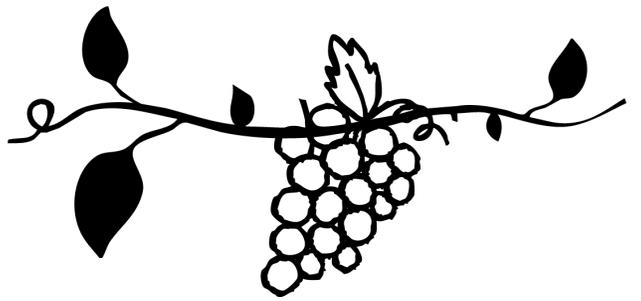


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COVER ART



AWAKE AWAKE

BY FIONA MOZLEY (AUGUST 4)

A woman starts remembering things that she knows aren't real, but the events feel exactly like her actual memories.

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VINTAGE

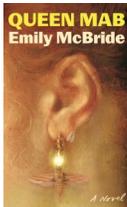


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BY PAUL YOON (AUGUST 4)

An ex-military dog sets off on an odyssey across a battle-scarred country to try to find his way home.



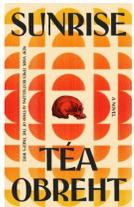
QUEEN MAB

Emily McBride

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BY EMILY MCBRIDE (AUGUST 4)

A new mother, who is a scholar of fairy stories, wrestles with the legacies and madness of motherhood.



SUNRISE

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BY TÉA OBREHT (AUGUST 11)

After a woman's plane crashes in Wyoming, she stumbles upon a small town that is well-maintained but seems to be abandoned.



CHANG-RAE LEE

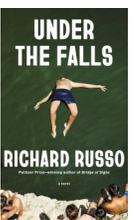
LEE

A TENDER AGE

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A family of working-class immigrants are close to achieving the American dream.



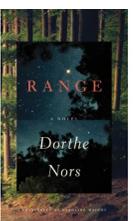
UNDER THE FALLS

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BY RICHARD RUSSO (AUGUST 11)

A successful musician returns to his hometown for the first time in 18 years to perform a benefit concert.



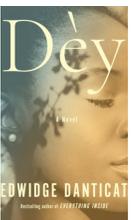
RANGE

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BY DORTHE NORS (AUGUST 18)

A professor of astrophysics takes a leave from teaching and moves to a rural area with a clear night sky to try to track gamma-ray bursts and research the origins of the universe.



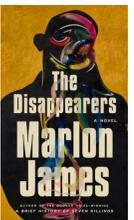
DÈY

EDWIDGE DANTICAT

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BY EDWIDGE DANTICAT (AUGUST 25)

A woman is caught in a random act of violence on a sunny day in Florida.



THE DISAPPEARERS

Marlon James

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BY MARLON JAMES (SEPTEMBER 1)

In Jamaica in 1988, a mob attacks a group of gay actors and kills one of them.

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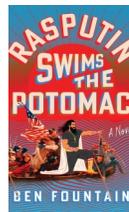
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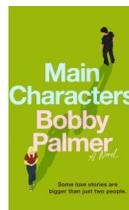
I'LL TAKE THE FIRE
BY LEILA SLIMANI (JUNE 9)
A young Arab woman goes on a quest for sexual and political freedom.



RASPUTIN SWIMS THE POTOMAC
BY BEN FOUNTAIN (JUNE 9)
A world champion professional wrestler develops presidential aspirations.



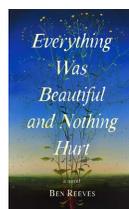
GHOST-EYE
BY AMITAV GHOSH (JUNE 16)
A three-year-old girl claims that she can remember another life.



MAIN CHARACTERS
BY BOBBY PALMER (JUNE 30)
A love story spanning two decades that is told by friends, roommates, rivals, lovers, strangers and confidants.



COUNTRY PEOPLE
BY DANIEL MASON (JULY 7)
A Russian folklore scholar spends a year at a college in Vermont with his family and gets caught up in the eccentricities of his new neighbors.



EVERYTHING WAS BEAUTIFUL AND NOTHING HURT
BY BEN REEVES (JULY 7)
Death takes the form of a man who befriends a midwife and her eight-year-old daughter.



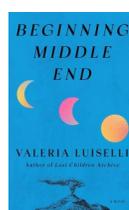
THE GREAT WHEREVER
BY SHANNON SANDERS (JULY 7)
A woman inherits her father's share of a Tennessee farm that is full of family secrets and occupied with busybody ghosts.



WHITE RABBIT
BY ABIGAIL ROSE-MARIE (JULY 14)
A bereft 11-year-old girl lives in a house on Massachusetts Bay that used to belong to Sylvia Plath.



COOL MACHINE
BY COLSON WHITEHEAD (JULY 21)
The third and final book in the Harlem trilogy finds furniture salesman Ray Carney navigating midlife and a city in the midst of a major transition.



BEGINNING MIDDLE END
BY VALERIA LUISELLI (JULY 28)
A woman who is struggling after the end of her marriage takes her teenage daughter to Sicily to learn their family's history.

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COLLAPSE

BY ÉDOUARD LOUIS (JUNE 2)
A fictionalized account of the life and death of the author's brother.



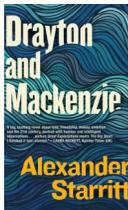
DOONEEN

BY KEITH RIDGWAY (JUNE 2)
A man steps into the bushes in a London park and steps out of the bushes in a Dublin one.



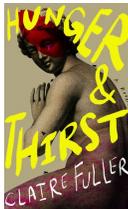
DRAYTON AND MACKENZIE

BY ALEXANDER STARRITT (JUNE 2)
The story of an unlikely friendship between two men who hatch a plan that could change the world.



HUNGER AND THIRST

BY CLAIRE FULLER (JUNE 2)
A dare that a teenager undertook is literally haunting her decades later.



LAND

BY MAGGIE O'FARRELL (JUNE 2)
In the aftermath of the Irish potato famine, a man and his son work for the great Ordnance Survey project to map the whole of Ireland.



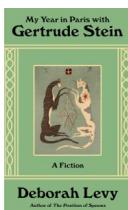
MONIQUE ESCAPES

BY ÉDOUARD LOUIS (JUNE 2)
A mother asks her son for help after she decides to end an abusive relationship.



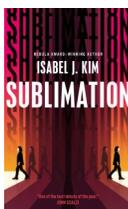
MY YEAR IN PARIS WITH GERTRUDE STEIN

BY DEBORAH LEVY (JUNE 2)
The narrator and two companions explore the life and work of Gertrude Stein.



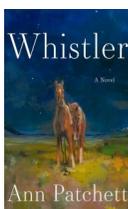
SUBLIMATION

BY ISABEL KIM (JUNE 2)
In this dystopian novel, when you immigrate, you leave a copy of yourself behind—one person enters their new country and the other stays at home.



WHISTLER

BY ANN PATCHETT (JUNE 2)
After a chance encounter at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a woman and her former stepfather rekindle their brief but impactful relationship.



CONTRAPPOSTO

BY DAVE EGGERS (JUNE 9)
The story of the 65-year friendship and love affair between two artists.



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LAKE EFFECT

BY CYNTHIA D'APRIX SWEENEY (MARCH 3)
A man's affair with his neighbor's wife results in two divorces and an emotional ripple effect among the couples' four children.



ALL THE WORLD CAN HOLD

BY JUNG YUN (MARCH 10)
Three passengers from wildly different backgrounds board a cruise ship bound for Bermuda shortly after 9/11.



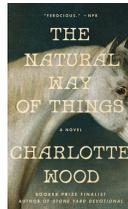
THE GOLDEN BOY

BY PATRICK FINN (MARCH 10)
After a successful career in Hollywood, a man and his wife retire to Maui, and then he learns that he has been named the guardian of four small children.



THE NATURAL WAY OF THINGS

BY CHARLOTTE WOOD (MARCH 10)
A dystopian tale about a group of young women held prisoner in the Australian desert by the author of the Booker-shortlisted *Stone Yard Devotional*.



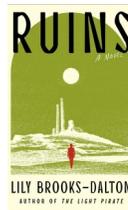
CELESTIAL LIGHTS

BY CECILE PIN (MARCH 24)
An astronaut looks back on his life during an unprecedented mission.



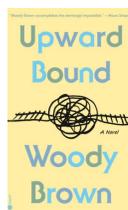
RUINS

BY LILY BROOKS-DALTON (MARCH 31)
After her former student finds an artifact from a forgotten world, an archeologist goes on a hunt for clues to humanity's beginnings.



UPWARD BOUND

BY WOODY BROWN (MARCH 31)
A chronicle of the lives and inner thoughts of the disabled residents of an adult daycare center in Southern California.



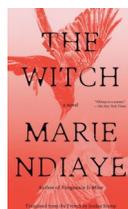
TRANSCRIPTION

BY BEN LERNER (APRIL 7)
A man arrives in Providence, Rhode Island to record a final interview with his aging mentor.



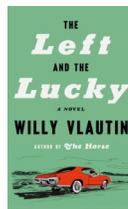
THE WITCH

BY MARIE NDIAYE (APRIL 7)
In a small French town, a mediocre witch trapped in a cruel marriage passes on her gifts to her twin daughters. Longlisted for the 2026 International Booker Prize.



THE LEFT AND THE LUCKY

BY WILLY VLAUTIN (APRIL 14)
A workaholic house painter becomes an unofficial surrogate father to an eight-year-old boy whose family is falling apart.



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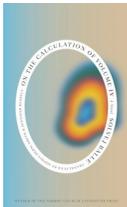
MIDNIGHT, AT THE WAR
BY DEVI LASKAR (APRIL 14)

A reporter chasing the biggest story of her career contends with a tense newsroom, a dangerous global conflict and all the problems she's running away from at home.



ON THE CALCULATION OF VOLUME IV
BY SOLVEJ BALLE (APRIL 14)

This fourth volume (of a planned seven) is a meditation on time that takes place on an endless and repeating November 18th.



THE PALM HOUSE
BY GWENDOLINE RILEY (APRIL 14)

The story of a woman and her complex relationships with her mother and with an older male friend.



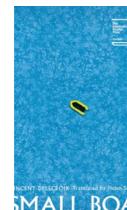
PERMANENCE

BY SOPHIE MACKINTOSH (APRIL 21)
A couple in a clandestine relationship wake up in an apartment neither of them recognizes, with no memory of how they got there.



SMALL BOAT

BY VINCENT DELECROIX (APRIL 21)
A French navy officer ignores distress calls from migrants drowning in the English Channel. Shortlisted for the 2025 International Booker Prize.



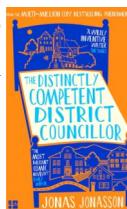
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BY JIMIN HAN (APRIL 28)

A Korean-American woman views her troubled love life through the lens of a classic Korean story about star-crossed lovers.



THE DISTINCTLY COMPETENT DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

BY JONAS JONASSON (MAY 5)
A small, declining community struggles to survive in the shadow of an all-consuming metropolis.



FRIDA SLATTERY AS HERSELF
BY ANA KINSELLA (MAY 5)

The story of an actress and a writer-director, told through the plays they make together and the time they spend apart.



THE HILL

BY HARRIET CLARK (MAY 5)
After her mother is sentenced to life in a hilltop prison, a young girl vows to return there to visit every week.



JOHN OF JOHN
BY DOUGLAS STUART (MAY 5)

A recent art school graduate returns to his family home on Scotland's Hebrides Islands to care for his ill grandmother.



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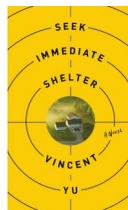
LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO
BY JOHN LANCHESTER (MAY 5)
A woman sees details about her marriage in a hit new steamy TV series that only she and her husband ought to know about.



MERCY HILL
BY HANNAH THURMAN (MAY 5)
Four sisters grow up on the campus of the underfunded state mental hospital where their strong-willed mother serves as head of psychiatry.



PRESTIGE DRAMA
BY SÉAMAS O'REILLY (MAY 5)
A Hollywood actress arrives in Derry, Ireland to research her role for a show about the Troubles, and then she goes missing.



SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER
BY VINCENT YU (MAY 5)
The residents of a small town in Massachusetts respond to a false missile alert in ways that reveal their truest selves.



THE THINGS WE NEVER SAY
BY ELIZABETH STROUT (MAY 5)
A popular high school teacher is depressed and wondering whether to continue to stay alive when he learns a secret that upends his life.



VILHELM'S ROOM
BY TOVE DITLEVSEN (MAY 12)
A posthumous novel about the aftermath of the collapse of a marriage.



GLYPH
BY ALI SMITH (MAY 19)
Two estranged sisters are reunited when a book reawakens the childhood "spirit game" the sisters invented to survive their mother's death.



MOSTLY HERO
BY ANNA BURNS (MAY 19)
A spoof on the world of big budget superhero movies by the winner of the Booker Prize for Fiction.



BABYLON, SOUTH DAKOTA
BY TOM LIN (MAY 26)
A Chinese-American family tries to survive on their Dakota farm while a mysterious and morally dubious military secret shapes their lives.



GHALEN
BY WALTER MOSLEY (MAY 26)
A brilliant scientist and a gifted cook fall in love, marry and give birth to a neurodivergent son.