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Mermaid Moon

By Susann Cokal

Printz Honor Book winner Cokal dives to new depths in *Mermaid Moon*, a YA retelling of *The Little Mermaid*. Sanna struggles to swim and breathe underwater. When she discovers the truth of her birth, she uses magic to give herself legs and learn more about her “landish” mother. But her adventure on land causes her to cross paths with religious fanatics and a baroness who uses dark magic, which Cokal relates in strange, musical prose. Mermaids are matriarchal, and through Sanna, Cokal is able to explore feminist themes through two very different societies. For other dark, lyrical, and feminist mermaid retellings, try *Monstrous Beauty*, by Elizabeth Fama, or *The Brides of Rollrock Island*, by Margo Lanagan.

Other books by Susann Cokal:

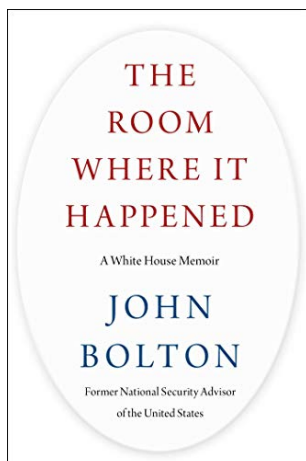
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If you've been paying attention, there aren't a lot of surprises in former National Security Advisor John Bolton's book, at least as far as headline stories go. Trump's blackmailing of Ukraine for personal political gain before finally dispensing congressionally approved funding to that country, our president's affection for dictators, and his bright idea to invite the Taliban to Camp David days before September 11—all these have all been deeply reported, the latter having been tweet-leaked by Trump himself.

The Room Where It Happened

By John Bolton

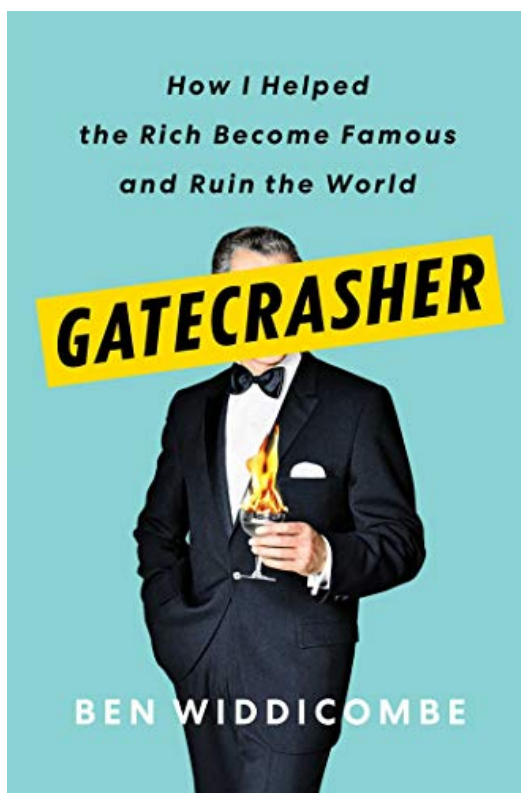
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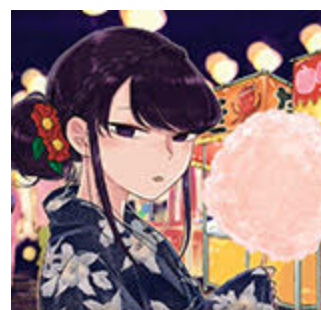
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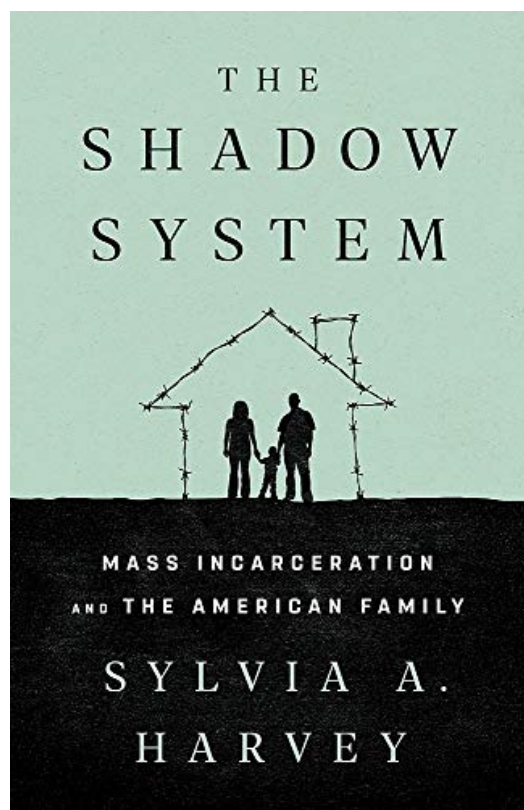
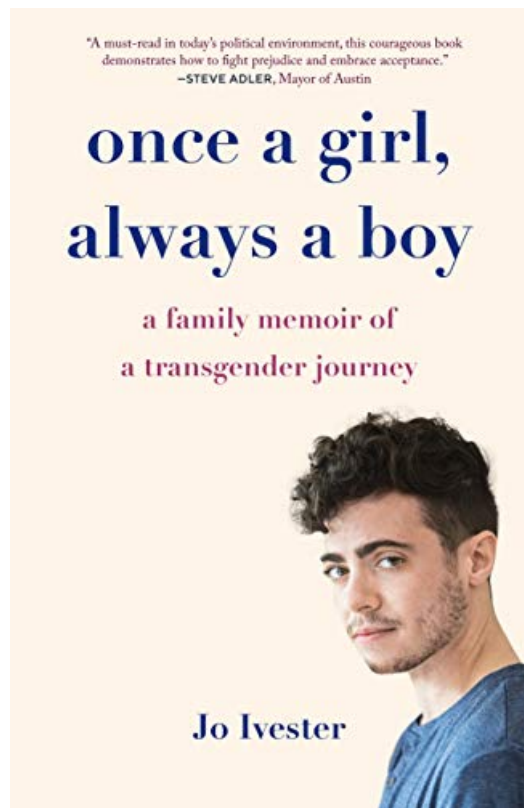


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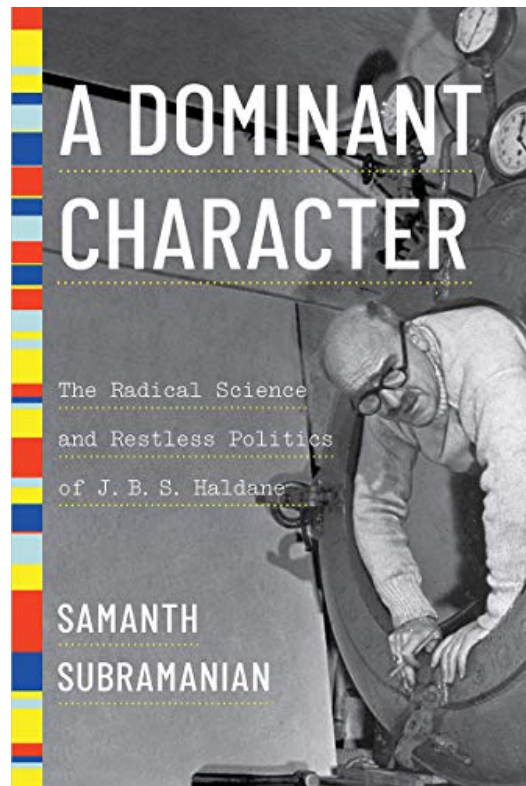
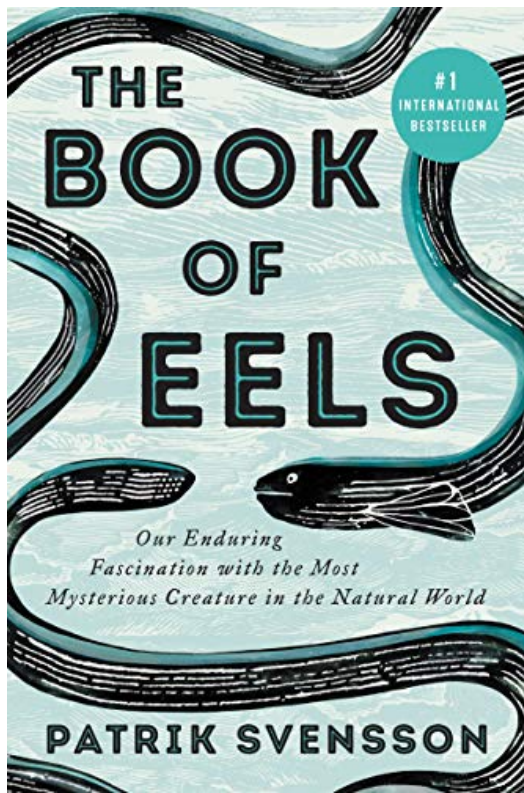
The journey to a hundred friends begins with a single conversation



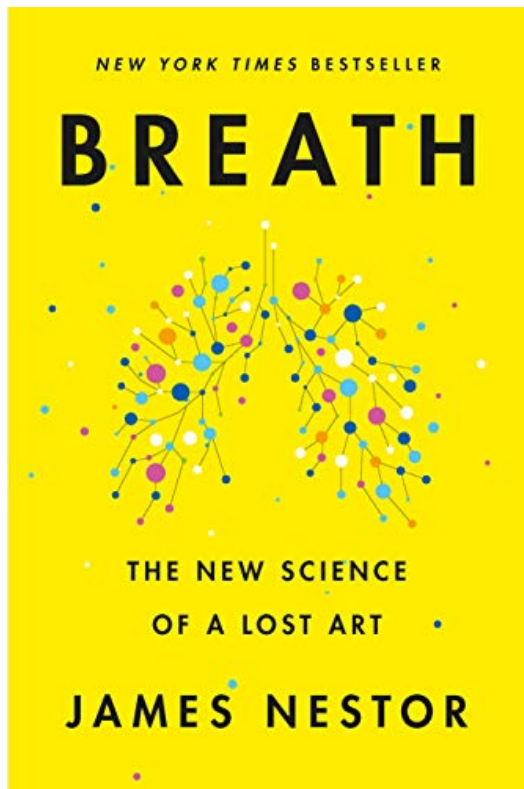


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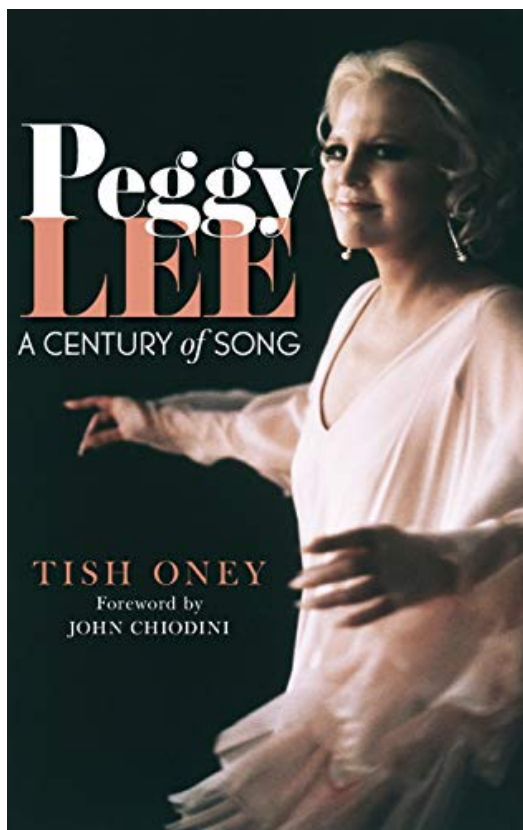




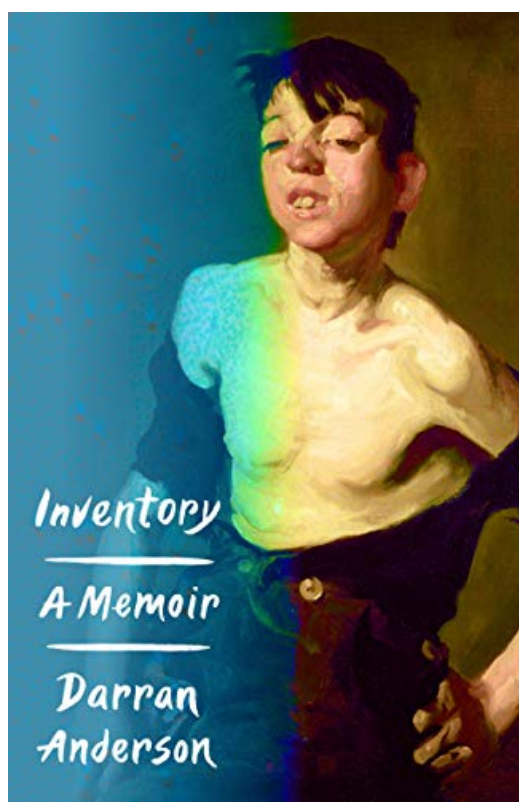
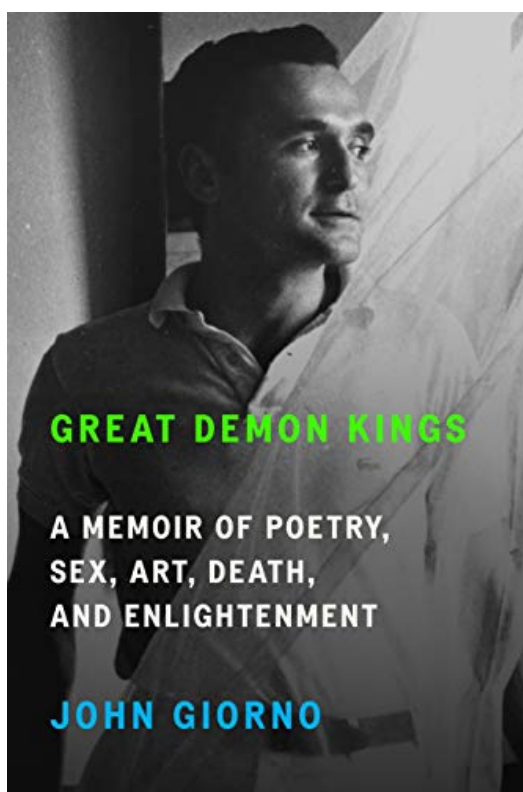
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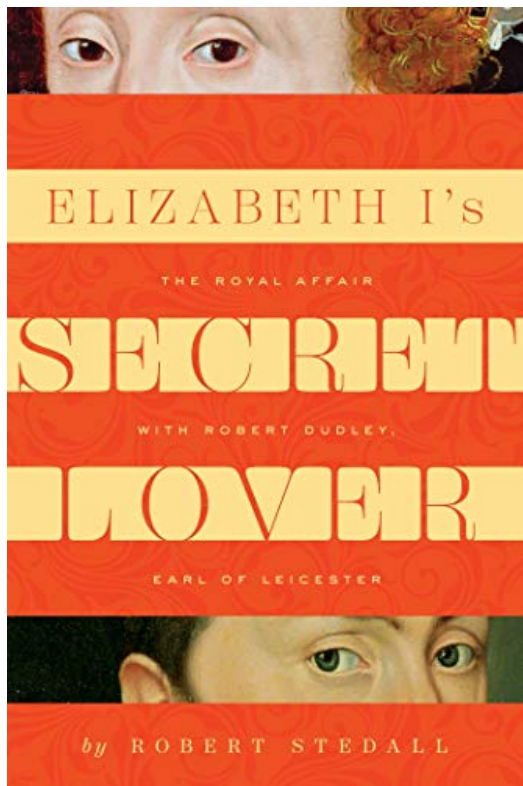
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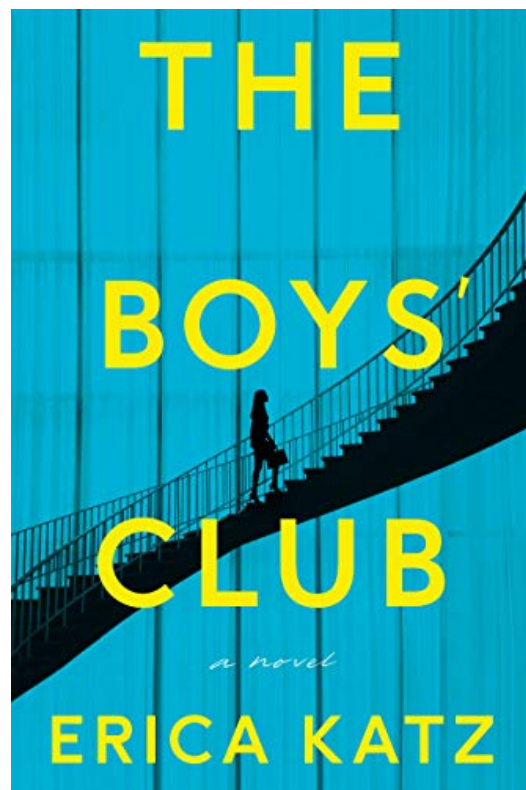
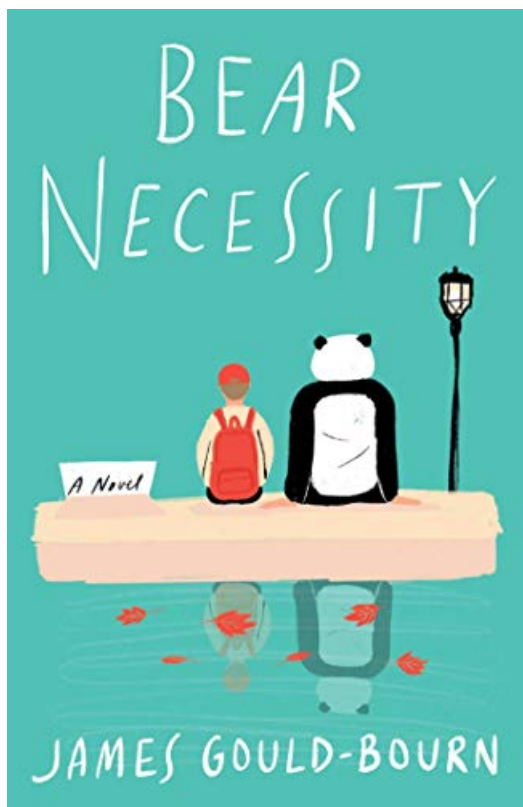
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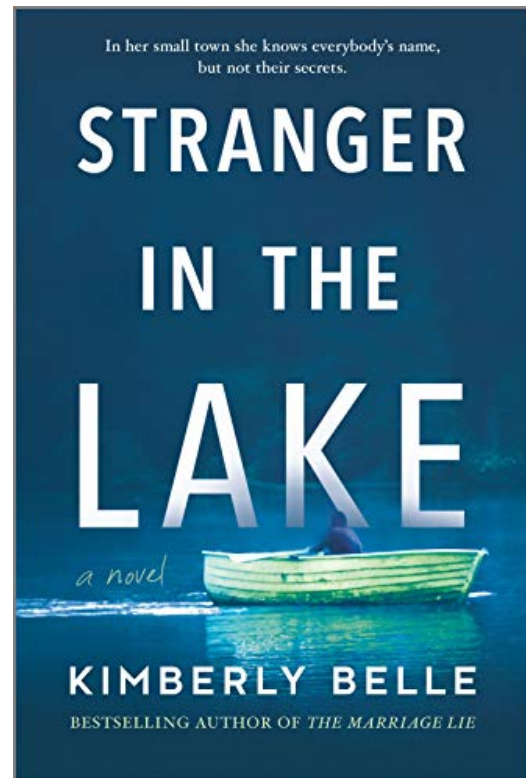
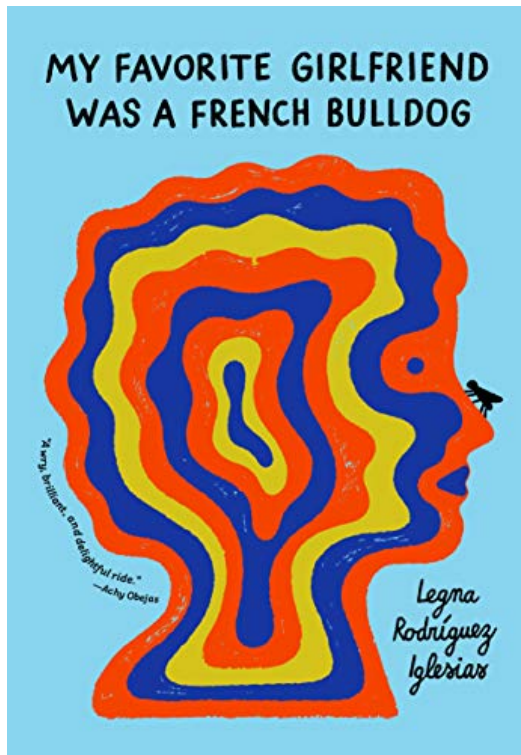
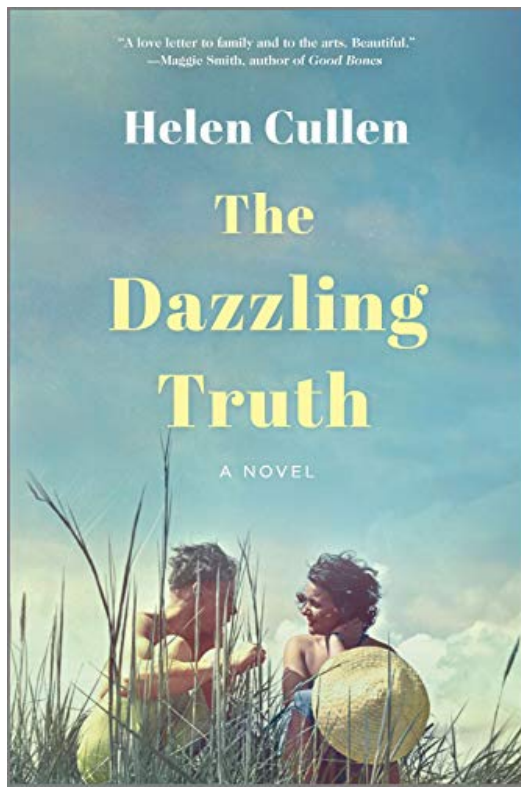


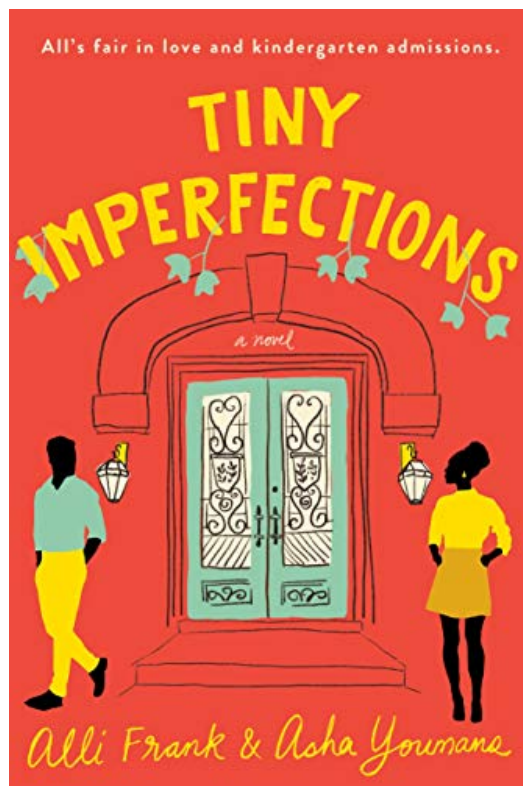
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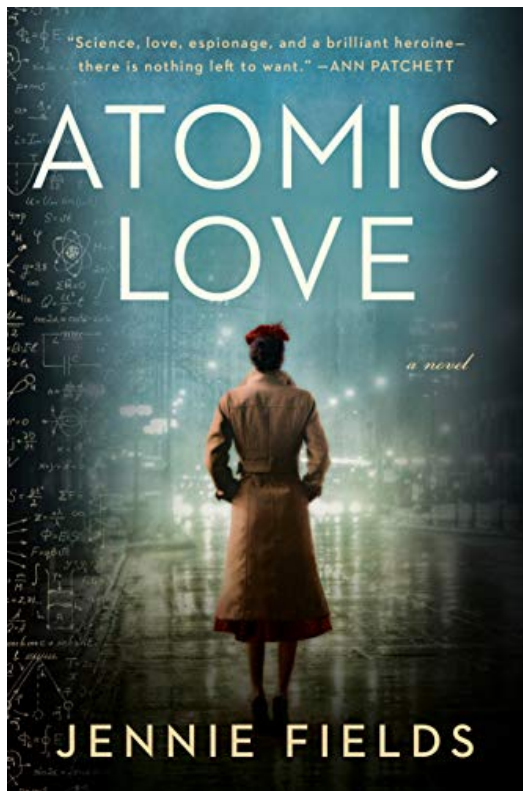




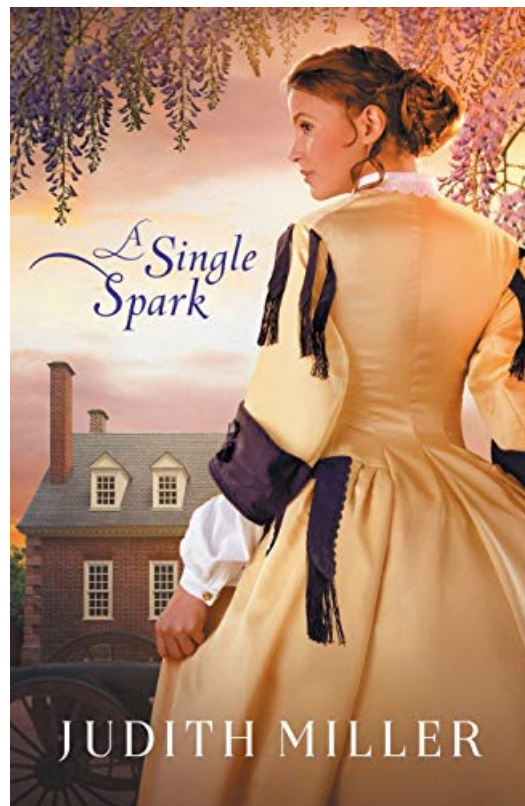
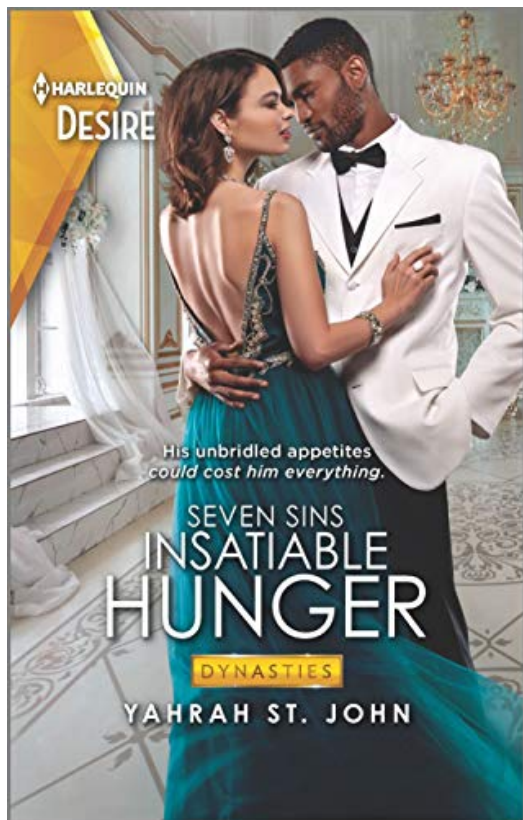
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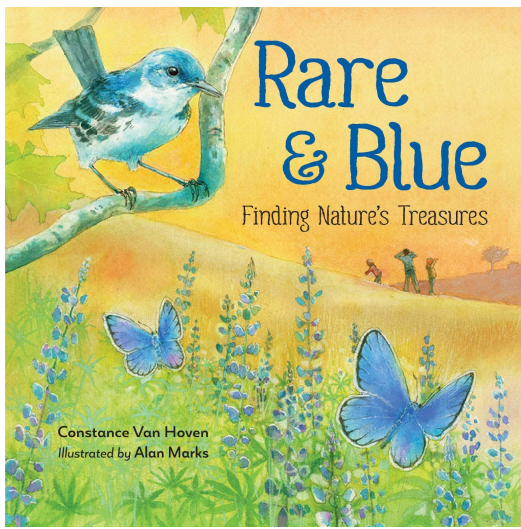


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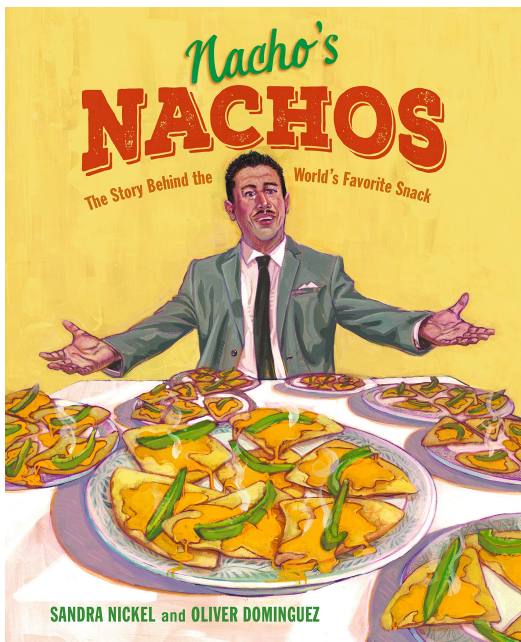


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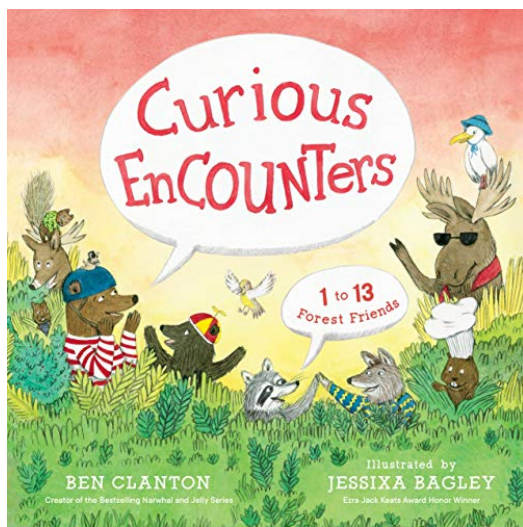


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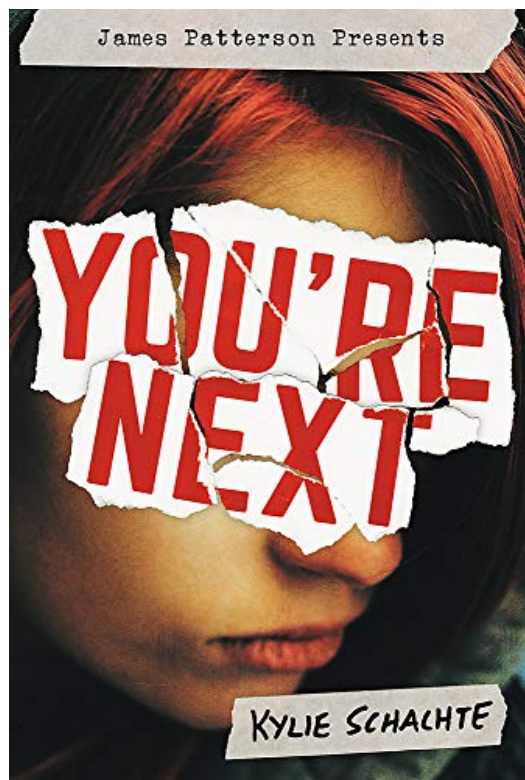


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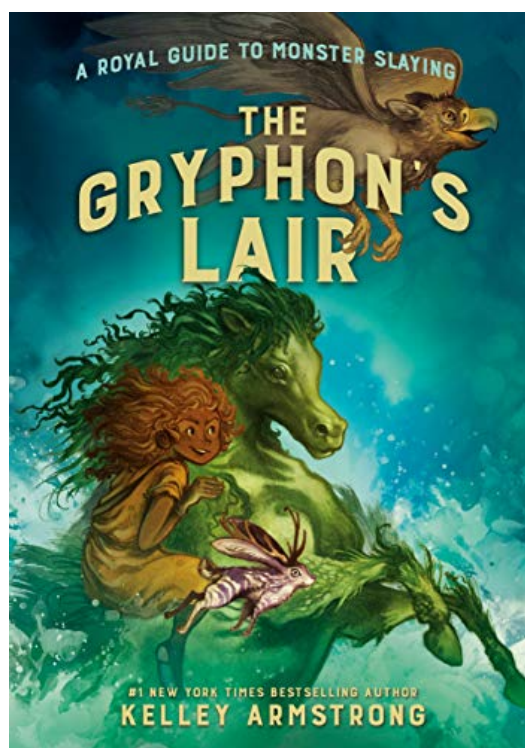
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