
What I Read 2018-19

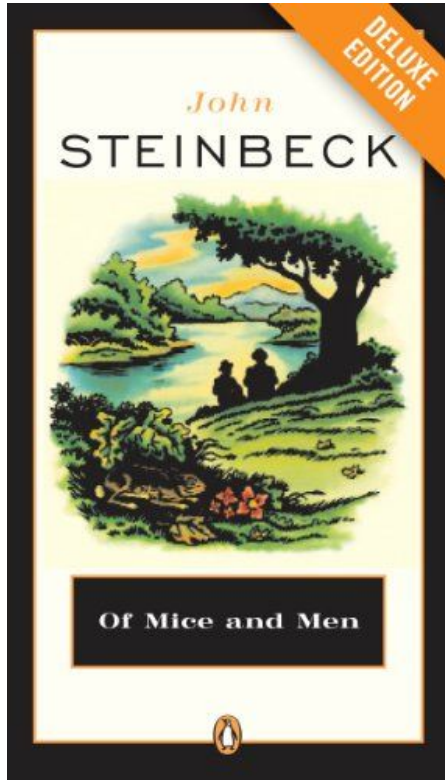


Mr. Jackson

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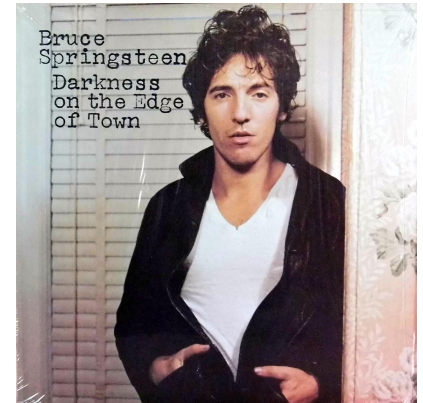
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Of Mice and Men

This one never gets old for me. And of course, I cherish the connection to Springsteen.





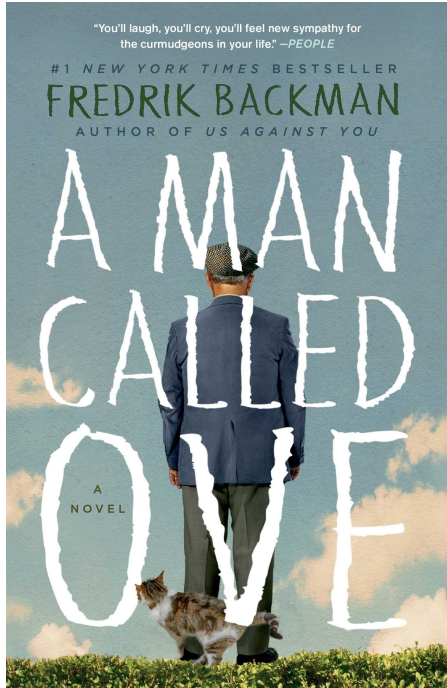
***Becoming*, by Michelle Obama**

Remarkably candid look at the former first lady. Very relatable in some ways.

The Innocent Man, by John Grisham

Also a Netflix series. Disturbingly realistic. If you like CSI, this one's for you.

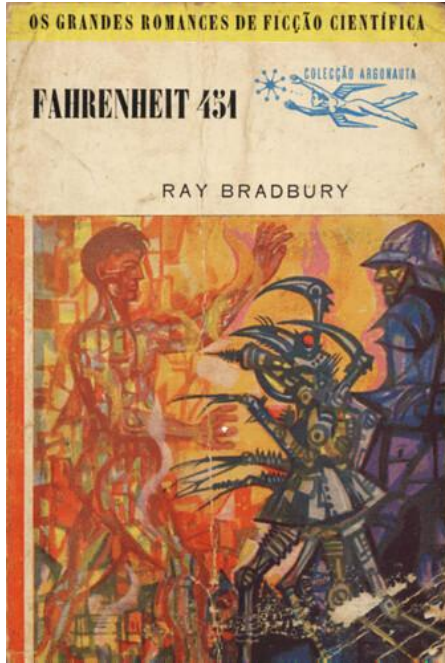




A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman

This one snuck up on me. Backman is a fine story-teller.

Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury



I'm amazed that more HELA 9 students don't like this book. Might have to approach it differently next year with this dystopia.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS

BY
CHARLES DICKENS.

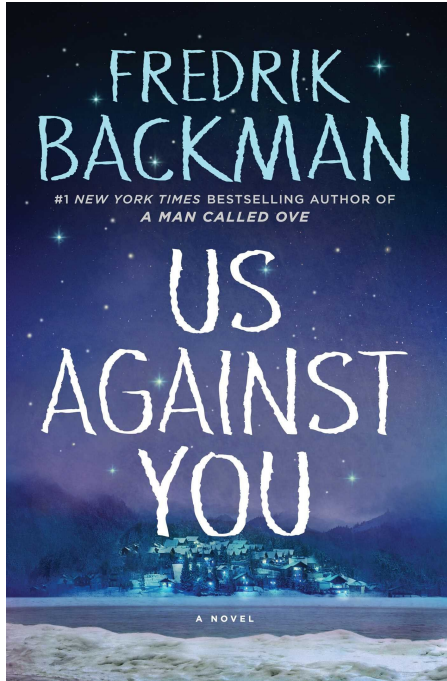
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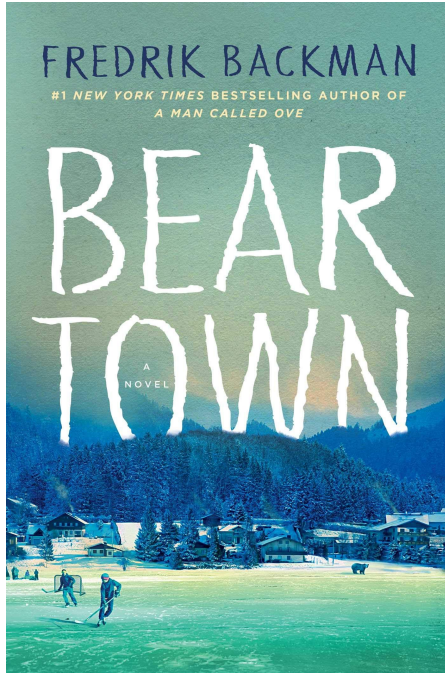
Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens

This Victorian tale might have worked out better if we had done it separate from the research paper. I love the story of Pip and Estella.



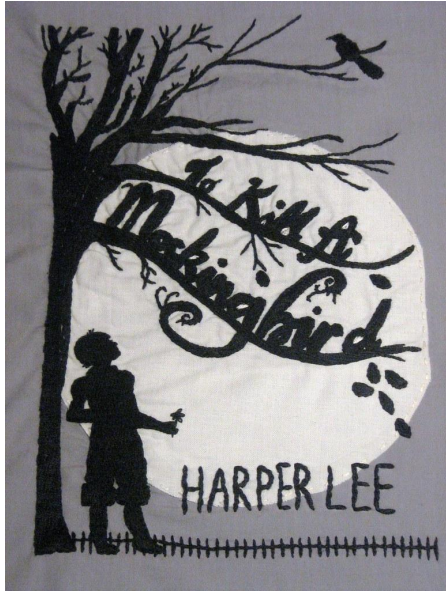
Us Against You, by Fredrik Backman

The sequel to *Bear Town* is riveting. Unfortunately pretty true to life.



Bear Town, by Fredrik Backman

I was not that interested in reading this one because it involved a fair amount of hockey. But this one is really more about life. I thought about these characters a lot.

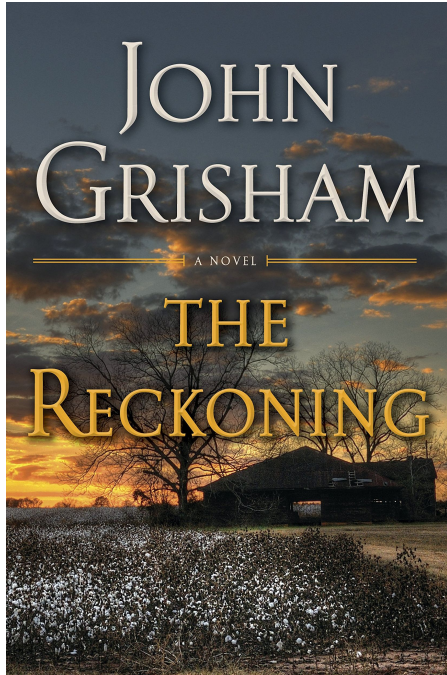


To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

I finally am understanding how to teach this book. I'm amazed at how many students call this book boring, etc. It was voted the best loved book in America this year--and it is always sold out on Broadway for the play version starring Jeff Daniels.

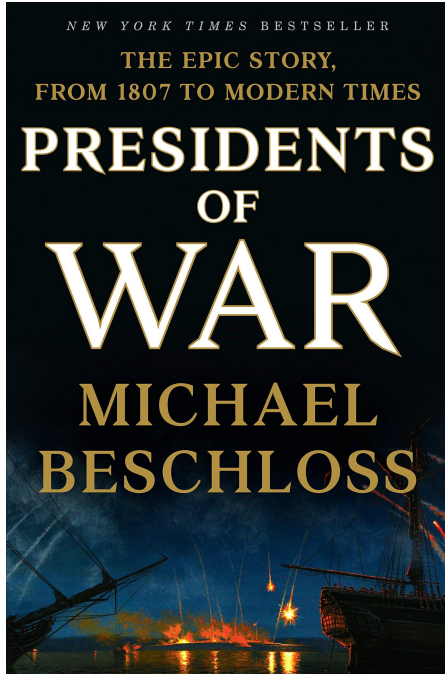
The Man in the High Castle, by Philip K. Dick





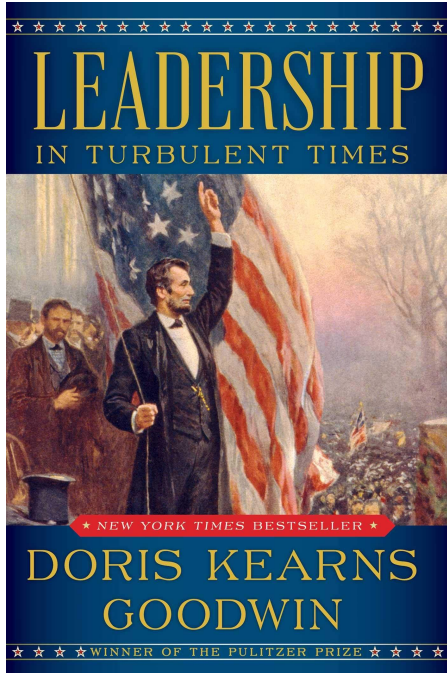
The Reckoning, by John Grisham

More involved and a different time period than most Grisham forays. Highly effective.



Presidents at War, by Michael Beschloss

Sweeping review of war-time decisions from Madison to Obama. Well-researched.



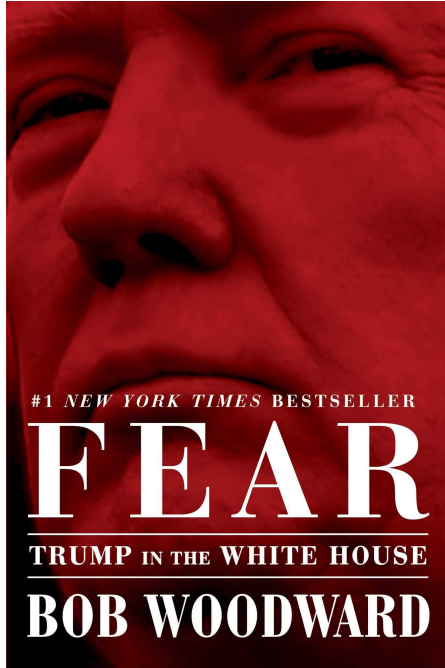
Leadership in Turbulent Times, by Doris Kearns Goodwin

For the most part, I'm glad that these folks were in charge during times of crisis.

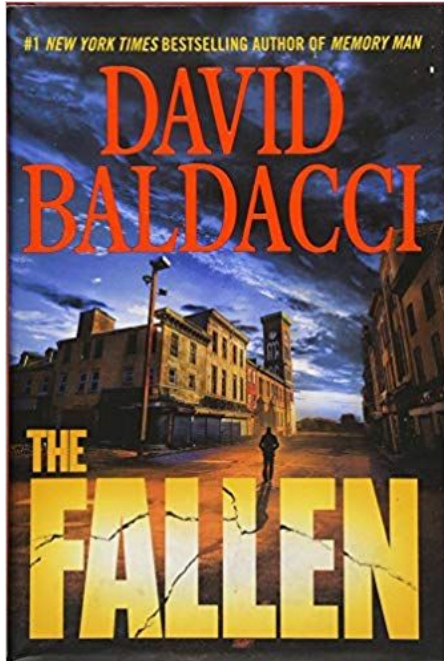


Fear, by Bob Woodward

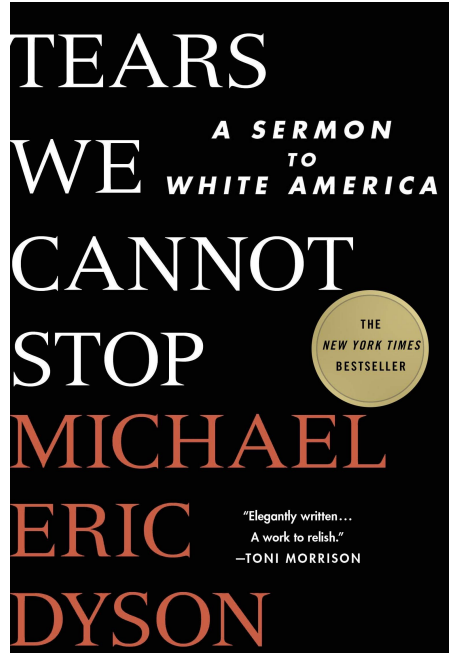
Expose' on the first part of Trump's presidency. Revealing, but not surprising.



The Fallen, by David Baldacci

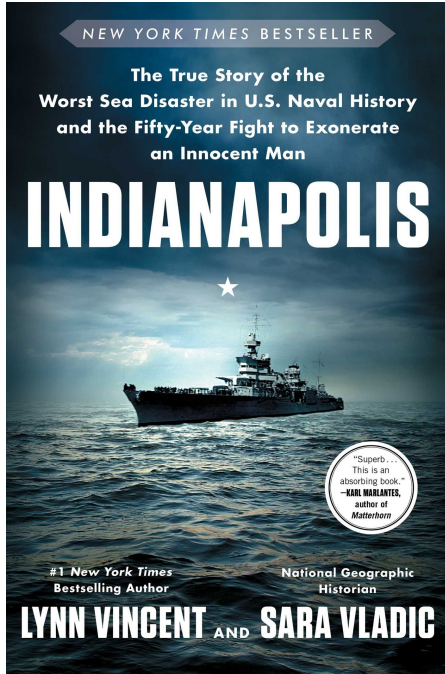


Last in the Amos Decker series--at least for now. Baldacci knows how to keep the audience interested.



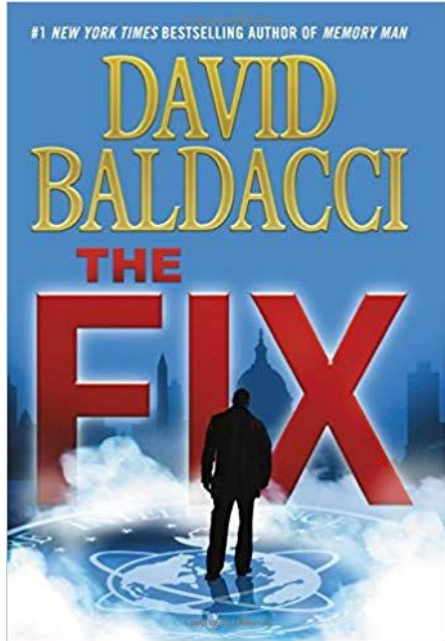
Tears We Cannot Stop, by Michael Eric Dyson

Should be required reading for most folks. I need to read it again.



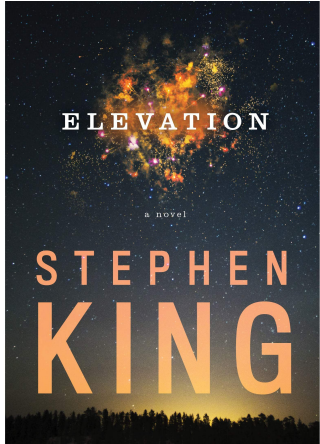
Indianapolis, by Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic

Extremely well-researched treatise on an extremely tragic event in naval history.



The Fix, by David Baldacci

Another Amos Decker book. It was cool for me because I had been to many of the places in D.C.

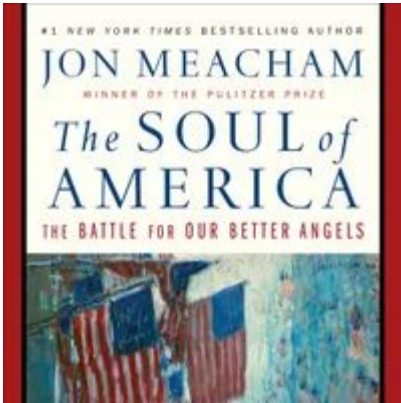


Elevation, by Stephen King

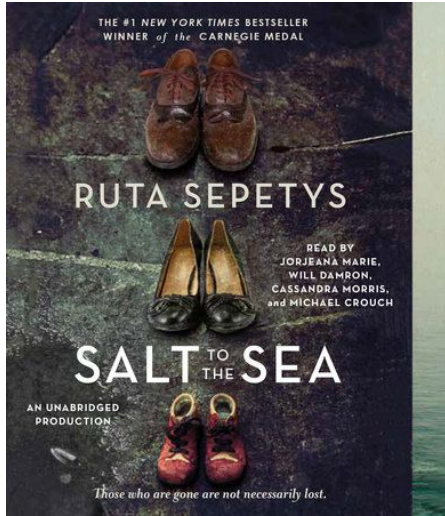
Surprisingly brief and light book that reveals King as a philosopher. Good place to start if you are afraid of his horror books.

The Soul of America, by Jon Meacham

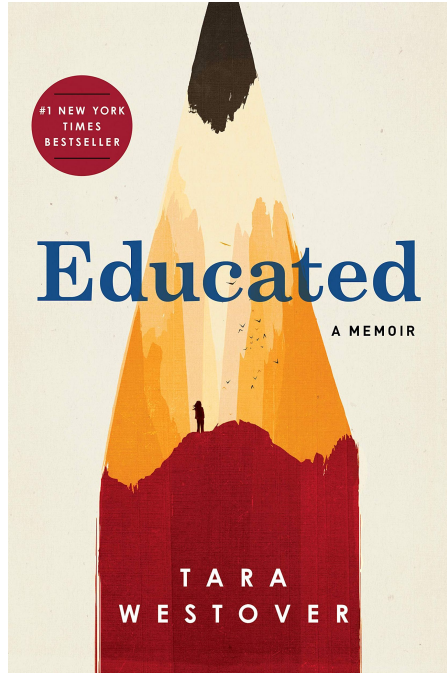
Yet another recent book that made me glad that we have had great leadership throughout most of our country's history.



Salt to the Sea, by Ruta Sepetys



I really enjoyed this book about the doomed overloaded passenger ship. #Onebookoneschool

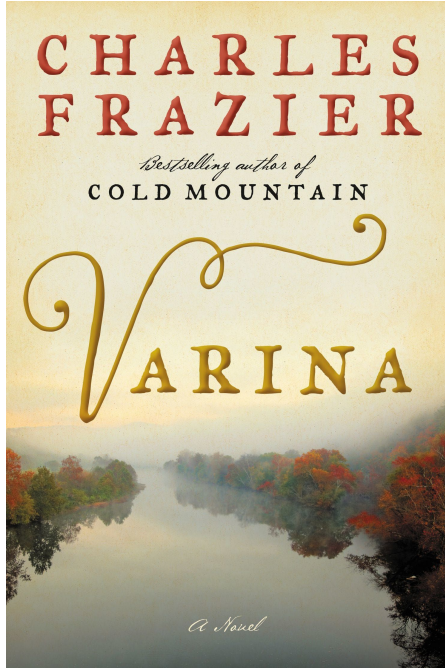


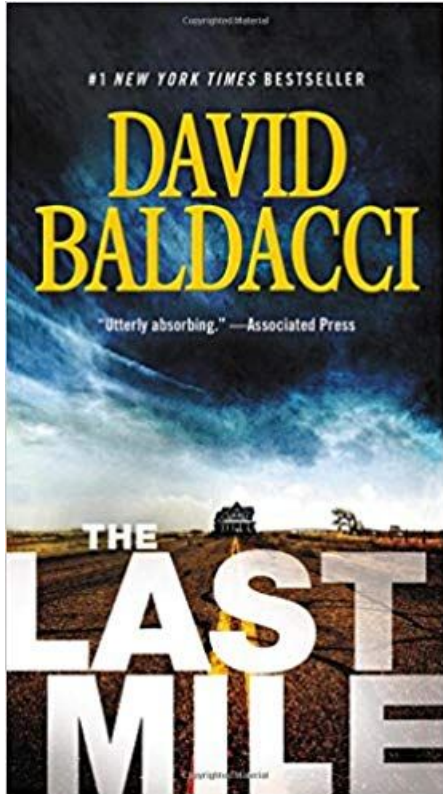
Educated, by Tara Westover

This one had a lot of impact on me. Her story is compelling and contemporary. #survivalist

Varina, by Charles Westover

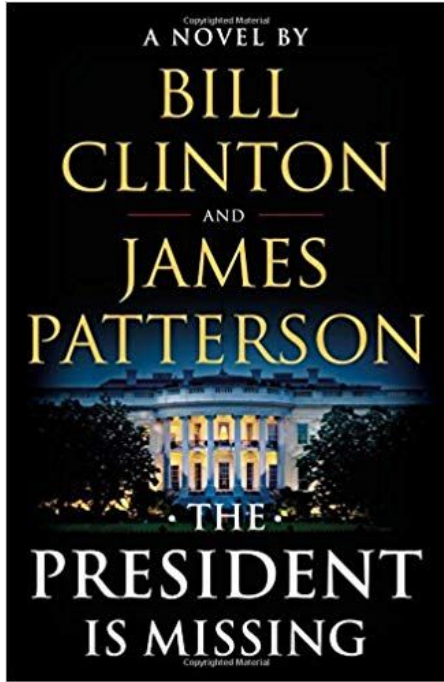
Interesting yarn about the wife of Jefferson Davis.





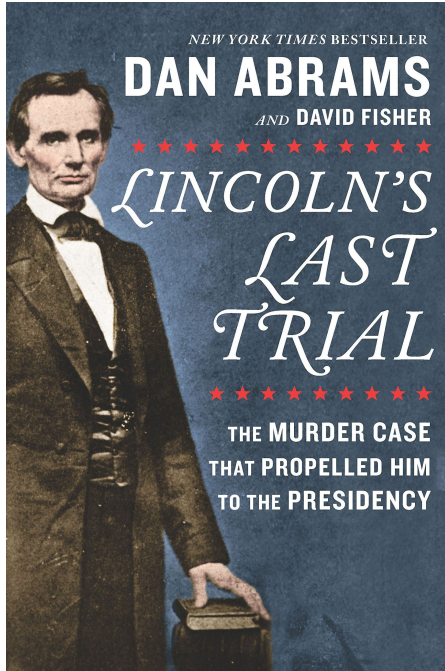
The Last Mile, by David Baldacci

Part of the Amos Decker series. A nice read to fly through.



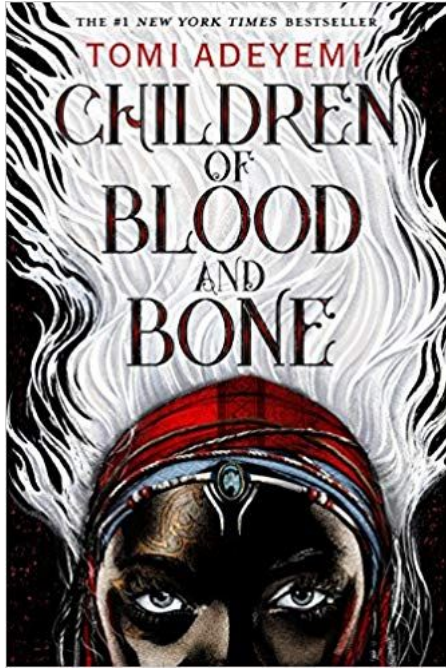
The President is Missing, by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

This was the story that I read from either author. Enjoyable way to spend a few hours.



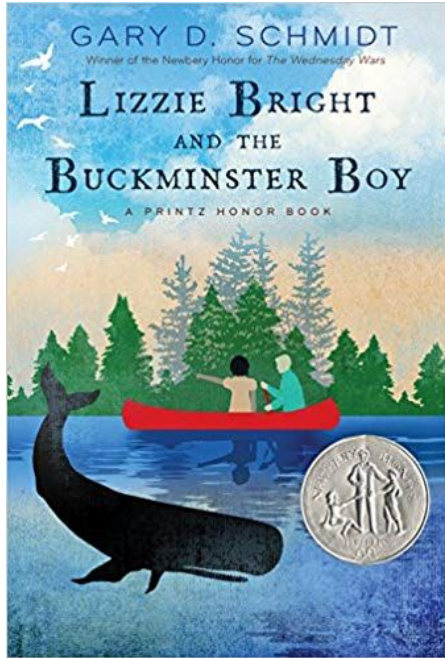
Lincoln's Last Trial, by Dan Abrams and David Fisher

It was fun to see Lincoln as a mere mortal--and a pretty decent lawyer.



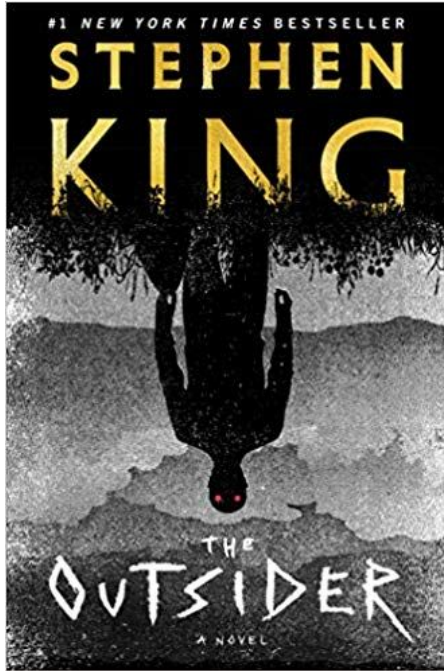
Children of Blood and Bone, by Tomi Adeyemi

Jimmy Fallon pick. Good, but I had to use study guides to figure out what was going on.



Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, by Gary D. Schmidt

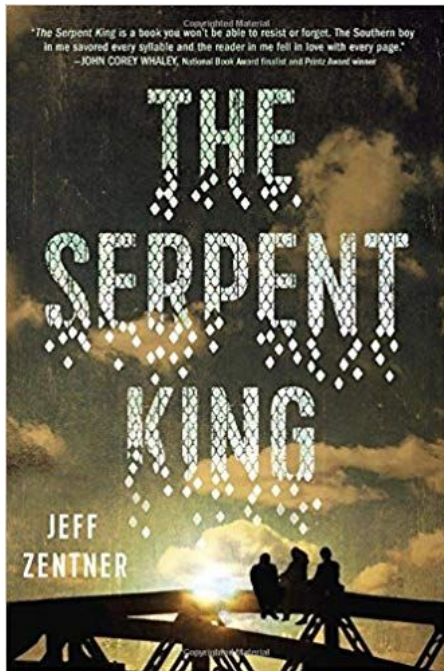
Speedy read about race, life and death out East.



The Outsider, by Stephen King

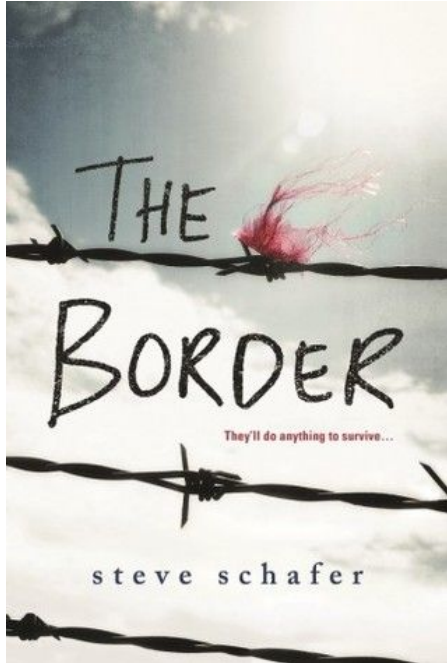
Curious tale from King. Read it whilst recovering from wisdom tooth extraction, so I don't remember much.

The Serpent King, by Jeff Zentner

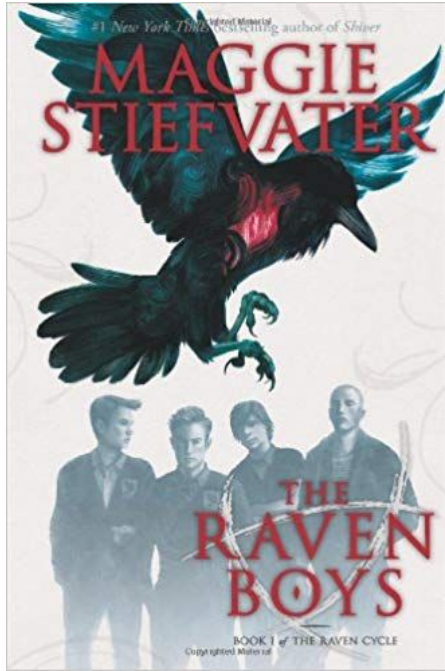


Good YA novel regarding high school life in the south.

The Border, by Steve Schafer

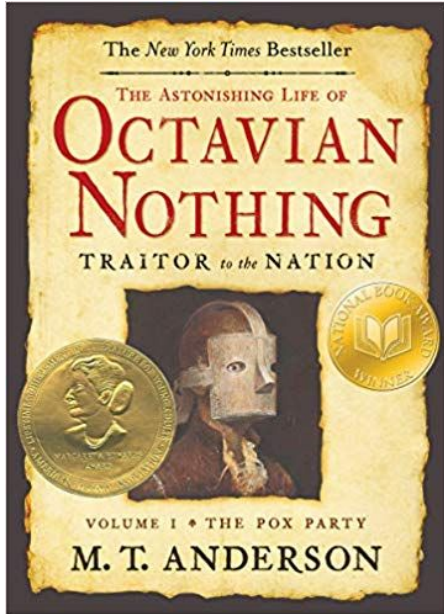


Loved this at first glance, but not authentic enough for one book, one school.



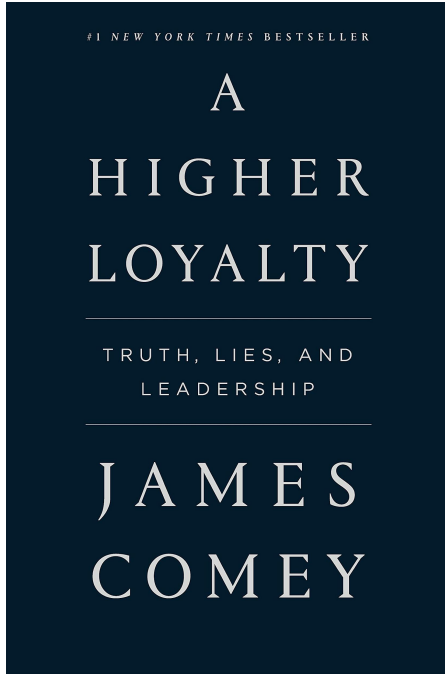
The Raven Boys, by Maggie Stiefvater

This YA novel was good quality, but a little out of my interest zone, for some reason.



Octavian Nothing, by M.T. Anderson

I liked the racial angle to this, but not the easiest novel to get through.

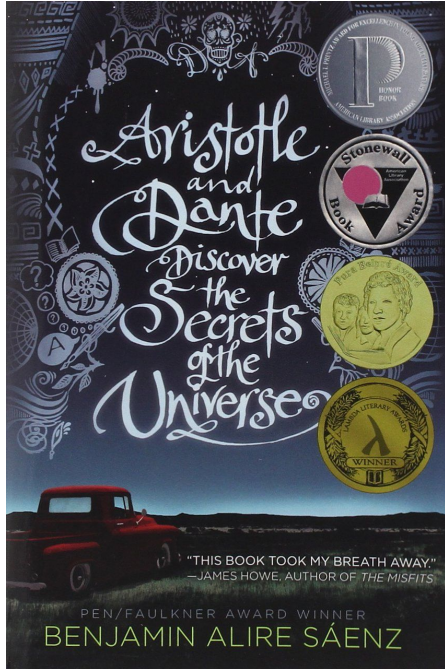


A Higher Loyalty, by James Comey

If you believe what Mr. Comey writes, our country is in big trouble (from a law enforcement perspective)

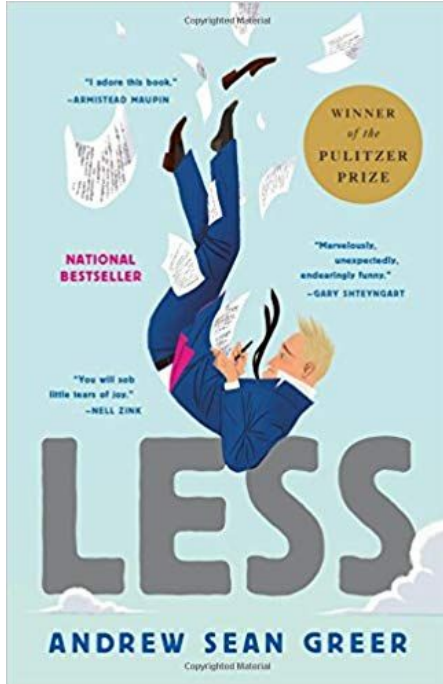
***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, by Benjamin Alire Saenz**

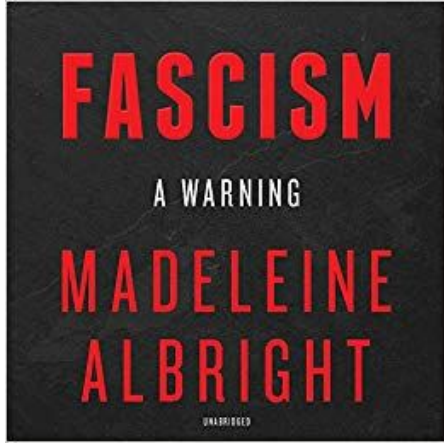
One of the best YA books that I read last summer. It would have been quite controversial when I was in high school.



Less, by Andrew Sean Greer

Pretty light read to start the summer last year.





Fascism: A Warning, by Madeleine Albright

I hope that what our former Secretary of State writes is not true. But I fear that it may be.

And that makes 37 for the year!

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 - “Choose wisely” --the Knight in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.
 - Happy reading!
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