach House* series and *Sunset Beach*



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Women's Fiction/Romance

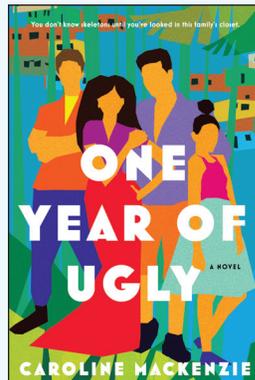
One Year of Ugly

A Novel

By Caroline Mackenzie

Yola and her family are living illegally in Trinidad after escaping from socialist Venezuela, and when Yola's aunt Celia dies, she leaves behind her debt to a shady criminal named Ugly. Unable to pay off Celia's debt, Yola's family must do Ugly's bidding until they've paid him off. Amidst the turmoil of this servitude is Roman, Ugly's very handsome right-hand man that Yola just can't keep her eyes—and hands!—off!

For fans of *Behold the Dreamers* and *Here Comes the Sun*



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37 Ink, July 2020
Cultural Heritage/Humorous Fiction

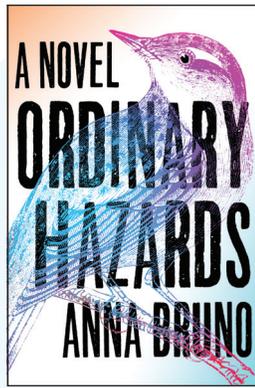
Ordinary Hazards

A Novel

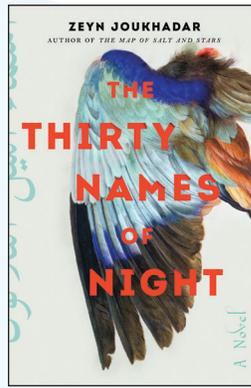
By Anna Bruno

Emma has settled into her hometown bar for the evening, nine months after her divorce from Lucas, a man she met in this very room on a blind date. As she reminisces, key facts about her history begin to emerge, and the past comes bearing down on her like a freight train: Why has she ended up here? What is she running away from? As she teeters on the edge of oblivion, Emma's night begins to spin out of control.

For fans of *The Most Fun We Ever Had* and *A Separation*



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Literary Fiction/Family Life



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Atria Books, May 2020
Coming of Age/Transgender Fiction



The Thirty Names of Night

A Novel

By Zeyn Joukhadar

The author of the "vivid and urgent...important and timely" (*The New York Times Book Review*) debut *The Map of Salt and Stars* returns with this remarkably moving and lyrical novel following three generations of Syrian Americans who are linked by a mysterious species of bird and the truths they carry close to their hearts.

For fans of *The Map of Salt and Stars* and *The Other Americans*

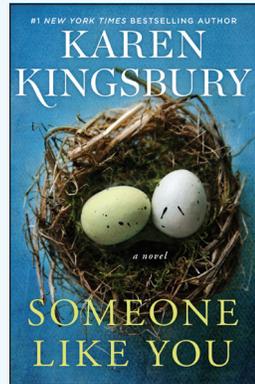
Someone Like You

A Novel

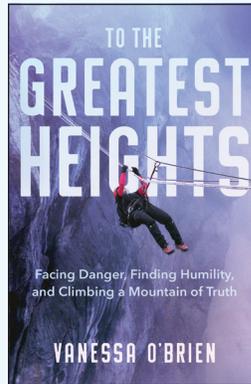
By Karen Kingsbury

Maddie Baxter West is shaken to the core when she finds out everything she believed about her life was a lie. She was adopted as an embryo. When a total stranger confronts Maddie with the truth and tells her about a sister she never knew about, she leaves her new job and fiancée, rejects her family's requests for forgiveness, and moves to Portland to find out who she really is. But is it already too late to meet the sister she never knew?

For fans of *Love Story* and *The Broken Road*



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Atria Books, May 2020
Christian Romance/Family Life



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Emily Bestler Books, July 2020
Personal Memoir/Adventurers & Explorers



To The Greatest Heights

Facing Danger, Finding Humility, and Climbing a Mountain of Truth

By Vanessa O'Brien

Vanessa O'Brien overcame a childhood of tragedy to climb the corporate ladder, only to be knocked down by the 2009 economic meltdown. With her career on hold, Vanessa found a new, unlikely goal: climb Mt. Everest. After her first attempt ended in disaster, she vowed she'd be back, and two years later she made it to the summit of Everest. Told with heart and humor, Vanessa's quest for high altitude achievement becomes a transformative story of resilience.

For fans of *Find a Way* and *The Impossible Climb*

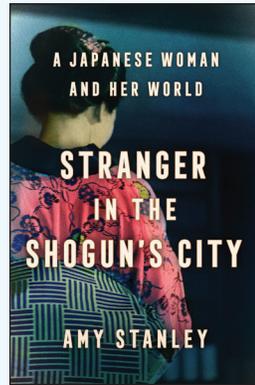
Stranger in the Shogun's City

A Japanese Woman and Her World

By Amy Stanley

The daughter of a Buddhist priest, Tsuneno was born in a small Japanese village with a temperament much too strong-willed for her family's approval. Thrice divorced, she ran away to make a life for herself in 19th century, bustling Edo—the largest city in the world. An extraordinary woman at an extraordinary time, Stanley gives readers a captivating world of history about the untold story of the life of a woman, a city, and a culture.

For fans of *Fly Girls* and *Nothing Daunted*



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19th Century/Women's History



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