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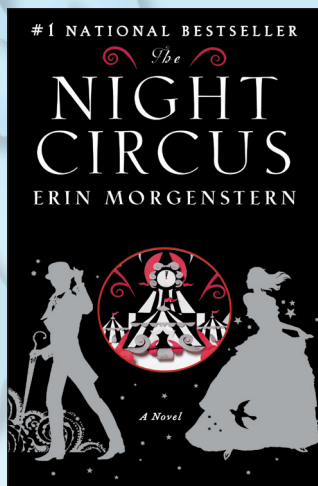


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## THE NIGHT CIRCUS

### Erin Morgenstern

The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. But behind the scenes, a fierce duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, is under way. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, they soon tumble headfirst into love, leaving the lives of everyone hanging in the balance.

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**The Night Circus arrives unannounced. Who knows where it will pop up next? The Night Circus was conceived during an exclusive midnight dinner attended only by a chosen few. Even if you have difficulty tracking down the mystical and elusive Night Circus, that shouldn't stop you from putting on a midnight dinner of your own! Bring the circus to you with these ideas:**

#### Color Coordinate

In her book, Erin Morgenstern brings to life vivid images of fantastical places, scenery, and circus events. Set the scene by agreeing to all wear one color—especially red, white, or black. Head online and check out *Diner en Blanc*, a secret pop-up party phenomenon that's spreading around the world, for ideas. Be sure to decide how formal you want your event to be, though, so no one feels under or overdressed!

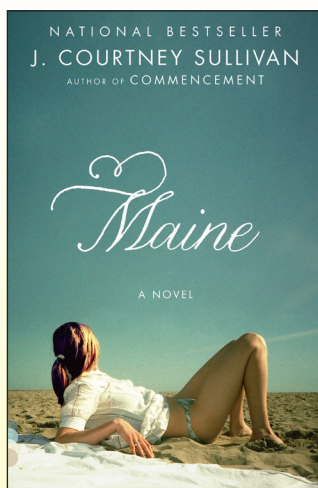
#### Finger Foods

Popcorn, candy apples, chocolate mice! Get creative with your food! Dark-chocolate strawberries with white-chocolate drizzles? Caramel corn? What are your favorite foods from the Big Top? Have fun re-creating them, and ask your friends to bring their own all-time top treats.

#### Delightful Decorations

Keep the colors to black, white, and red. Hit up a thrift shop or go through your back shelves to find jars of all shapes and sizes—from mason jars to perfume bottles, they'll all help set the scene! Fill them up or leave them empty. Add scarves and streamers to evoke the feeling of a circus tent. White Christmas lights will also add a sparkle to your party!

Discover more ideas for a midnight dinner, connect with the author, and more on [ErinMorgenstern.com](http://ErinMorgenstern.com)



## MAINE

### J. Courtney Sullivan

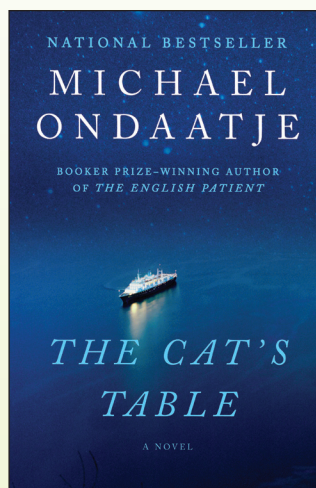
#### From the author of *Commencement*

For the Kellehers, Maine is a place where children run in packs, showers are taken outdoors, and old Irish songs are sung around a piano. As three generations of women arrive at the family's beach house, each brings her own hopes and fears. Maggie is thirty-two and pregnant, waiting for the perfect moment to tell her imperfect boyfriend the news; Ann Marie, a Kelleher by marriage, is channeling her domestic frustration into a dollhouse obsession and an ill-advised crush; Kathleen, the black sheep, never wanted to set foot in the cottage again; and Alice, the matriarch at the center of it all, would trade every floorboard for a chance to undo the events of one night long ago.

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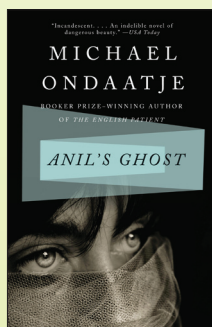
## THE CAT'S TABLE Michael Ondaatje

A captivating, transporting story from the author of *The English Patient* that begins when an eleven-year-old boy boards a ship in Colombo bound for England. At mealtimes he is seated at the “cat’s table”—as far from the captain’s table as can be—with a ragtag group of “insignificant” adults and two other boys, Cassius and Ramadhin. As the ship makes its way toward its destination, the boys tumble from one adventure to another, moving the narrative between the decks and holds of the ship and the boy’s adult years. *The Cat’s Table* tells a spellbinding story about the magical, often forbidden, discoveries of childhood and a lifelong journey that begins unexpectedly with a spectacular sea voyage.

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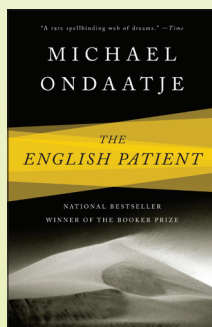
“‘The ‘Cat’s Table’ refers to the table in the dining room that’s the farthest from the captain’s table and one of the least privileged places for anyone to sit on board a ship. For a boy of eleven years old being at this table makes him almost completely invisible. He can go to places that others can’t go to and these three boys who get together are kind of having great adventures and, you know, slipping into the butcher’s room and into the jails, and into all kinds of strange places.” —Michael Ondaatje

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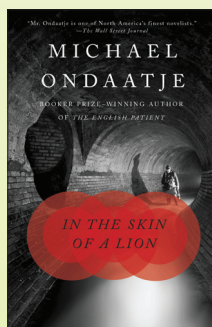
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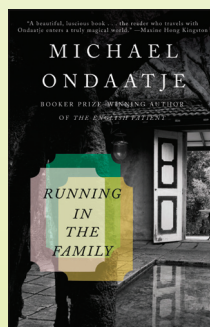
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### Maine Lobster Salad

*Maine*, by J. Courtney Sullivan, is a book that perfectly evokes the joy of summer’s long, lazy days by the beach. In our search for the perfect lobster recipe to complement *Maine*, we turned to the venerable Julia Child. Her book *Julia’s Kitchen Wisdom* is an indispensable compendium of advice for the home cook. This Lobster Salad recipe is adapted from her Chicken Salad Master Recipe.

#### INGREDIENTS:

6 cups cooked lobster, cut up into good-sized pieces  
Salt and freshly ground white pepper  
1 to 2 Tbs olive oil  
2 to 3 Tbs fresh lemon juice  
1 cup diced tender celery stalks  
1/2 cup diced red onion  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup chopped parsley  
1 tsp finely cut fresh tarragon leaves (or 1/4 tsp dried tarragon)  
2/3 cup or so mayonnaise  
Fresh salad greens, washed and dried

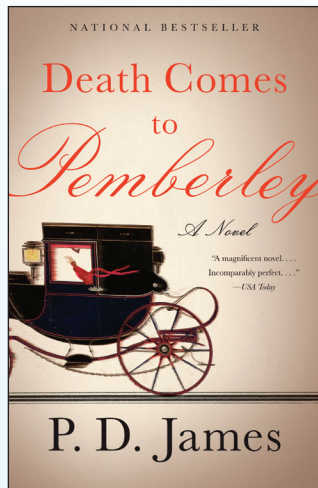
#### METHOD:

Toss the lobster with salt, pepper, olive oil, lemon juice, celery, onion, and walnuts. Cover and refrigerate at least 20 minutes or overnight. Drain out any accumulated liquid; toss with the parsley and tarragon. Taste analytically and correct seasonings. Fold in just enough mayonnaise to enrobe ingredients. Shred the greens, arrange on a platter, and mound the salad on top.

**Serves 6-8**



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## DEATH COMES TO PEMBERLEY P. D. James

It is 1803, six years since Elizabeth and Darcy embarked on their life together at Pemberley, Darcy's magnificent estate. Their peaceful, orderly world seems almost unassailable. They have two fine sons, and Elizabeth's sister Jane and her husband, Bingley,

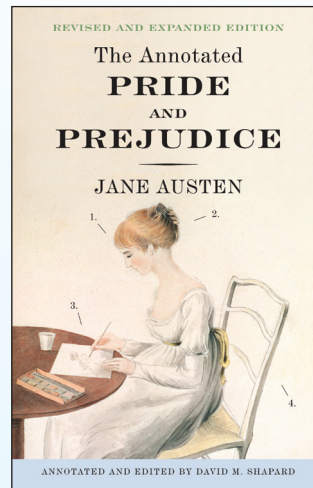
live nearby; her father visits often; there is optimistic talk about the prospects of marriage for Darcy's sister Georgiana. And preparations are under way for their much-anticipated annual autumn ball.

Then, on the eve of the ball, the patrician idyll is shattered. A coach careens up the drive carrying Lydia, Elizabeth's disgraced sister. She stumbles out of the carriage, hysterical, shrieking that her husband, Wickham, has been murdered. With shocking suddenness, Pemberley is plunged into a frightening mystery.

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**A few discussion questions from the reading group guide of *Death Comes to Pemberley*:**

- *James has provided many links in the introductory chapters that provide both backstory and continuity with Pride and Prejudice. How successful is the bridge that she creates?*
- *James has some fun including references to other Jane Austen novels. Did you identify the references to Emma and Persuasion?*



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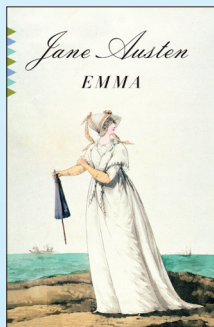
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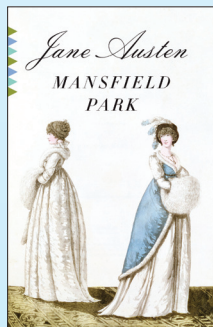
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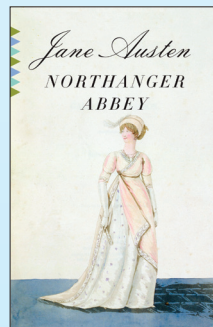
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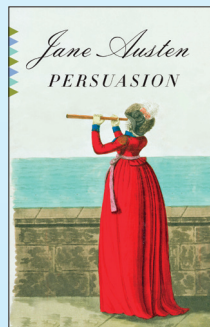
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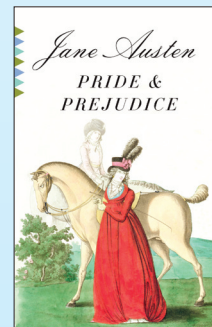
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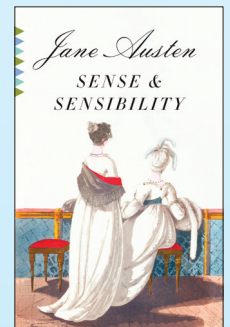
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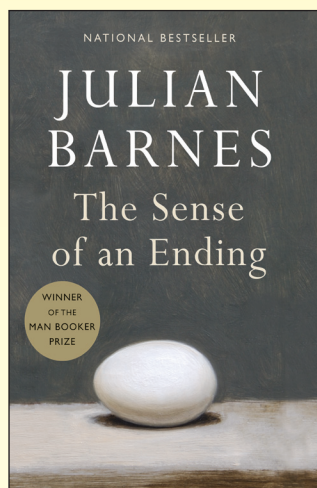
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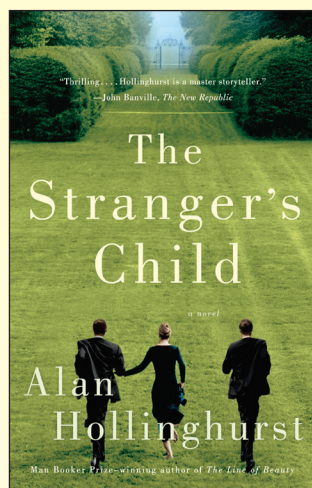
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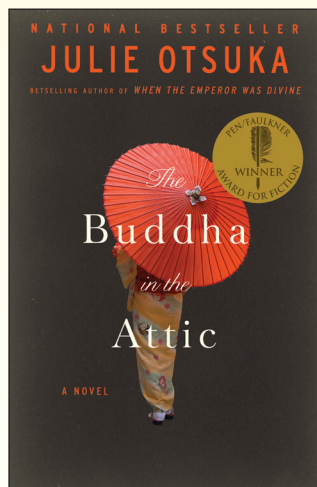
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In the summer of 1913, George Sawle brings his Cambridge schoolmate—a handsome, aristocratic young poet named Cecil Valance—to his family's home

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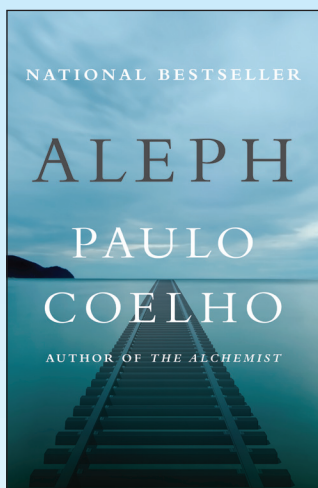
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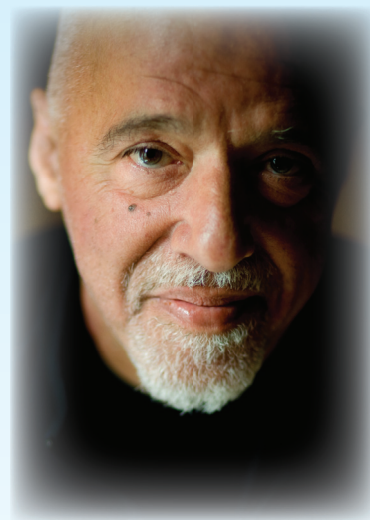
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### PAULO COELHO ON THE INSPIRATION IN ALL OF US:

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Connect with Paulo on PauloCoelho.com. For more of his advice on writing, love, and life, visit [www.youtube.com/user/paulocoelhoTV](http://www.youtube.com/user/paulocoelhoTV)



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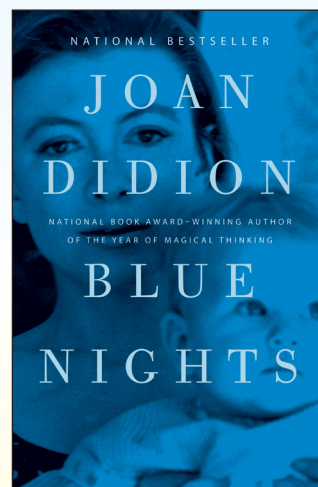
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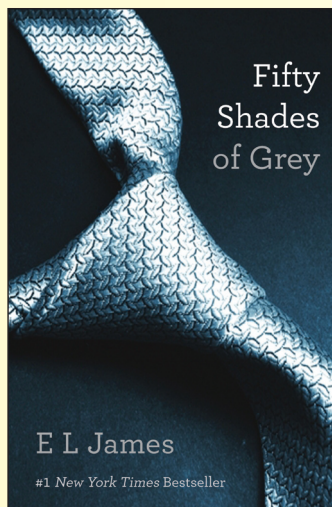


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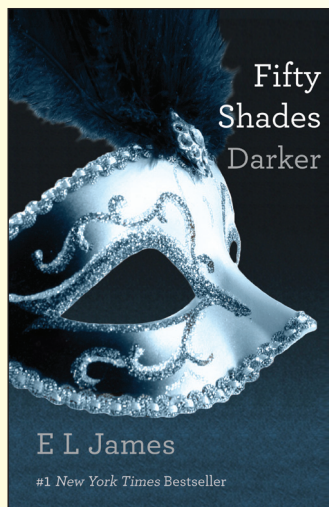
"Blue Nights", the long, light evening hours that signal the summer solstice, "the opposite of the dying of the brightness, but also its warning."  
(Joan Didion)



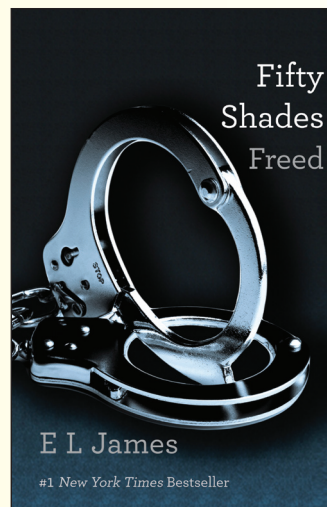
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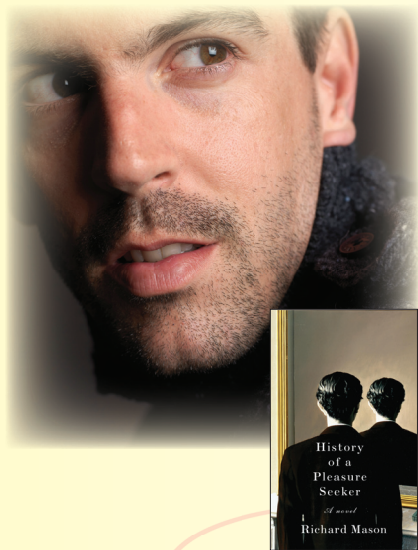
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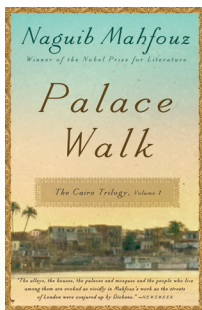
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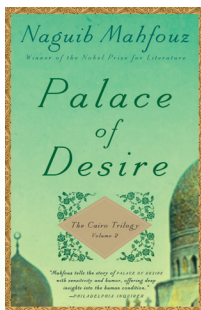
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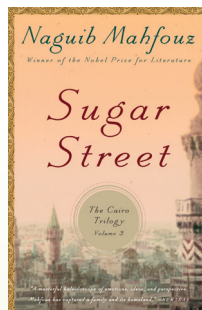
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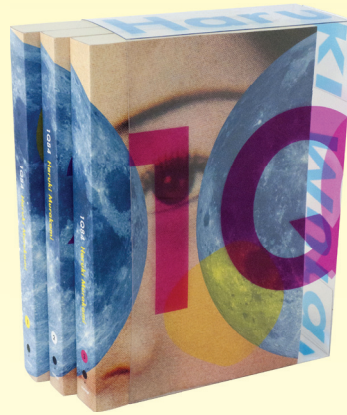
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Naguib Mahfouz was born in 1911 in the crowded Cairo district of Gamaliya. He wrote nearly forty novel-length works, hundreds of short stories, and numerous cinema plots and scenarios. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1988. He died on August 30, 2006.

A question for discussion from the reading group guide for *Palace Walk*:

• *The women spend much of their time looking out at the street through the latticed screen on the house's balcony. Do they feel imprisoned or envious of the men in the family? How do the women react to, and deal with, their highly traditional sexual and domestic roles?*



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**Shinjuku** is one of Tokyo's busiest neighborhoods, a business district and entertainment center that is loaded with shops, restaurants, large department stores, and bars.

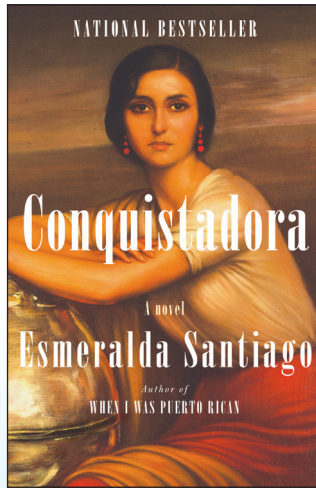
**Roppongi**: Despite its reputation as an after-hours haven, Roppongi has some notable daytime landmarks, including Tokyo's National Art Center, a modern and contemporary art museum that opened in 2007, and Tokyo Midtown, a “city within a city” that includes the largest building in Tokyo.

**Koenji**, a small residential neighborhood whose hip residents are documented on local fashion blogs. It is also a hub for Japan's live music scene.

**Chikura** is a town that no longer exists. It was a seaside town in the south of Chiba that was absorbed into the city of Minami in 2006!

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## CONQUISTADORA Esmeralda Santiago

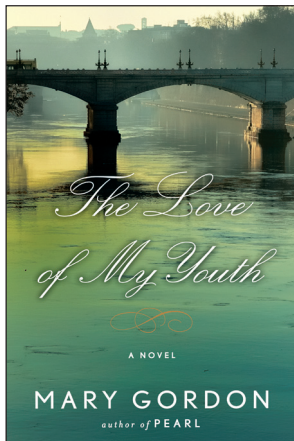
As a young girl growing up in Spain, Ana Larragoity Cubillas is powerfully drawn to Puerto Rico by the diaries of an ancestor who traveled there with Ponce de León. And in handsome twin brothers Ramón and Inocente—both in love with Ana—she finds a way to get there. Marrying Ramón at the young age of eighteen, she travels across the ocean to Hacienda los Gemelos, a remote sugar plantation the brothers have inherited on the island. But soon the Civil War erupts in the United States, and Ana finds her livelihood, and perhaps even her life, threatened by the very people on whose backs her wealth has been built: the hacienda's slaves, whose richly drawn stories unfold alongside her own in this epic novel of love, discovery, and adventure.

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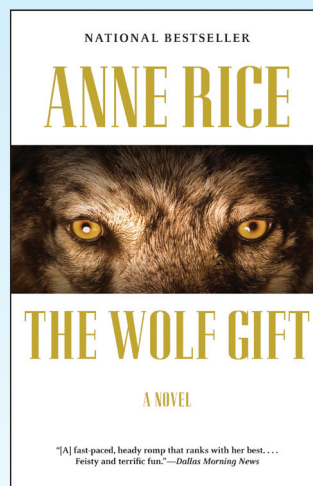
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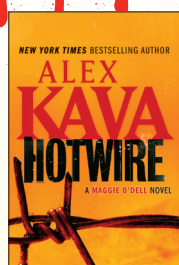
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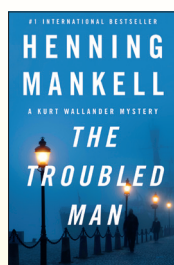


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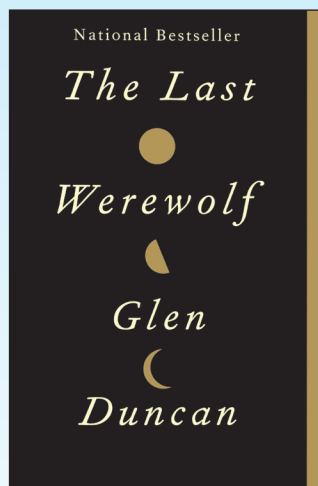
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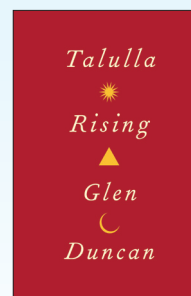


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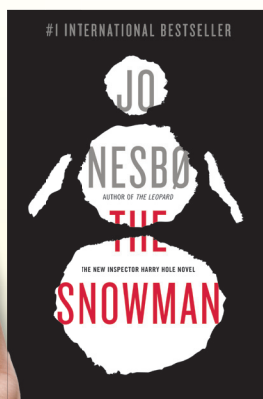


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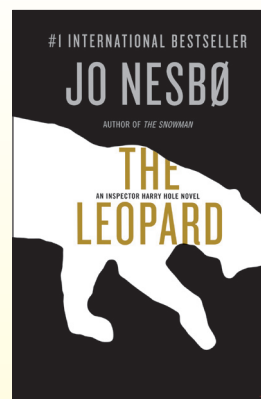


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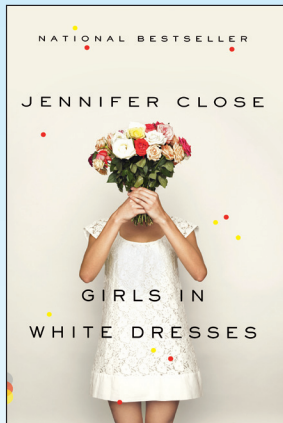
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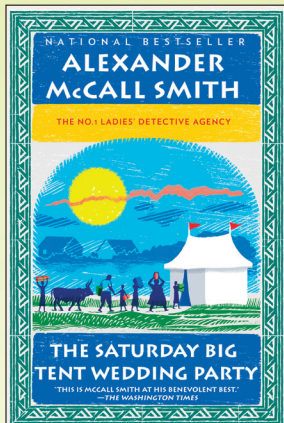
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4. Leave enough wine in one's glass to be able to toast the bride and groom.
5. Laugh at all the jokes made in the speeches.

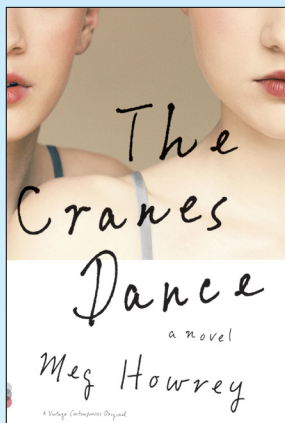
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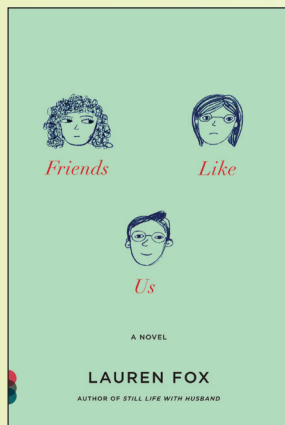
1. *Ballet Shoes* by Noel Streatfeild: The first of the classic "Shoes" series. Pauline, Petrova, and Posy Fossil, three orphaned girls in London, are sent to the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training in the hopes that they might earn their living as child performers.
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4. *Tempest-Tost* by Robertson Davies: Robertson Davies' first novel about a group of amateurs engaged in putting on a play is both hilarious and touching. Though Davies' satirical touch spares no one, it is never dismissive.
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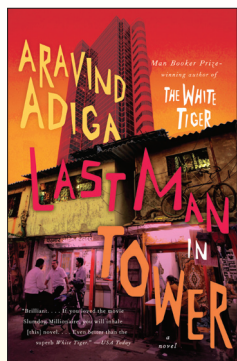
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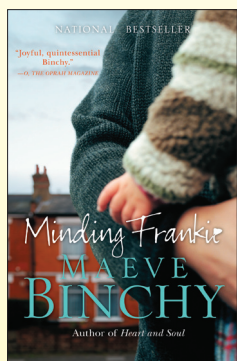
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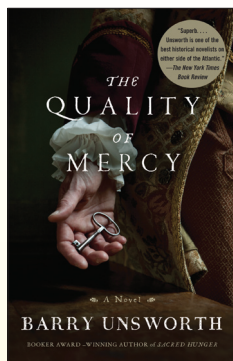


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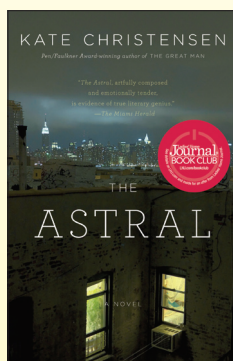
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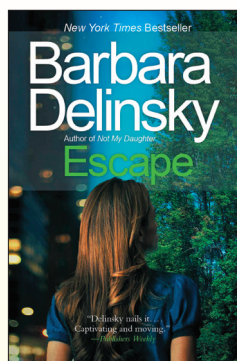
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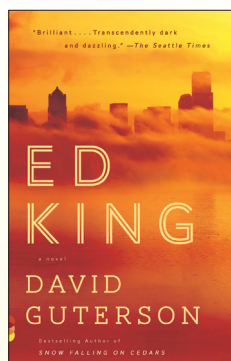
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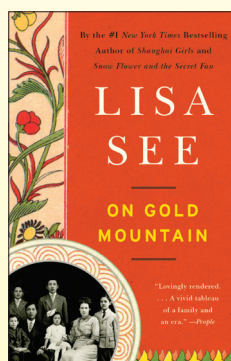


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