

My Year in Reading 2022-2023

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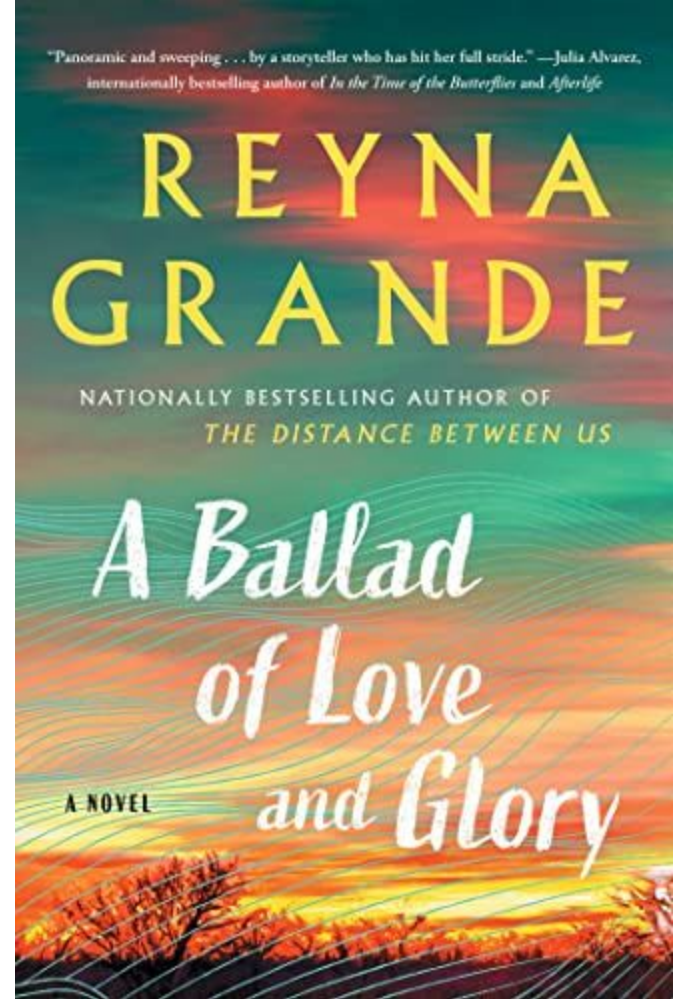
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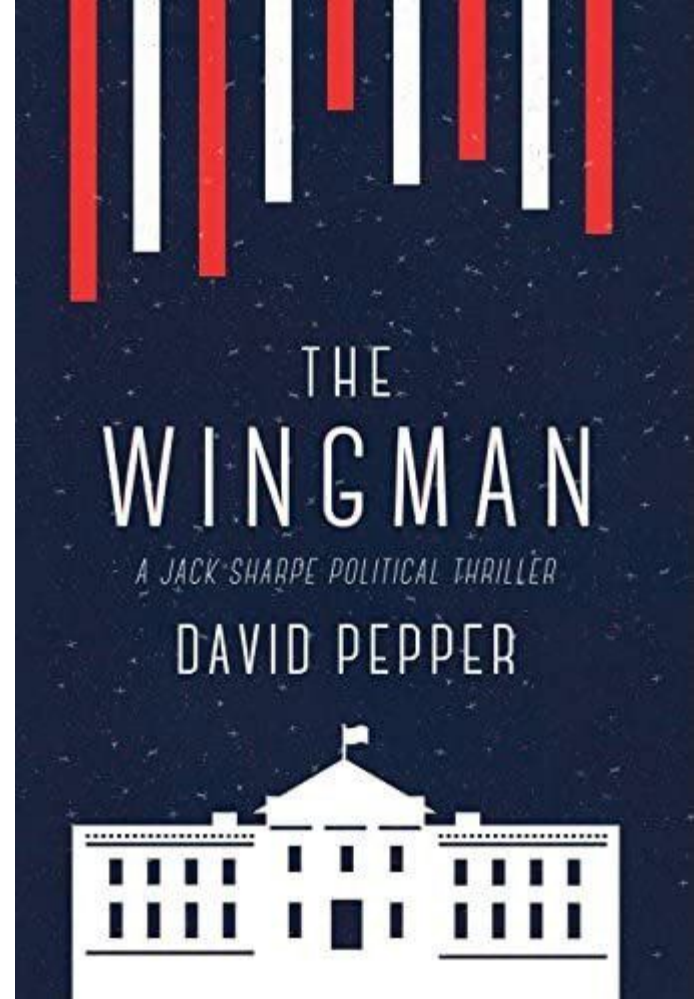
Jun 5, 2022

Unlike [@reynagrande](#), my history teachers did cover the "Mexican War", but they didn't tell us that it was a violent and ongoing land grab, like this novel does. We got the romanticized version, unfortunately. Grande's novel is a historical story that clarifies much. [#aphsreads](#)



#2

[@DavidPepper](#) followed up “The People’s House” with this novel. It equals or surpasses TPH, because of a relatable main character (Jack Sharpe) and a surprisingly plausible plot. I read the 2nd half of this during a 5 hour wait at [@GeneralRVStore](#). [#aphsreads](#)



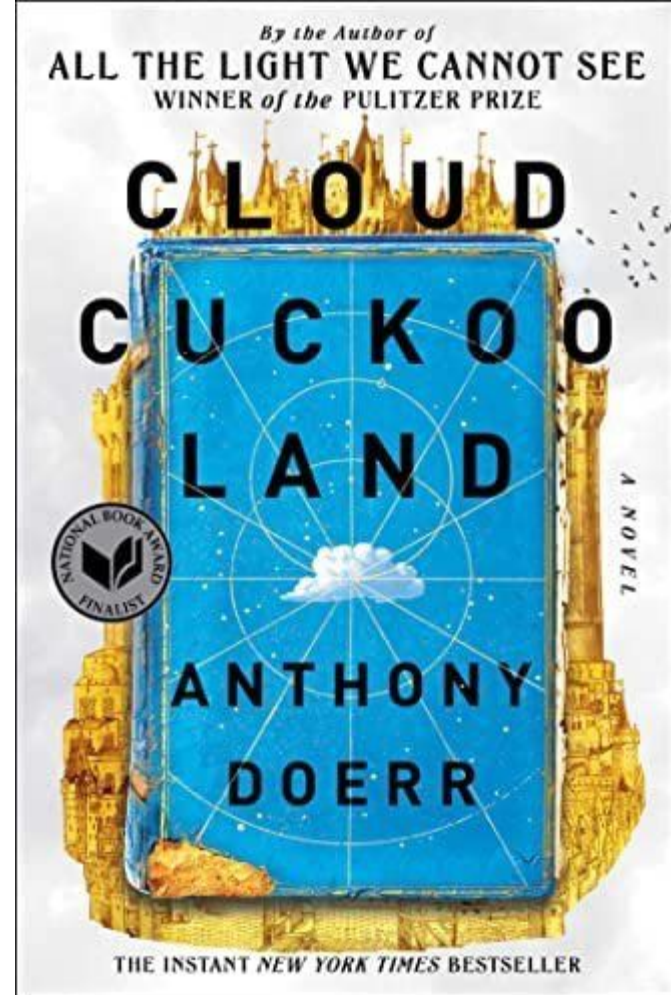
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Jul 2, 2022

[@DoerrTorresal](#) displayed his distinctive style once again in this fascinating novel that spans many millennia. The mysterious origins and discoveries of an ancient text unravel through many millennia through multiple characters. [#aphsreads](#)



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Jul 10, 2022

@JosephBruchac did a remarkable job of providing the context of a young Navajo's life as he is catapulted into his role as a Marine code talker in the Pacific during WWII. Historically accurate and engaging, it describes how invaluable his efforts and skills were. [#aphsreads](#)



A Novel About
the Navajo Marines of World War Two

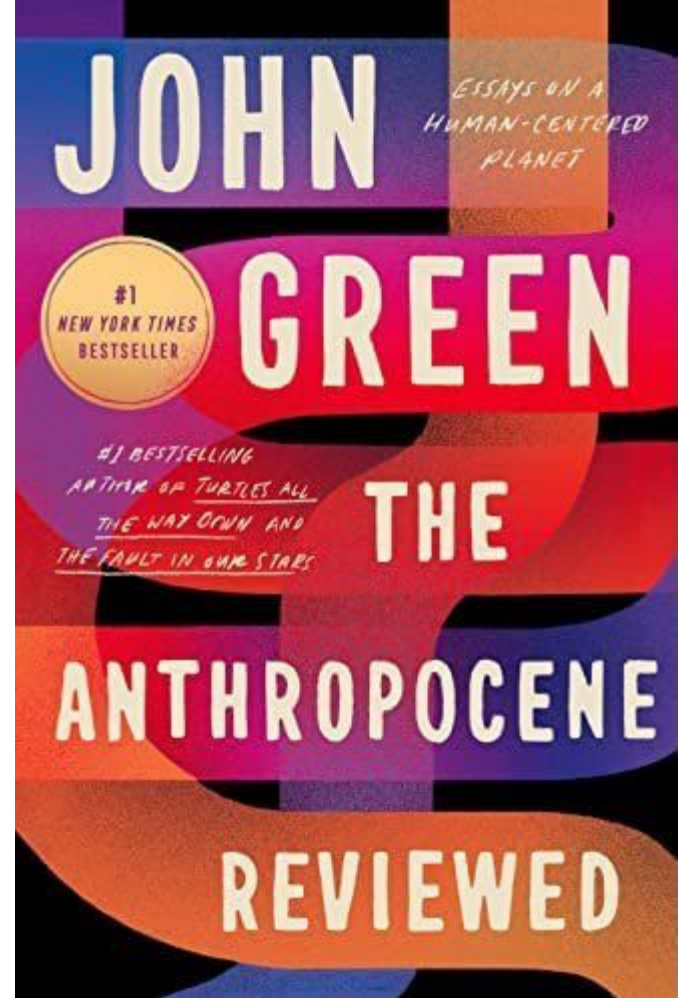
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Jul 17, 2022

[@johnngreen](#) displayed his range of writing abilities in this collection of essays and observations. Some were trivial, some were tragic, but all were observant. A real favorite of mine was his riff on Super Mario Brothers. Very revealing. [#aphsreads](#)



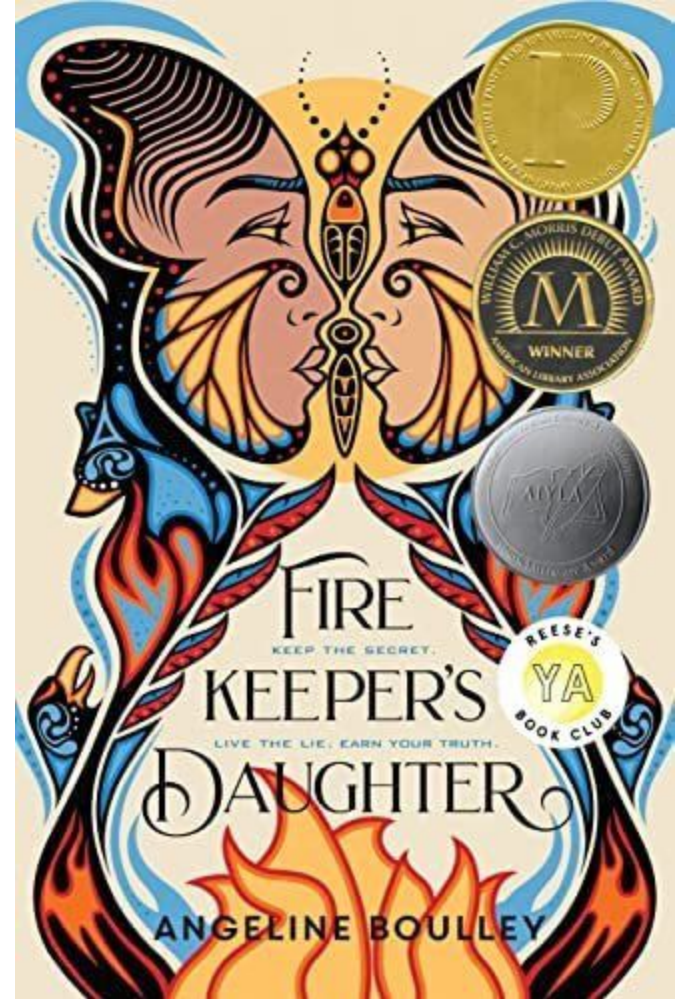
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Aug 3, 2022

@[FineAngeline](#) surprised me (pleasantly) with this suspenseful and action-packed story of Daunis. She is a young Ojibwe woman striving to overcome a challenging past while forced to confront her worst fears and traumas. There are authentic insights into Ojibwe life. [#aphsreads](#)



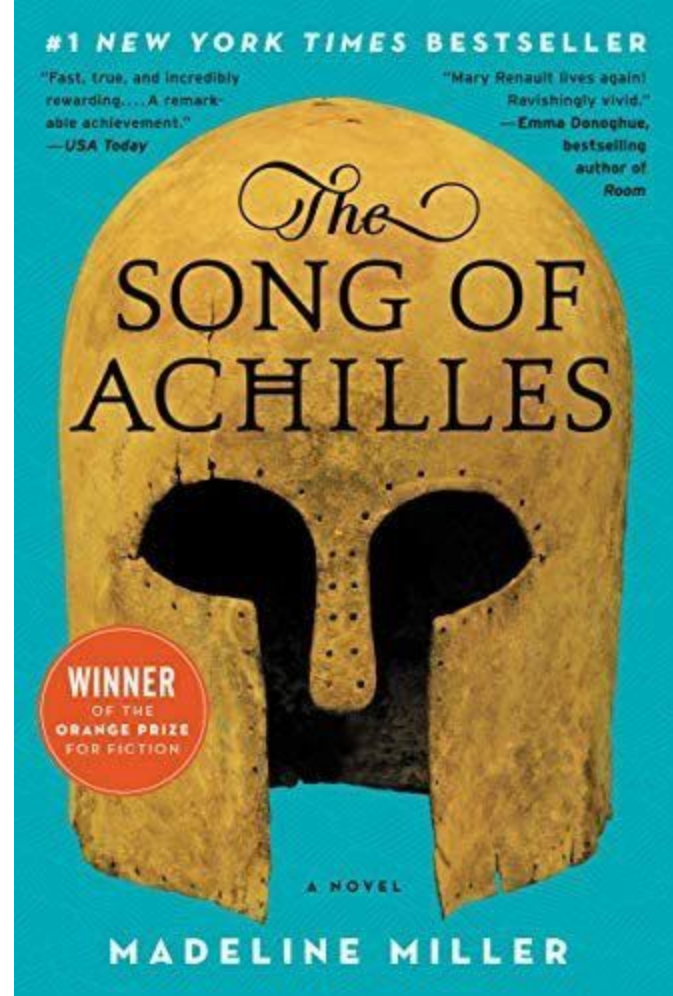
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Aug 11, 2022

[@MillerMadeline](#) illuminated a classic story. Her approach to epics will change how I teach [#theodyssey](#) this school year. Thanks to Patroclus, no character will be overlooked again. For as Odysseus said to Pyrrhus: "Perhaps one day, even I will be famous." [#aphsreads](#)



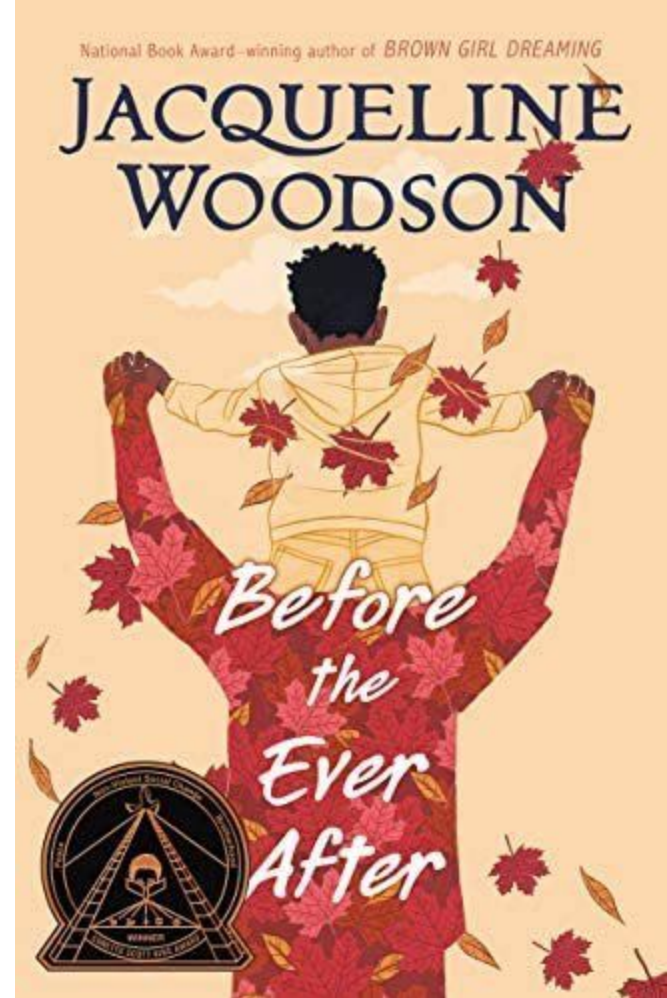
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Aug 11, 2022

[@JackieWoodson](#) expertly displayed the effects of CTE (a form of brain injury) in this narrative poem. She humanizes a recently retired player suffering from CTE by sharing his life through the lenses of his family, specifically his adolescent son. A cautionary tale. [#aphsreads](#)



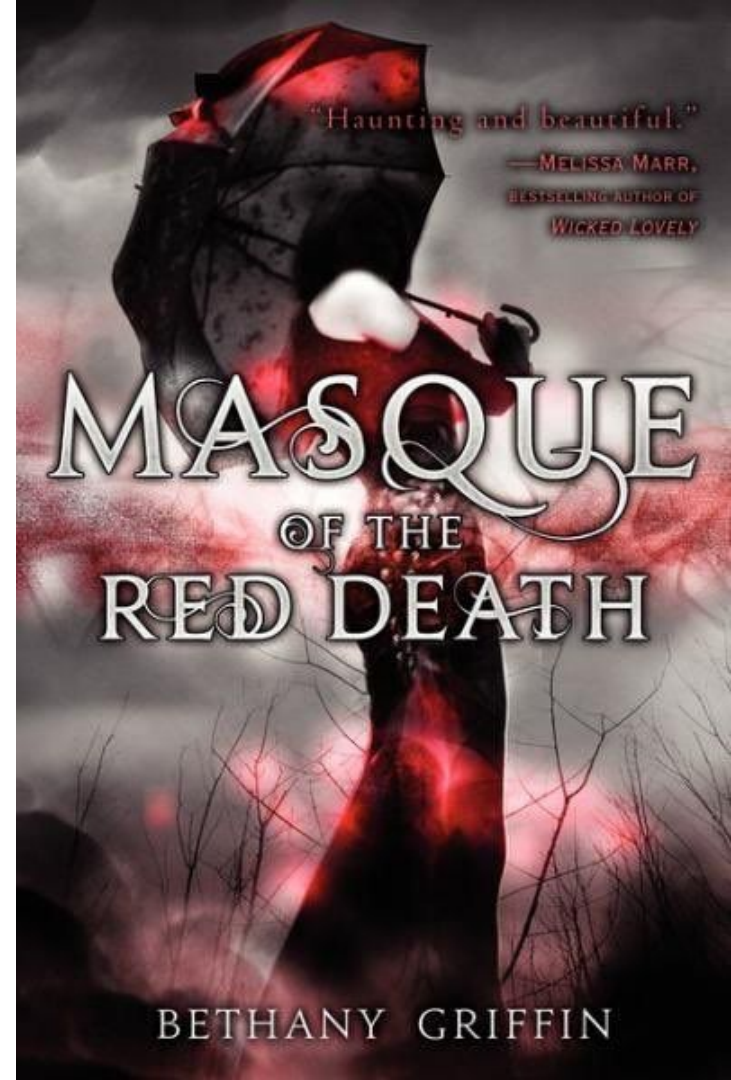
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Aug 15, 2022

[@_bethanygriffin](#) took a short story by [#poe](#) and gave it an engaging prequel. From the amoral Prospero to the ominous mood of the coming Red Death, she maintains the spirit of the original while offering glimpses of how folks may react to a virus. Published pre-COVID. [#aphsreads](#)



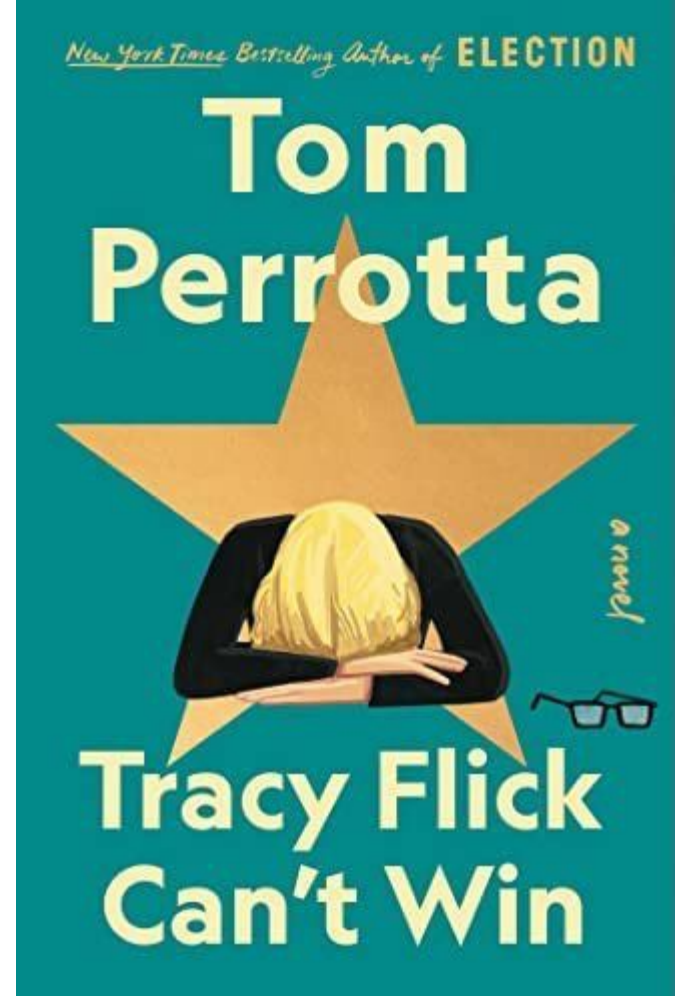
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Aug 19, 2022

As an experienced educator, I greatly enjoyed the satirical, but surprisingly accurate, look at the politics of a suburban school system. And somehow, Perrotta was able to transform Dr. Flick into a sympathetic (and at times heroic) character. [#aphsreads](#)



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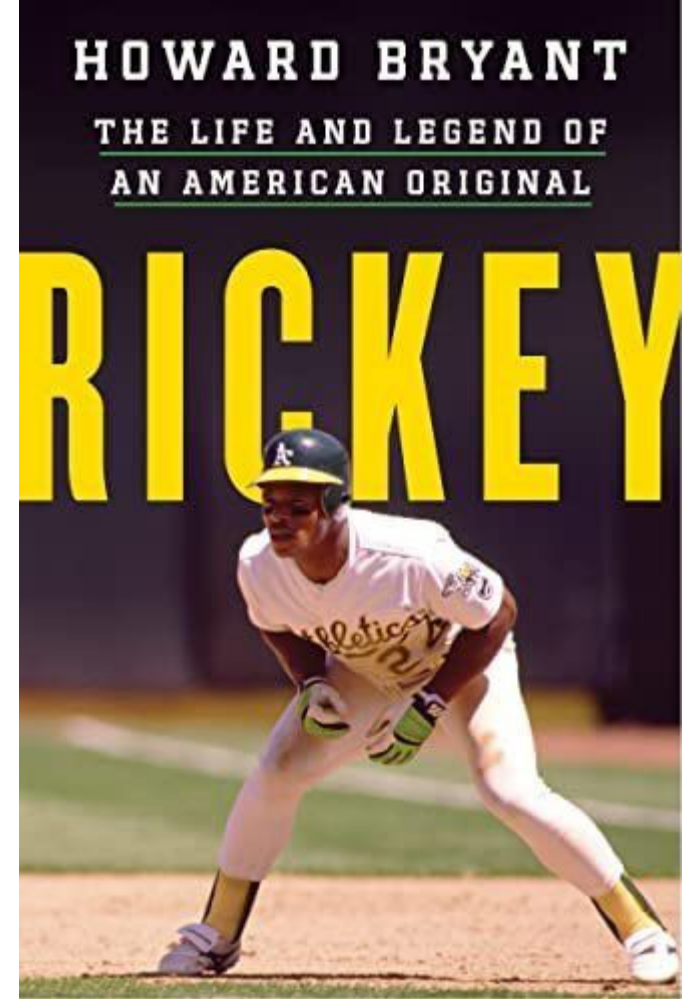
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Aug 28, 2022

[@hbryant42](#) managed to convey the complex man who I idolized, especially when I was a teenager. Bryant especially does a great job contextualizing Henderson's time in the South, in Oakland, and in [@MLB](#). Rickey did what it took to achieve longevity and excellence. [#aphsreads](#)



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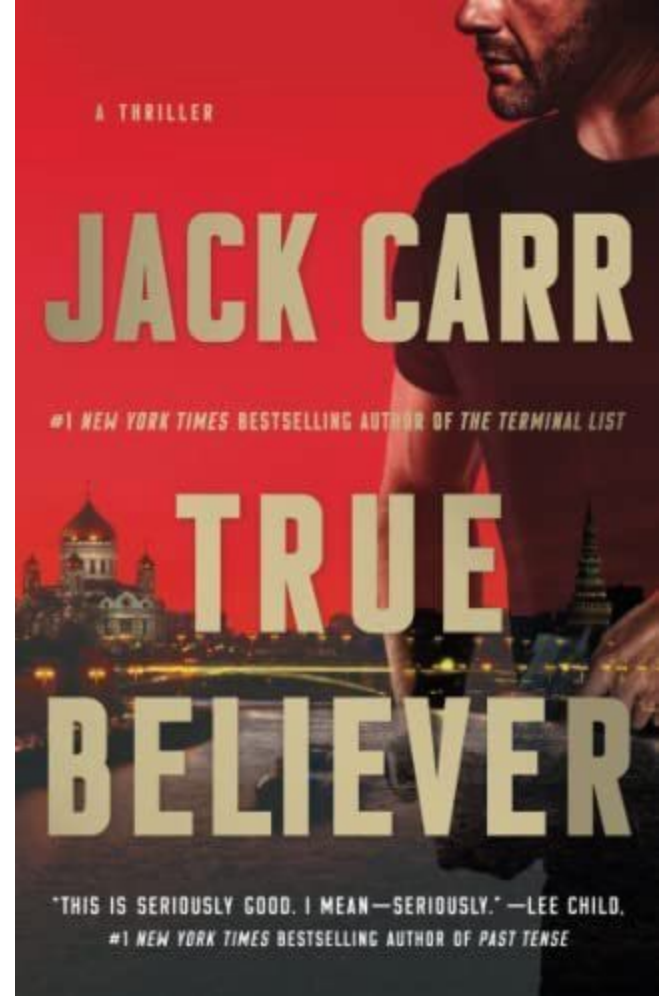
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Sep 4, 2022

I didn't think that I could enjoy a book from [@JackCarrUSA](#) more than [@terminallist](#), but I did. Carr's timely and clearly well-researched plot regarding terrorism that has some relevant contemporary allusions to The Russia and Ukraine War is outstanding.

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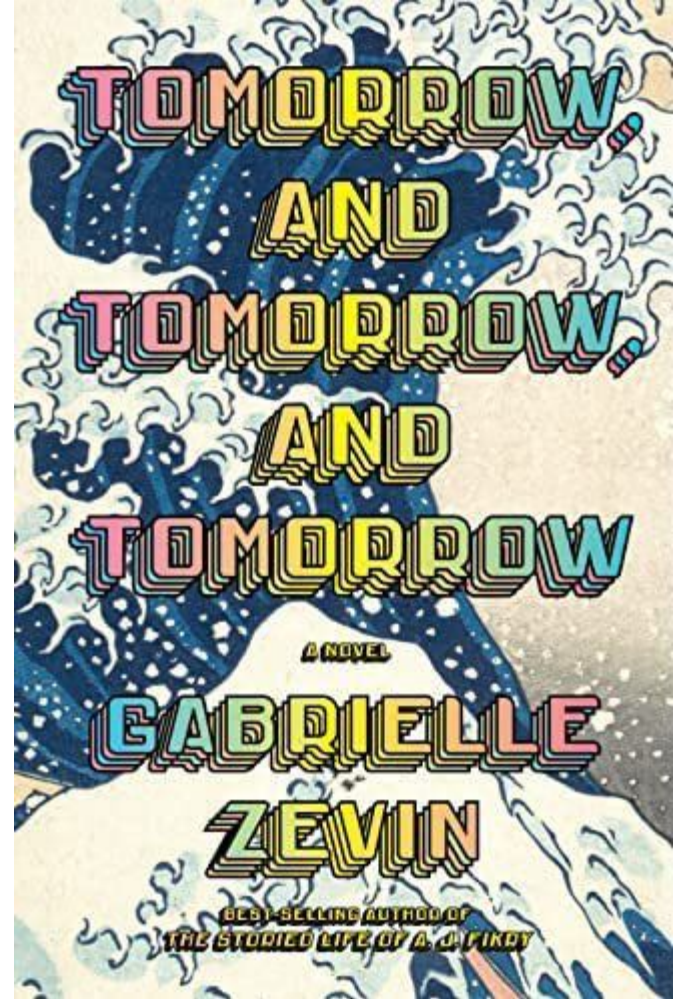
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Sep 12, 2022

As an English teacher who memorized Act 5, scene 5, lines 21-30 starting in high school, I was intrigued by the title of [#gabriellezevin](#)'s new book because of the title. But this tale of lifelong gamers and friends is much more than that. [#aphsreads](#)



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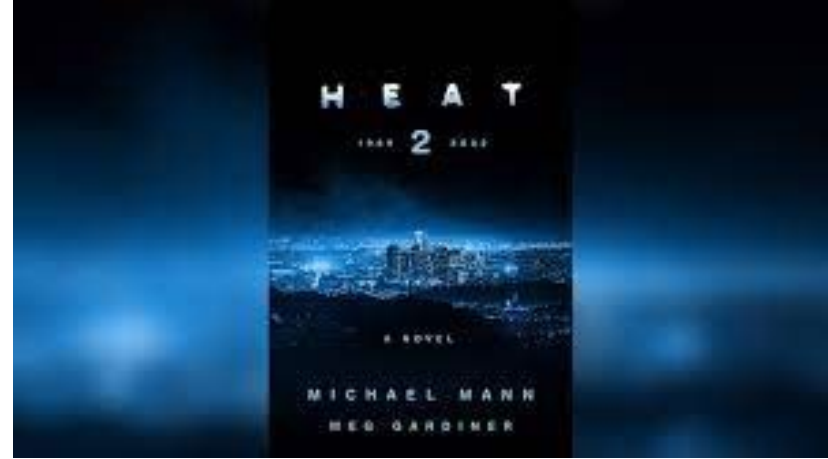
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Sep 26, 2022

[@MichaelMann](#) kept me captivated with this unique prequel and sequel to the classic 1995 movie [#Heat](#). In-depth character sketches, especially of Neil, Chris, and Det. Hanna, culminate in a plot twist that I did not predict. [#aphsreads](#)



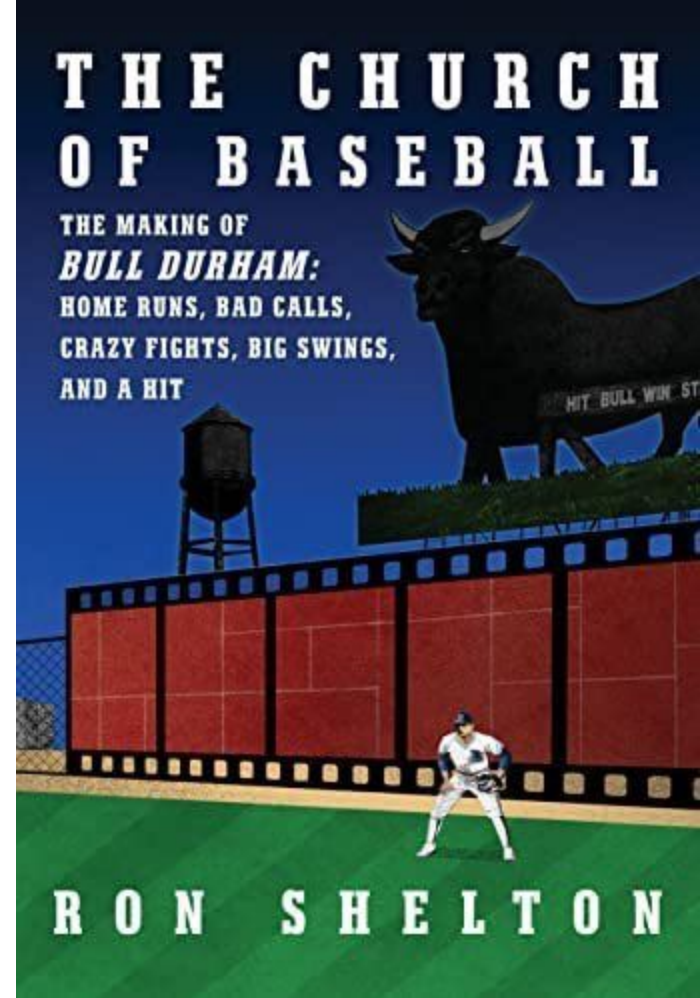
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Oct 1, 2022

[#RonShelton](#) provided a thorough and detailed narrative about the making of one of my favorite movies, "Bull Durham". I saw it in the theatre, and even visited the ballpark with my friend [@jaimerb](#) a few years after filming. Lots of insights into writing and directing. [#aphsreads](#)



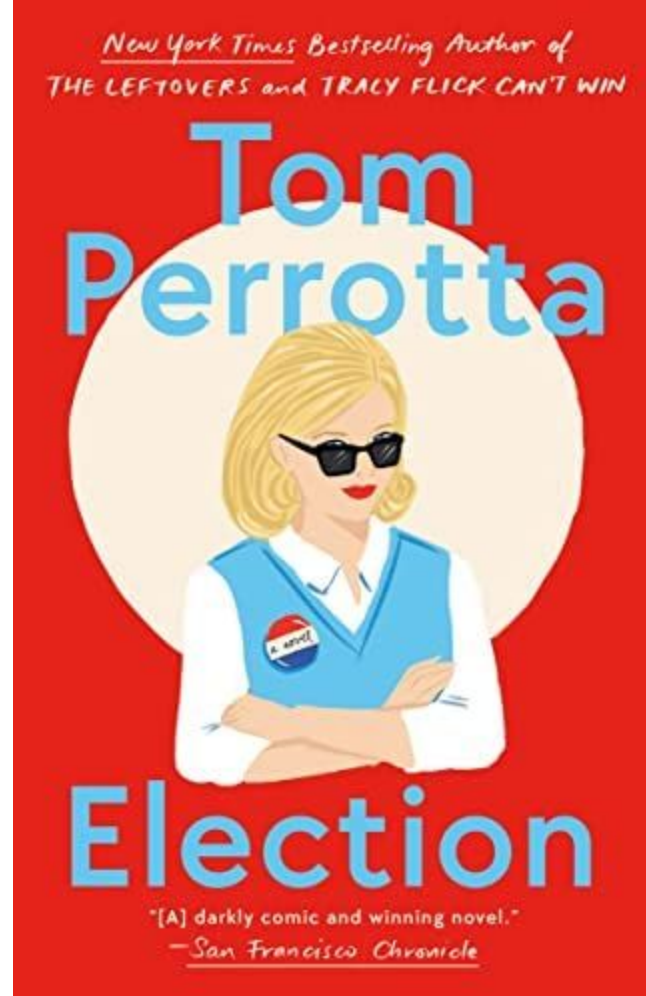
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I almost passed on reading this one from [#TomPerrotta](#) because I had already seen the movie. It would have been a huge mistake. Even though it is satire, it is as close to what high school was like in the early '90's as I've ever read. The movie was good, too. [#aphsreads](#)



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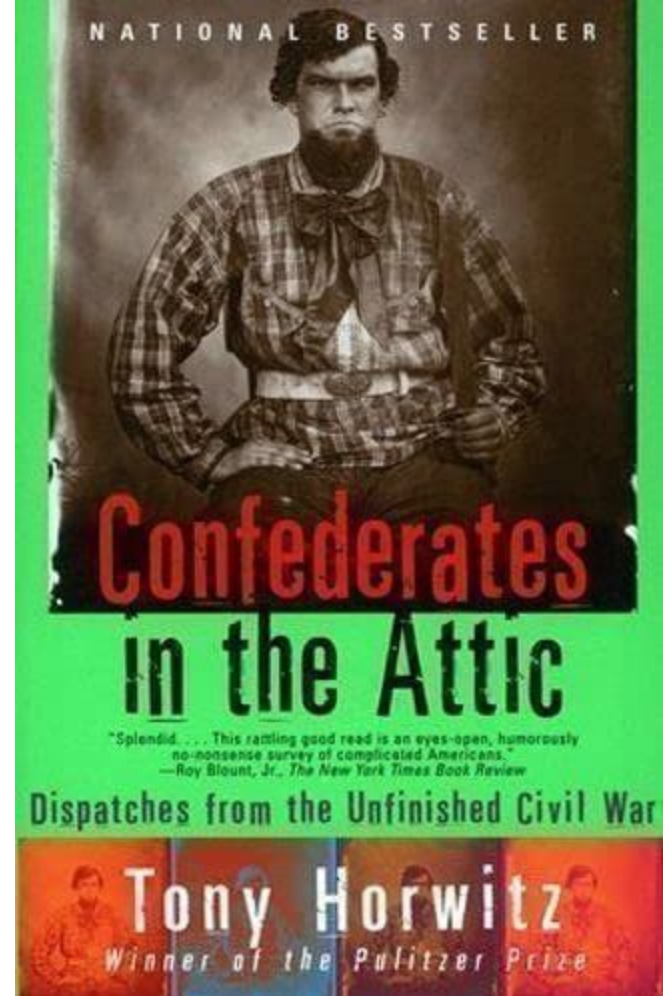
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Oct 17, 2022

I regret not reading this one sooner. It is one of the better non-fiction books that I've read and cements the author for me as one of the best social commentators, if not predictors of future behavior, in American culture. [#aphsreads](#) [#thecivilwar](#) [#gonetoosoon](#)



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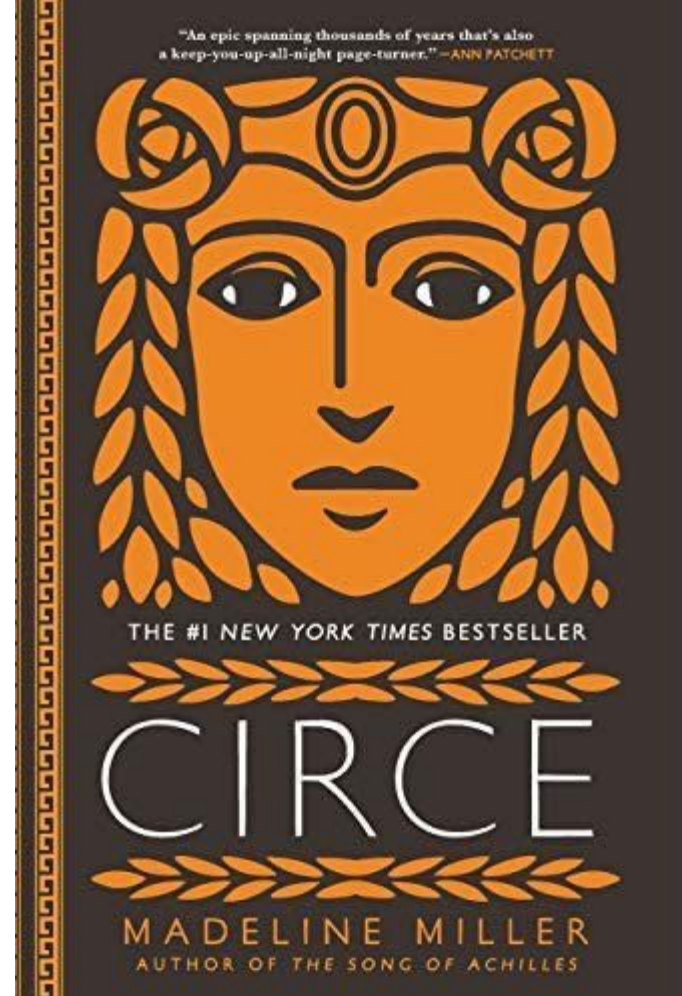
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Oct 23, 2022

[@MillerMadeline](#) once again breathed life into a sometimes overlooked mythological figure. Like [#songofachilles](#) the narrative is more entertaining than what most of us learned in school. [#aphsreads](#) @APHSLambert [@SkibainAP](#)



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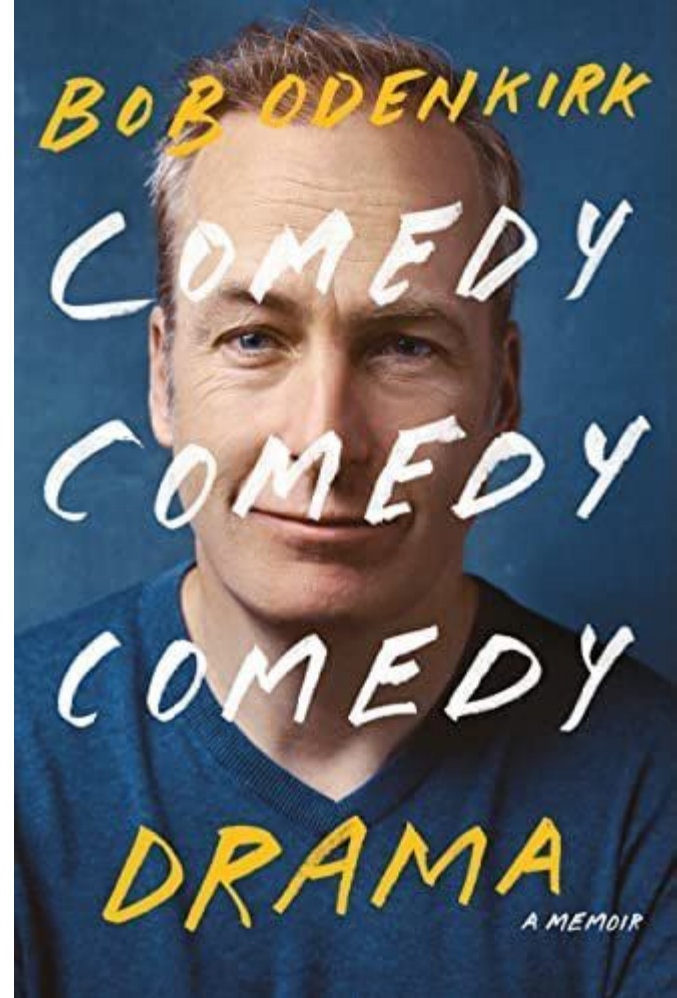
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Oct 30, 2022

I couldn't have read [@mrbobodenkirk](#) memoir at a better time. I loved Saul Goodman, but there is so much more to this man! So funny—and dedicated to the craft of comedy. Who puts an index in their autobiography? That alone is worth the read.

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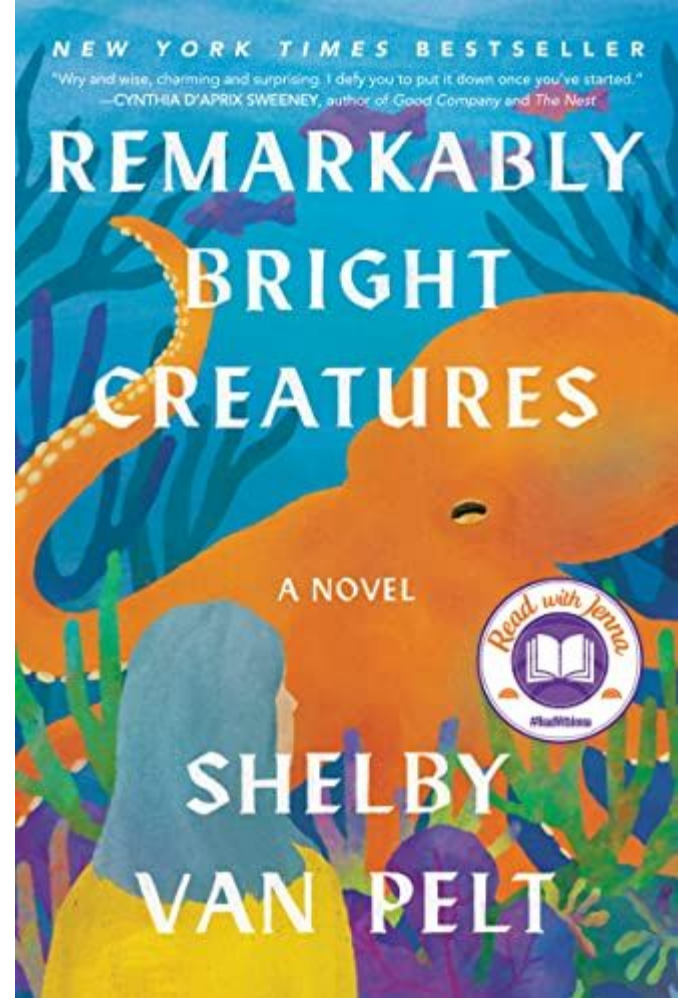
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Nov 10, 2022

[@shelbyvanpelt](#) wrote a memorable and highly entertaining first novel. Mrs. Melville loaned it to me, and I was riveted from start to finish. Every character was developed separately, and the plot converged with a high degree of suspense and nuance.

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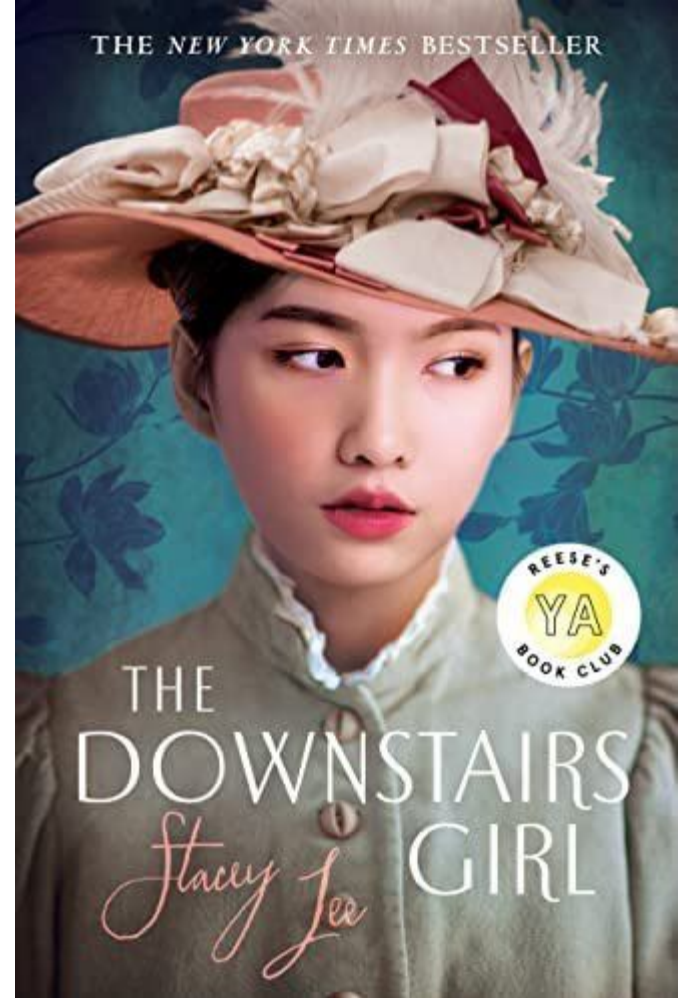
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Nov 18, 2022

[@staceyleeauthor](#) penned a tale of an author from the 19th century who has to keep her identity a secret because of her race. The Atlanta setting is intriguing, as is the mystery of the protagonist's family background. [#aphsreads](#)



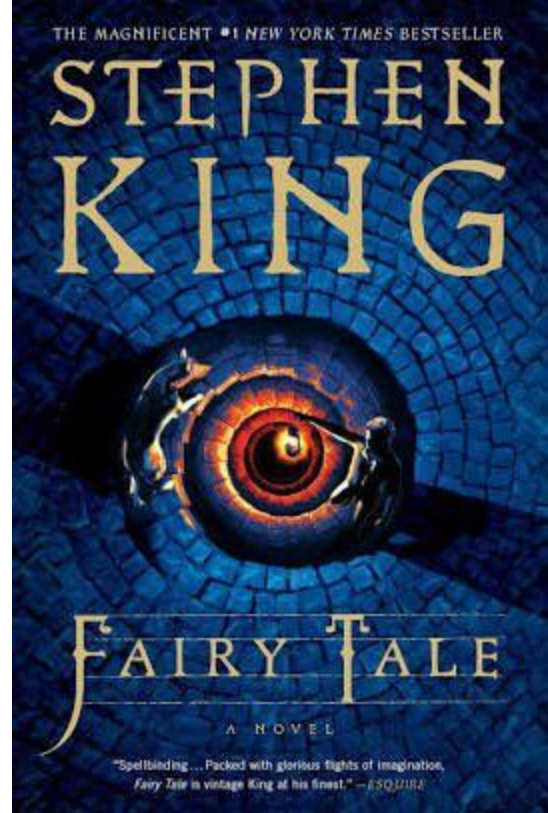
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Dec 1, 2022

If you are looking for an escape for a few hours, I would go with this novel by [@StephenKing](#). I'm not sure what I expected, but it wasn't this. The 1st person POV was authentic, engaging, and consistent, while the plot was suspenseful and unpredictable. [#aphsreads](#)



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Dec 10, 2022

[@JackCarrUSA](#) wrote a series that is becoming more evolved and complex with this encountered in high school English, the plot is turbocharged into a thriller that blends [#aphsreads](#)



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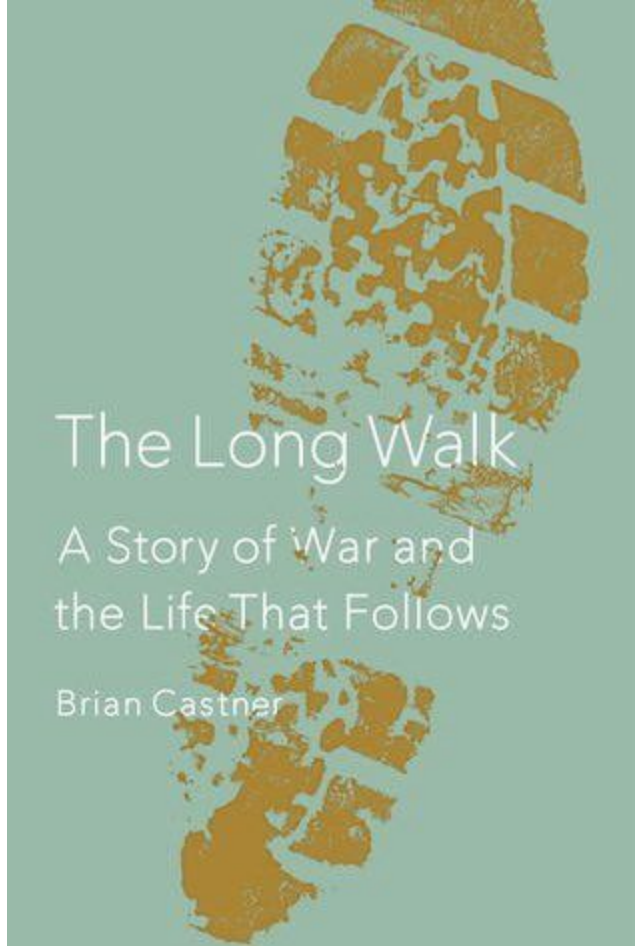
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Dec 26, 2022

[@Brian_Castner](#) wrote a definitive narrative of not only the EOD experience in Iraq, but of countless combat veterans historically. Especially noteworthy is the recent discovery of what every detonation potentially does to soldier's brains.

[#thankyouforyourservice](#) [#aphsreads](#)



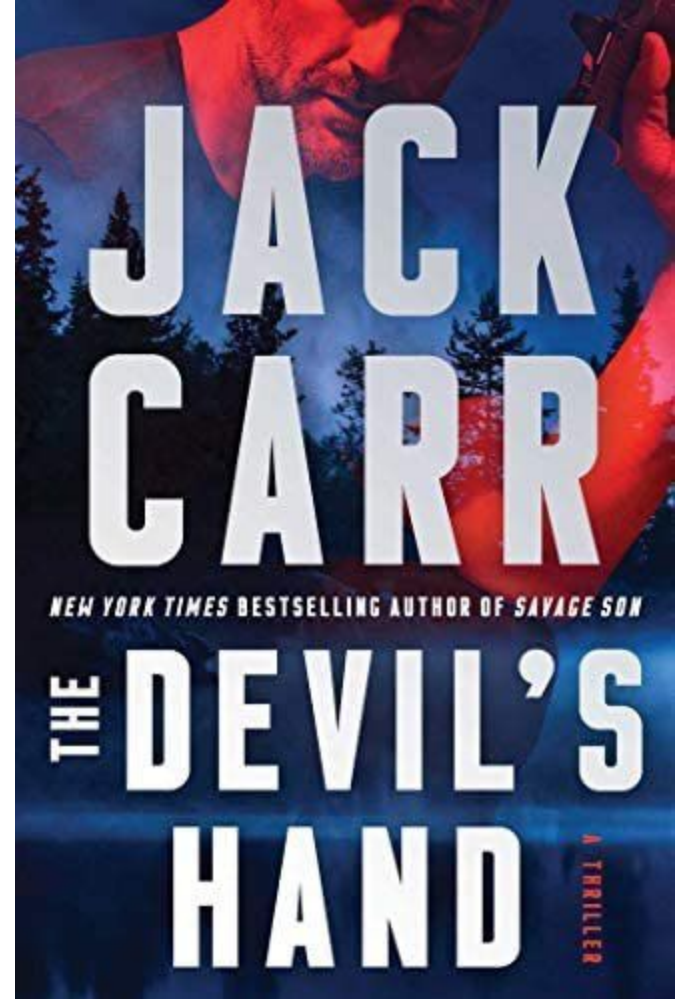
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Jan 4

This is yet another well-researched and riveting tale by [@JackCarrUSA](#). In the time of [#COVIDIsAirborne](#), he introduces a plot that has its roots in 9/11, but emerges in the current day. I look forward to reading the next novel in the series. [#aphsreads](#)



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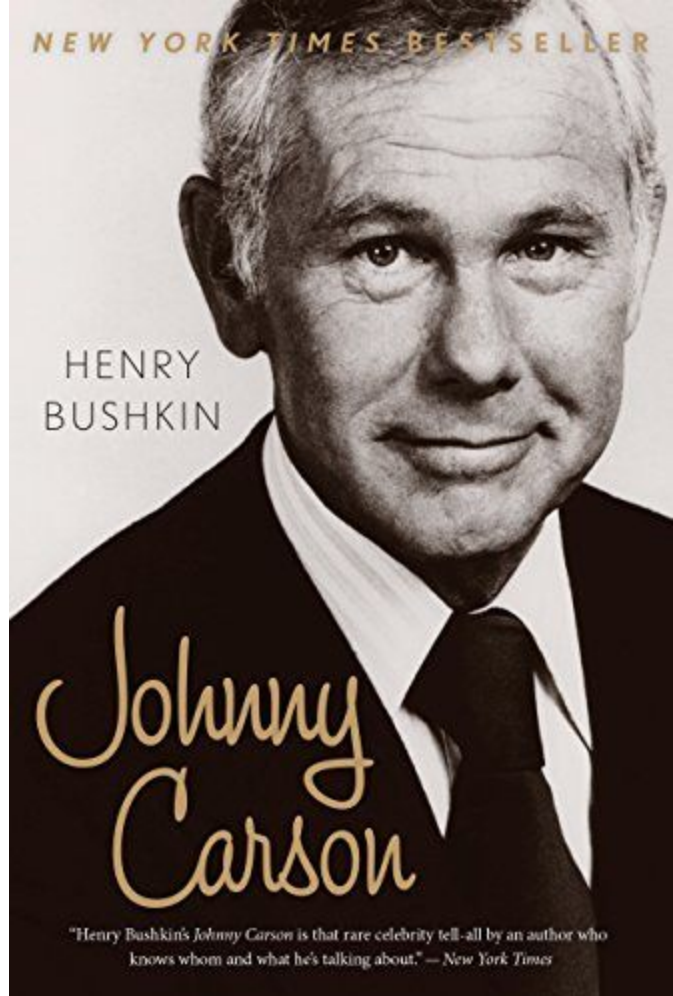
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Jan 10

[@henrybushkin](#) wrote a revealing and intimate portrait of a man that I revered when I was growing up. Although there were few "point of no return" moments that the author relayed, I'm unsure that Mr. Carson would like the revelations. But it humanized him. [#legend](#) [#aphsreads](#)



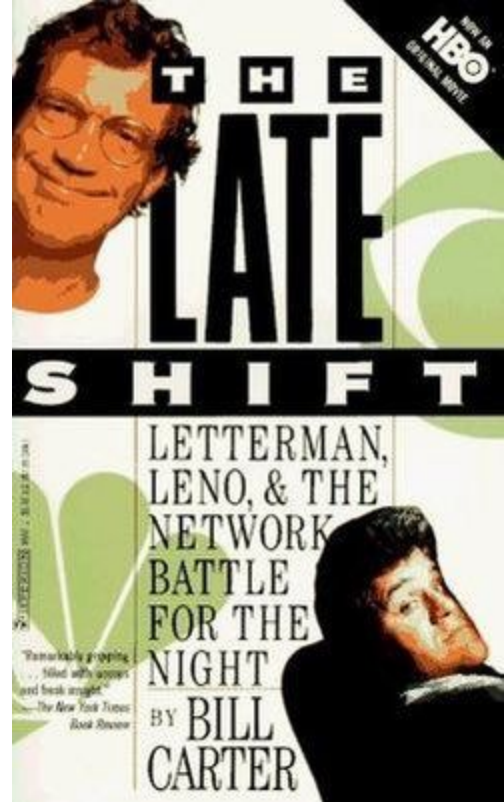
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Jan 28

The prequel to “The War for Late Night” was equally as riveting, if not more so. Reading [@wjcarter](#) account of the mayhem surrounding the iconic Johnny Carson’s retirement and how it actually cemented [@Letterman](#)’s legacy as the King of Late Night is highly engaging. [#aphsreads](#)



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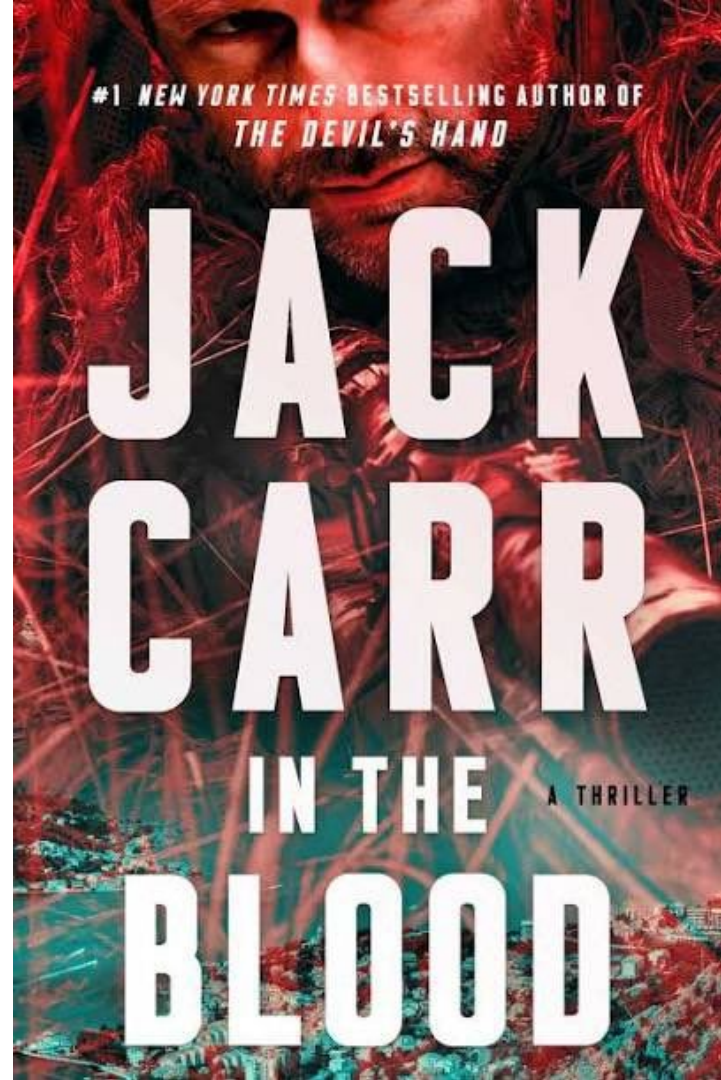
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Feb 5

I hope that this effort by [@JackCarrUSA](#) puts to rest that Navy Seals aren't as cerebral as they are physical. The writing gets better and better with every page of this "ripped from the headlines" tale that features a glimpse into AI. [#aphsreads](#)



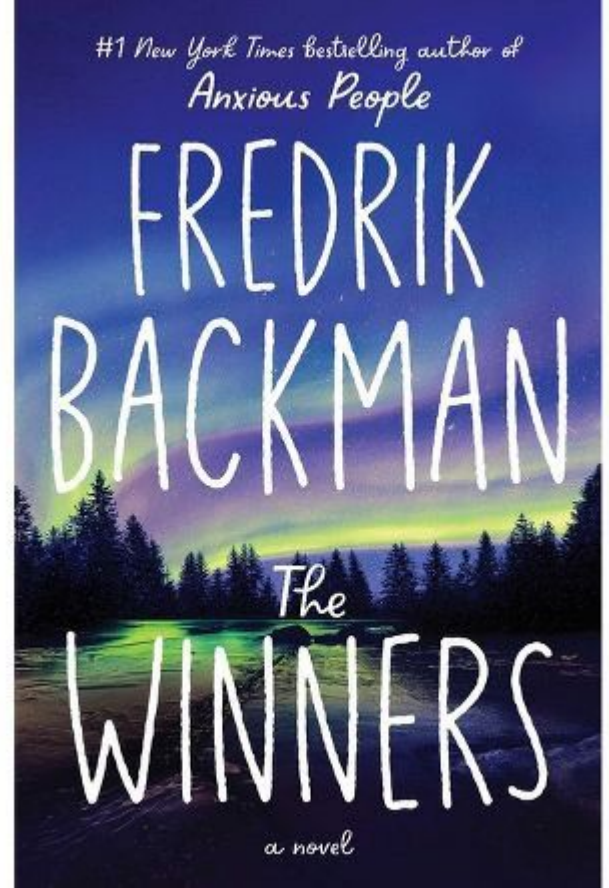
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Feb 19

[@Backmanland](#) writes that he “gave everything that he had” with this story, and through this intricate plot was exquisite and moving. Unfortunately relevant investment. [#aphsreads](#)



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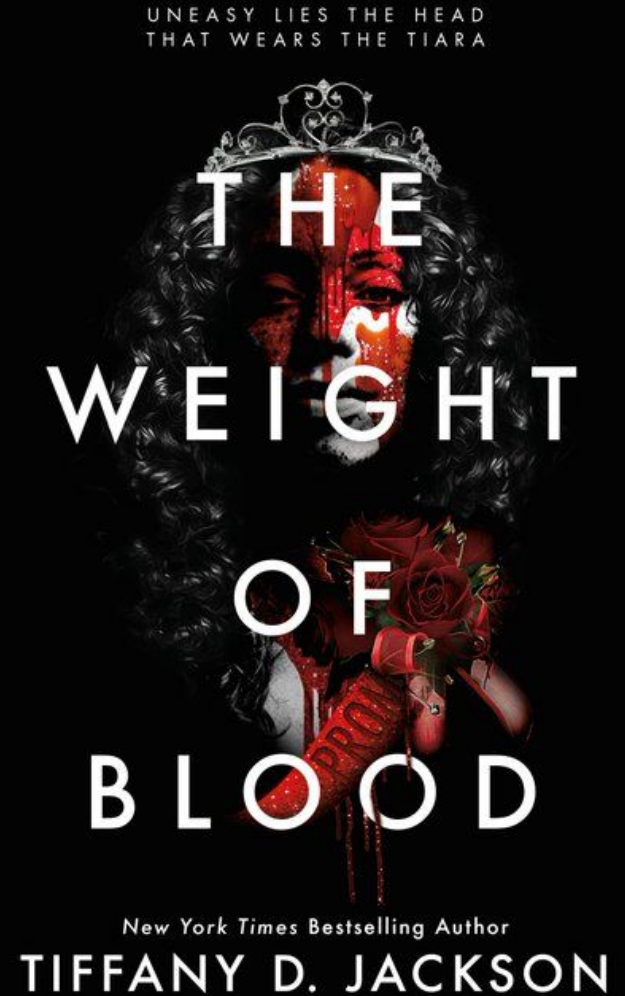
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Feb 27

[@WriteinBK](#) wrote more than just an homage to [@StephenKing](#) with this one. By updating the novel "Carrie", the author infuses racism, bullying, and a glimpse of high school life to the contemporary reader. This is very suspenseful and engaging. [#aphsreads](#)



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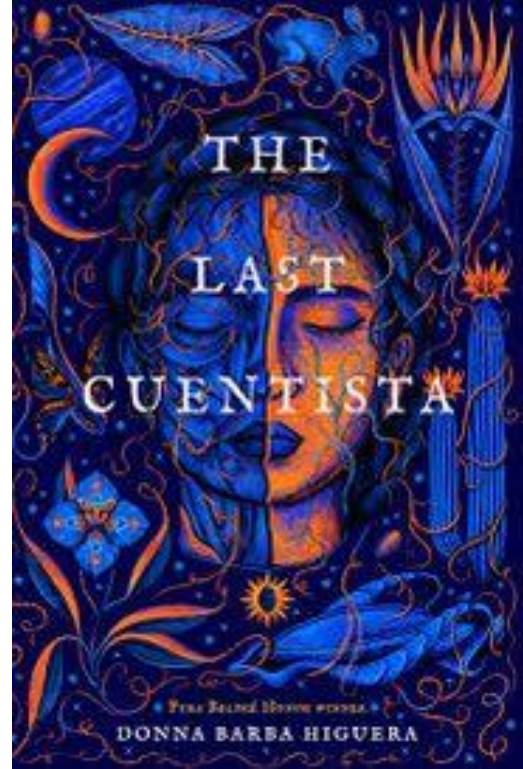
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Mar 25

[@dbhiguera](#) blended science fiction and tradition in her 2nd novel. It is being considered for our [#onebookoneschool](#) in 2023, and it is easy to see why. [#aphsreads](#)



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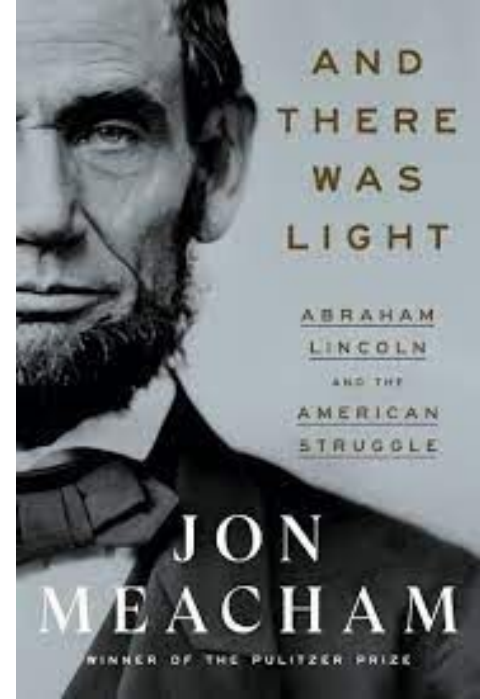
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Apr 4

I've read a fair amount about [#AbrahamLincoln](#), but [@MeachamDaily](#) did an extraordinary job focusing on the complex, yet evolved man who guided the country through a war that could have ended democracy. He has 200 pages of notes that attest to his research.

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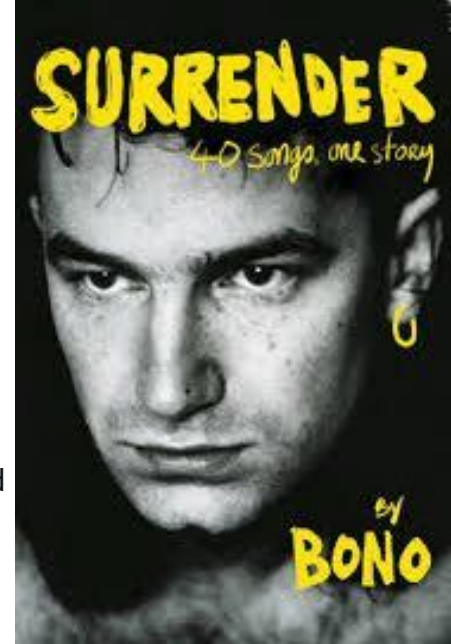
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Apr 25

[@OfficialBono](#) wrote a memoir that was not easy for me to get through, but as I continued on, I realized that maybe that was the point! At times autobiographical, and always philosophical, Bono shares an authentic experience that is clearly his own, [#aphsreads](#) [#U2](#)



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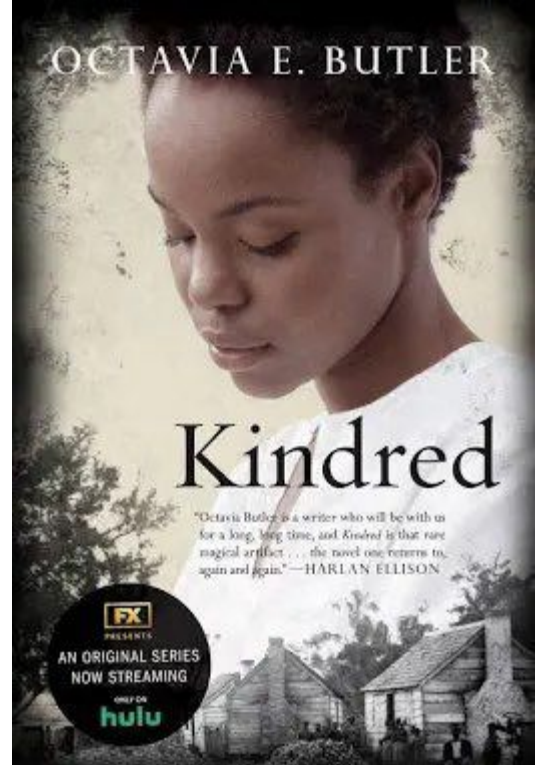
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May 7

[@OctaviaEButler](#) wrote a mesmerizing tale that took us from 1976 to the 19th century in the antebellum American South. Life as a slave is shown through the lens of relatable characters who react more heroically and intelligently than many would. [#aphsreads](#) [#Netlixbeckons](#)



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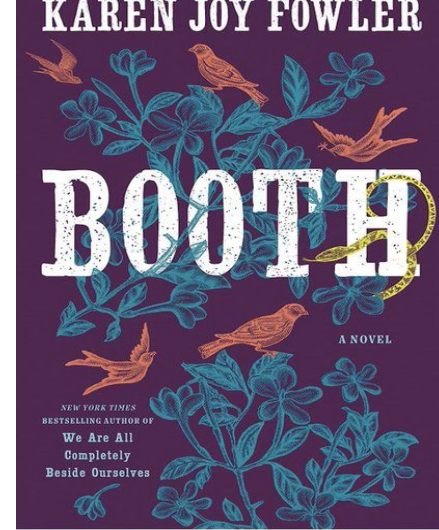
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May 22

[#Karenjoyfowler](#) managed to breathe life into an eccentric family that even the most ardent followers of the Civil War era probably aren't well-versed. Frankly, the assassin JW Booth was in most ways the least interesting, but ultimately became the best known. [#aphsreads](#)



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May 27

[@donwinslow](#) continued to demonstrate his acumen for page turning plots with believable characters. This one is a classic fish out of water tale that involves “in the weeds” Hollywood. There are some twists that I didn’t see coming. [#aphsreads](#)

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF CITY ON FIRE AND THE BORDER

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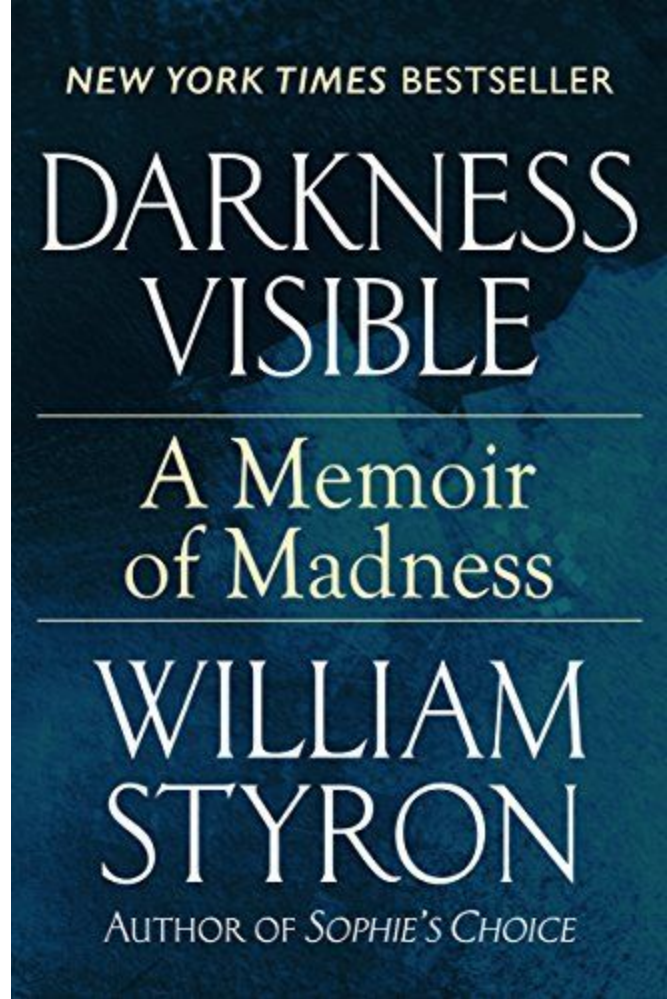
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Incredibly powerful book that I read towards the end of [#MentalHealthAwarenessMonth](#). The highly successful and award winning author [#WilliamStyron](#) succinctly traced his gradual descent into depression and his relatively quick ascent out of it. [#aphsreads](#)

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