



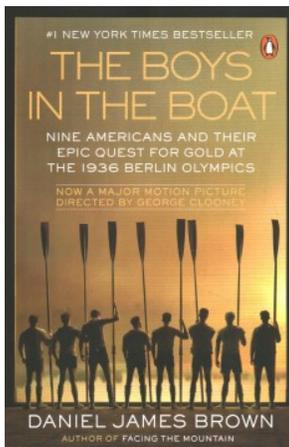
Books recommended by library staff



A fate inked in blood

by Danielle L. Jensen

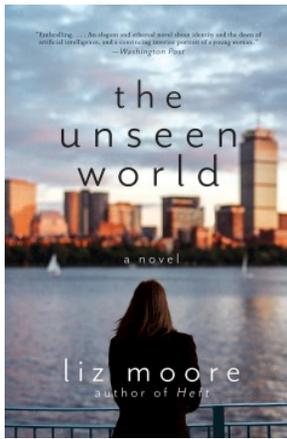
After discovering that she is a shield maiden who can repel any attack, a fanatical jarl binds Freya with a blood oath to protect Skaland in a Norse-inspired fantasy romance, from the best-selling author of The Bridge Kingdom series.



The boys in the boat

by Daniel James Brown

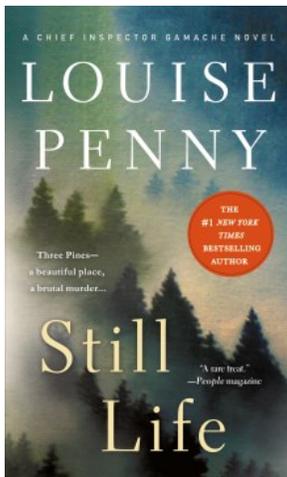
This book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. It traces the story of the team that defeated elite rivals at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics, sharing the experiences of their enigmatic coach, a visionary boat builder, and a homeless teen rower



The unseen world

by Liz Moore

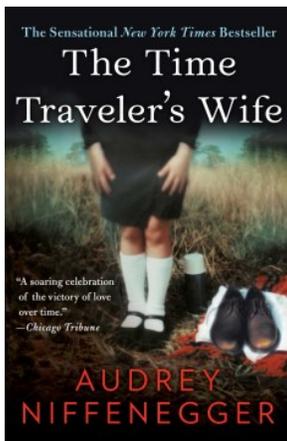
Accompanying her eccentric, socially inept father to his 1980s Boston computer science lab every day, Ada, a shy, homeschooled prodigy, is sheltered by a colleague when her father's mental health and reputation deteriorate in ways that compel her to investigate his hidden past. By the award-winning author of Heft.



Still life

by Louise Penny

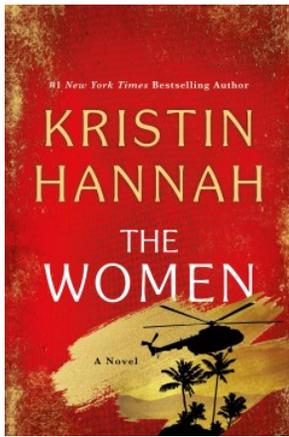
Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of Canada's S uret e du Quebec is called to the tiny hamlet of Three Pines to investigate the suspicious hunting "accident" that claimed the life of Jane Neal, a local fixture in the village



The time traveler's wife

by Audrey Niffenegger

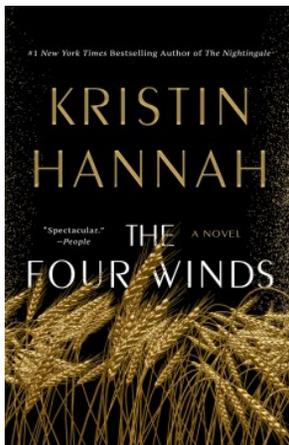
"The beloved, mega bestselling first novel from Audrey Niffenegger, "a soaring celebration of the victory of love over time" (Chicago Tribune). A most untraditional love story, this is the celebrated tale of Henry DeTamble, a dashing, adventuresome librarian who inadvertently travels through time, and Clare Abshire, an artist whose life takes a natural sequential course. Henry and Clare's passionate affair endures across a sea of time and captures them in an impossibly romantic trap that tests the strength of fate and basks in the bonds of love. "The Time Traveler's Wife is an odd and enchanting love story. Most of us meet the person we love when we are adults, when the children we were are long gone. Henry and Clare--through the decidedly mixed blessing of Henry's Chrono-Displacement Disorder--have it both ways. It is a story of intense devotion filtered through time--of two people who share the best and worst of growing up as soulmates in a world that can change in an instant"(Charles Dickinson, author of A Shortcut in Time)"



The women

by Kristin Hannah

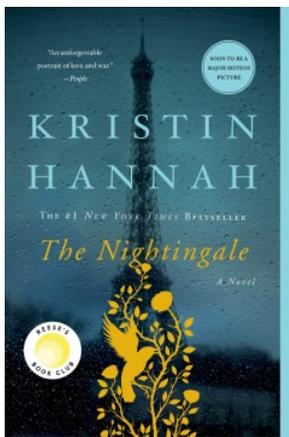
In 1965, nursing student Frankie McGrath, after hearing the words “Women can be heroes, too,” impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.



The four winds

by Kristin Hannah

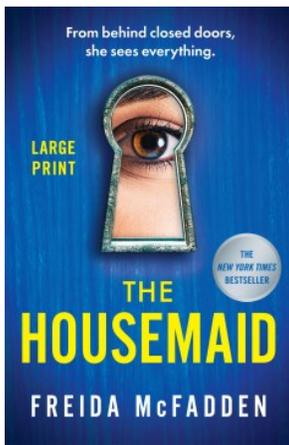
In 1934, during the Great Depression, Elsa Martinelli, battling against nature on the Great Plains, must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family. Original. One million first printing.



The nightingale

by Kristin Hannah

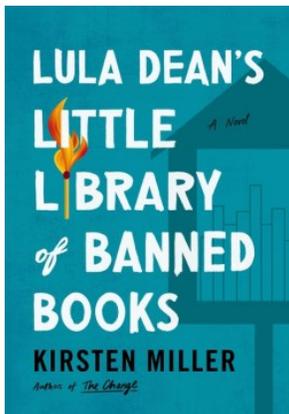
Reunited when the elder's husband is sent to fight in World War II, French sisters Vianne and Isabelle find their bond as well as their respective beliefs tested by a world that changes in horrific ways



The housemaid

by Freida McFadden

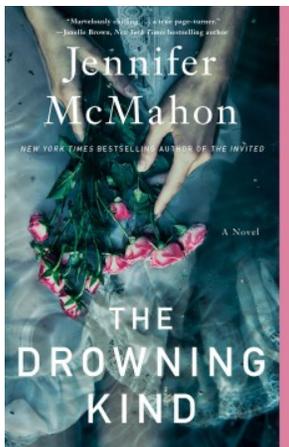
"Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own... Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day..But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of"



Lula Dean's little library of banned books

by Kirsten Miller

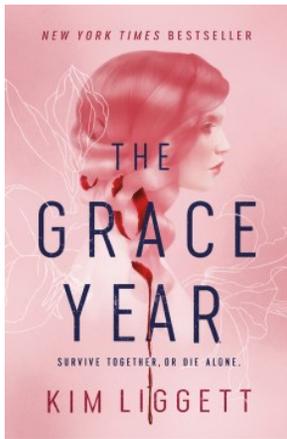
When Lula Dean, trying to rid public libraries of "pornographic" books, starts her own lending library in front of her home, Lindsay, the daughter of Lula's arch nemesis, sneaks in nightly, secretly filling it with banned books wrapped in "wholesome" dust jackets, changing the lives of those who borrow them in unexpected ways



The Drowning Kind

by Jennifer McMahon

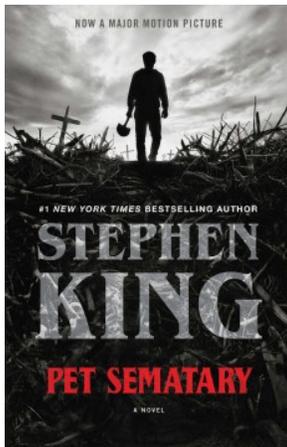
When her older sister, Lexie, manic and increasingly out of touch with reality, is found dead, drowned in the pool at their grandmother's estate, Jax discovers that Lexie was researching the history of their family and had unearthed something unimaginable about them all. Original. 75,000 first printing.



The grace year

by Kim Liggett

Tierney James struggles to endure the year in which she and other young women are banished to the wild until, purified, the survivors are allowed to return home and marry



Pet sematary

by Stephen King

When Dr. Louis Creed takes a new job and moves his family to the idyllic rural town of Ludlow, Maine, this new beginning seems too good to be true. Despite Ludlow's tranquility, an undercurrent of danger exists here. Those trucks on the road outside the Creed's beautiful old home travel by just a little too quickly, for one thing...as is evidenced by the makeshift graveyard in the nearby woods where generations of children have buried their beloved pets. Then there are the warnings to Louis both real and from the depths of his nightmares that he should not venture beyond the borders of this little graveyard where another burial ground lures with seductive promises and ungodly temptations. A blood-chilling truth is hidden there--one more terrifying than death itself, and hideously more powerful. As Louis is about to discover for himself sometimes, dead is better



Cujo

by Stephen King

"Cujo used to be a big friendly dog, lovable and loyal to his trinity (The Man, The Woman, and The Boy) and everyone around him, and always did his best to not be a BAD DOG. But that all ends on the day this nearly two-hundred-pound Saint Bernard makes the mistake of chasing a rabbit into a hidden underground cave, setting off a tragic chain of events. Now Cujo is no longer himself as he is slowly overcome by a growing sickness, one that consumes his mind even as his once affable thoughts turn uncontrollably and inexorably to hatred and murder. Cujo is about to become the center of a horrifying vortex that will inescapably draw in everyone around him--a relentless reign of terror, fury, and madness from which no one in Castle Rock will truly be safe..."--Back cover



Call me by your name

by André Aciman

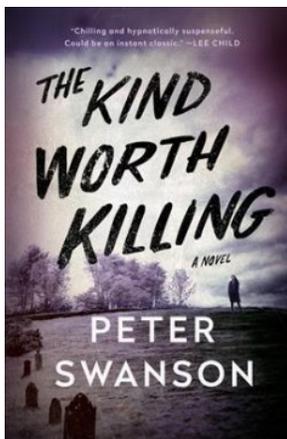
The sudden and powerful attraction between a teenage boy and a summer guest at his parents' house on the Italian Riviera has a profound and lasting influence that will mark them both for a lifetime



It happened one summer

by Tessa Bailey

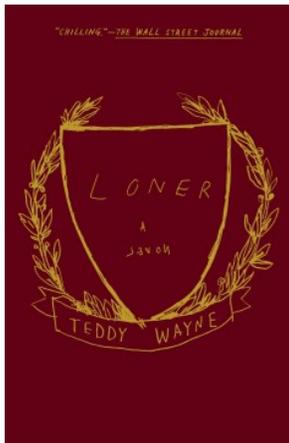
After being cut off by her wealthy step-father, a partying Hollywood "It Girl" experiences culture shock when she moves to Washington to learn some responsibility and help her sister run their late father's dive bar. Simultaneous. 50,000 first printing.



The kind worth killing

by Peter Swanson

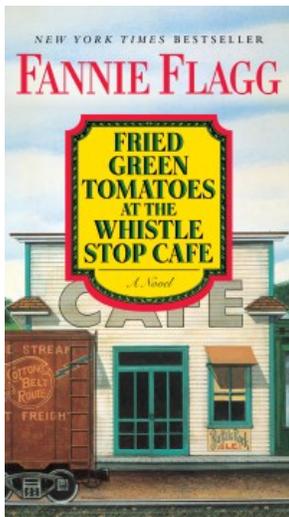
Engaging in an intimate sharing of secrets with a mysterious woman on an airplane, an unhappily married businessman is tangled in a psychologically twisted game of cat-and-mouse involving a plot to kill the man's wife. Reading-group guide available. Simultaneous.



Loner

by Teddy Wayne

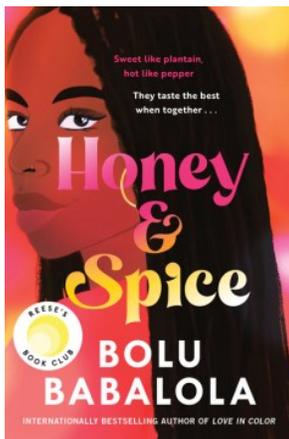
A painfully overlooked, academically gifted Harvard freshman resigns himself to anonymity before falling head-over-heels for a beautiful Manhattan glamour girl who compels him to compromise his moral standards and get in touch with his true identity. By the award-winning author of Kapitoil.



Fried green tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe

by Fannie Flagg

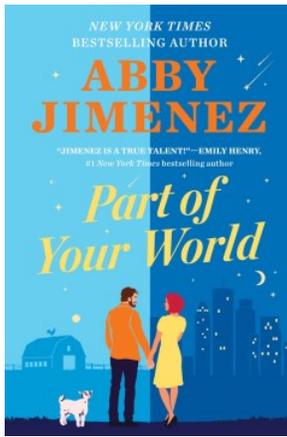
A new edition of the best-selling novel--the basis of the popular motion picture--traces the relationship between two women in the 1930s who run a cafe in a one-horse town in Alabama. Reprint.



Honey and spice

by Bolu Babalola

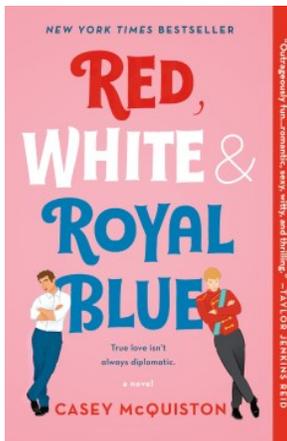
A young black British woman with a popular student radio show that dishes out relationship advice finds her show and her reputation on the line after she publicly makes out with a man she publicly denounced. 150,000 first printing.



Part of your world

by Abby Jimenez

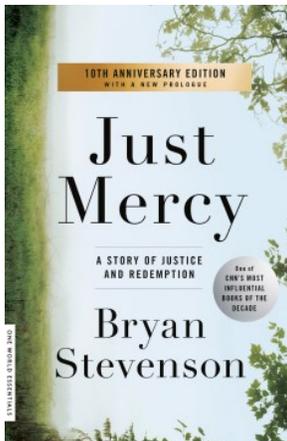
ER doctor Alexis Montgomery's world is turned upside down by a ridiculously hot carpenter who's 10 years younger, and as their short-term flings turns into a relationship, she must choose between her ultra-wealthy parents and true love.



Red, white & royal blue

by Casey McQuiston

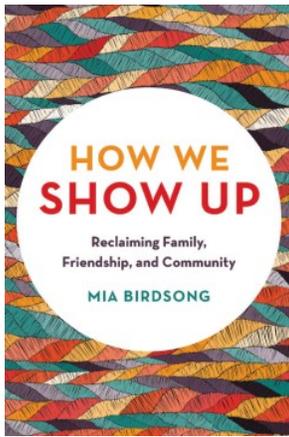
After an international incident affects U.S. and British relations, the president's son Alex and Prince Henry must pretend to be best friends, but as they spend time together, the two begin a secret romance that could derail a presidential campaign



Just mercy

by Bryan Stevenson

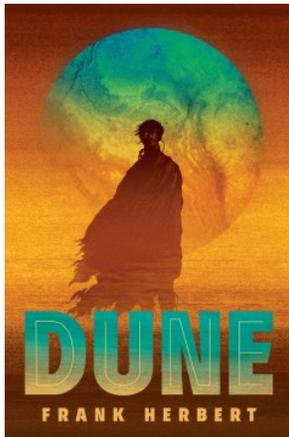
The executive director of a social advocacy group that has helped relieve condemned prisoners explains why justice and mercy must go hand-in-hand through the story of Walter McMillian, a man condemned to death row for a murder he didn't commit. Simultaneous.



How we show up

by Mia Birdsong

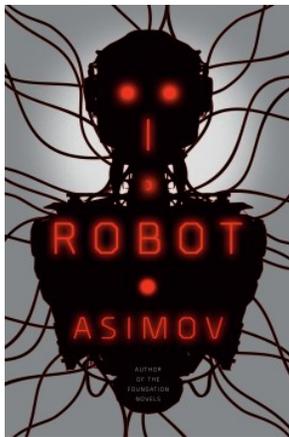
"A provocative, essential guide to showing up for each other and cultivating community, from activist, community organizer and thought leader whose viral TED talk has been viewed more than 1.8 million times"



Dune

by Frank Herbert

One of the best-selling science fiction novels of all time is presented in a beautiful hardcover edition that captures the adventure, mysticism, environmentalism and politics as a young boy on the desert planet Arrakis discovers his true destiny. Illustrations.



I, robot

by Isaac Asimov

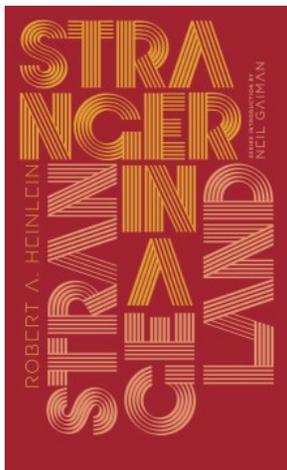
A classic collection of interlocking tales chronicles the near-future development of the robot and features models that have the ability to read minds, experience human emotions, and take over the world--and, perhaps, render humankind itself obsolete. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.



Foundation

by Isaac Asimov

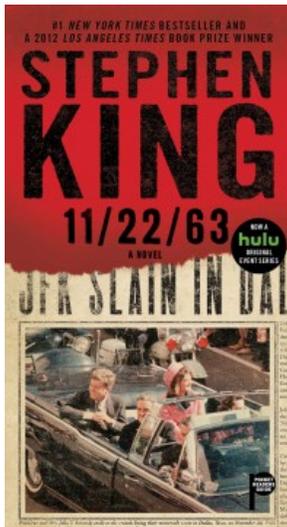
"For 12,000 years the Galactic Empire has ruled supreme. Now it is dying. But only Hari Seldon, creator of the revolutionary science of psychohistory, can see into the future - to a dark age of ignorance, barbarism, and warfare that will last thirty thousand years. To preserve knowledge and save humankind, Seldon gathers the best minds in the Empire - both scientists and scholars - and brings them to a bleak planet at the edge of the galaxy to serve as a beacon of hope for future generations. He calls his sanctuary the Foundation."--Amazon



Stranger in a strange land

by Robert A. Heinlein

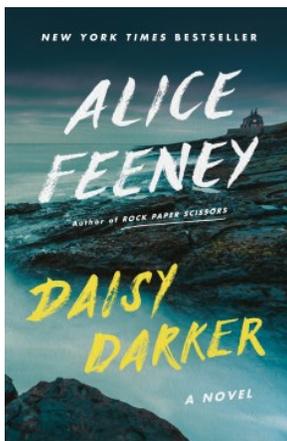
"A deluxe hardcover edition of the most famous science-fiction novel of all time--part of Penguin Galaxy, a collectible series of six sci-fi/fantasy classics, featuring a series introduction by Neil Gaiman A human raised on Mars, Valentine Michael Smith has just arrived on planet Earth. Among his people for the first time, he struggles to understand the social mores and prejudices of human nature that are so alien to him, while his own "psi" powers--including telepathy, clairvoyance, telekenesis, and teleportation--make him a type of messiah figure among humans. Stranger in a Strange Land grew from a cult favorite to a bestseller to a classic in a few short years. The story of the man from Mars who taught humankind grokking and water-sharing--and love--it is Robert A. Heinlein's masterpiece. Penguin Galaxy Six of our greatest masterworks of science fiction and fantasy, in dazzling collector-worthy hardcover editions, and featuring a series introduction by #1 New York Times bestselling author Neil Gaiman, Penguin Galaxy represents a constellation of achievement in visionary fiction, lighting the way toward our knowledge of the universe, and of ourselves. From historical legends to mythic futures, monuments of world-building to mind-bending dystopias, these touchstones of human invention and storytelling ingenuity have transported millions of readers to distant realms, and will continue for generations to chart the frontiers of the imagination. The Once and Future King by T. H. White Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein Dune by Frank Herbert 2001: A Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. Le Guin Neuromancer by William Gibson For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators"



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by Stephen King

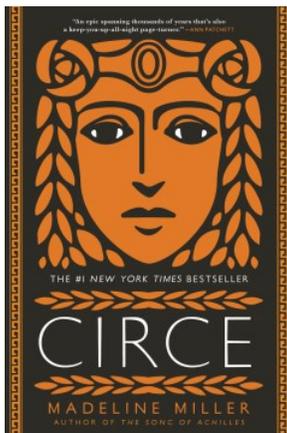
Receiving a horrific essay from a GED student with a traumatic past, high-school English teacher Jake Epping is enlisted by a friend to travel back in time to prevent the assassination of John F. Kennedy, a mission for which he must reacclimate to 1960s culture and befriend troubled loner Lee Harvey Oswald. By the best-selling author of Full Dark, No Stars. Reprint.



Daisy Darker

by Alice Feeney

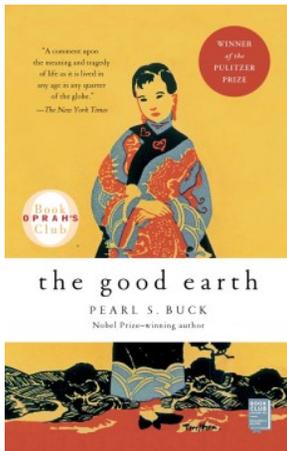
A family gathering for their matriarch's 80th birthday in her crumbling, gothic house on a tiny island begin disappearing one by one, in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of Rock Paper Scissors. 250,000 first printing.



Circe

by Madeline Miller

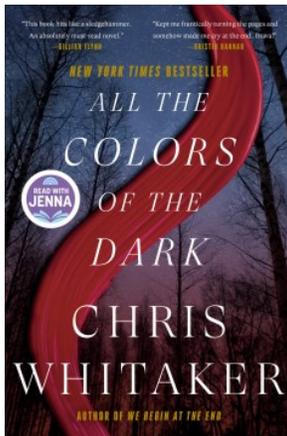
The daughter of Titans clashes with one of the most vengeful Olympians, forcing her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals. (historical fiction). (This book was listed in a previous issue of Forecast.) Reprint. A #1 New York Times best-seller. 75,000 first printing. AB. K. LJ. NYT. PW. SLJ.



The good earth

by Pearl S. Buck

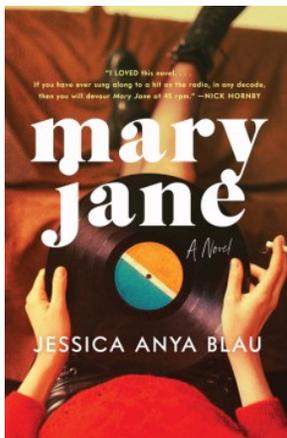
A Chinese peasant overcomes the forces of nature and the frailties of human nature to become a wealthy landowner



All the colors of the dark

by Chris Whitaker

After a string of disappearances in 1975 Missouri, a one-eyed boy heroically thwarts a kidnapping, igniting a chain of events that blur the lines between triumph and tragedy as the townspeople of Monta Clare confront hidden truths.



Mary Jane

by Jessica Anya Blau

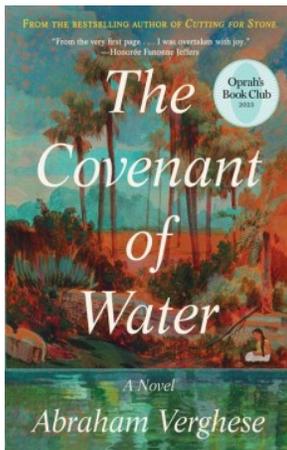
Taking a summer job as a nanny for the daughter of a local doctor, straight-laced Mary Jane is introduced to a world of sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll, which helps her figure out what she really wants out of life, and what kind of person she's going to be. 150,000 first printing.



The last thing he told me

by Laura Dave

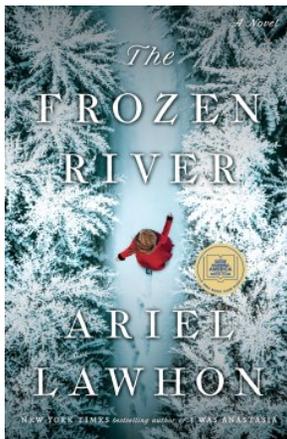
"When her husband of a year disappears, Hannah quickly learns he is not who he said he was and is left to sort out the truth with just one ally--her husband's teenage daughter, who hates her"



The covenant of water

by Abraham Verghese

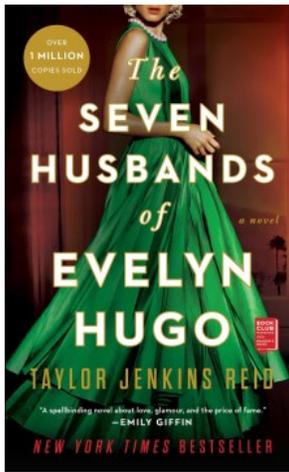
Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, and set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, an epic of love, faith and medicine follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning.



The frozen river

by Ariel Lawhon

In 1789 Maine, midwife and healer Martha Ballard, who is good at keeping secrets, investigates a shocking murder linked to an alleged rape that has shaken her small town, especially when her diary lands at the center of the scandal, threatening to tear both her family and her community apart.



The seven husbands of Evelyn Hugo

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

When an aging and reclusive Hollywood icon selects an unknown magazine reporter to write her life story, the baffled journalist forges deep ties with the actress during a complicated interview process that exposes their tragic common history.

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