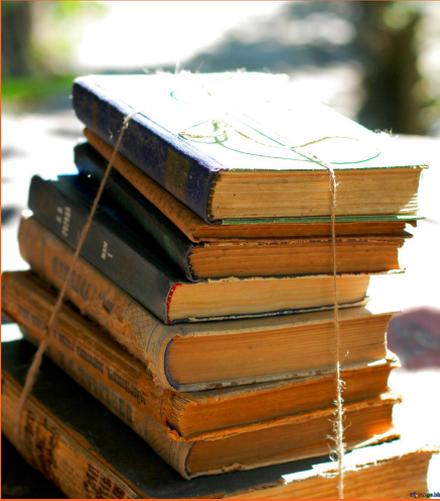


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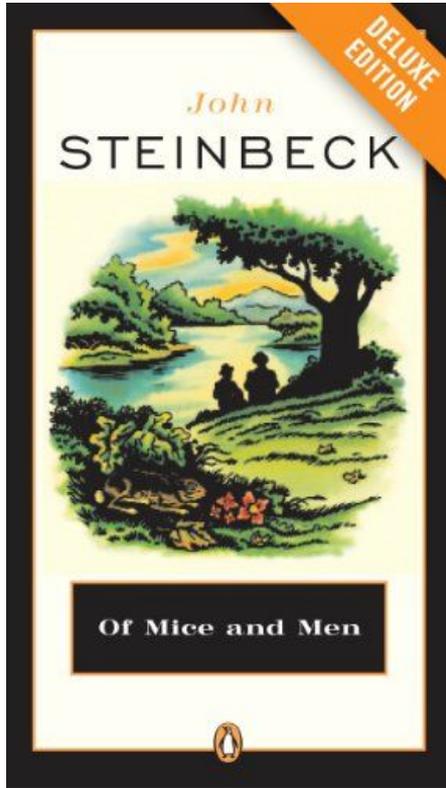
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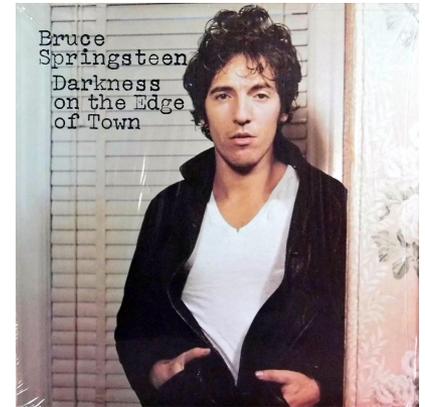


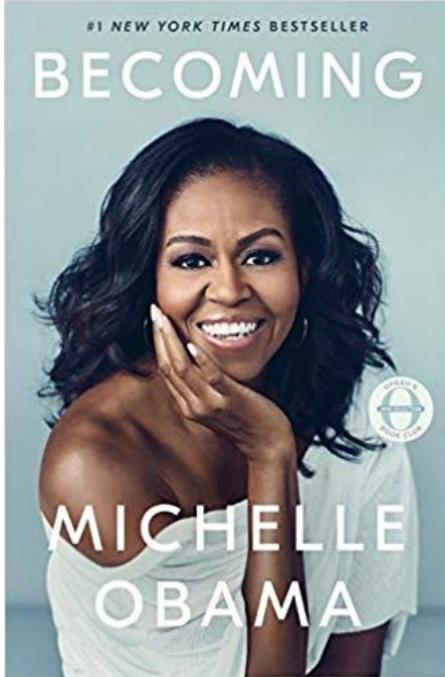


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## *Of Mice and Men*

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





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# *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama

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

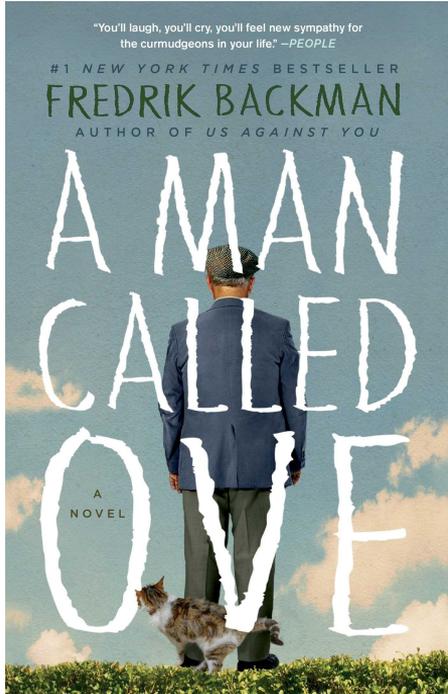
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# *The Innocent Man*, by John Grisham

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





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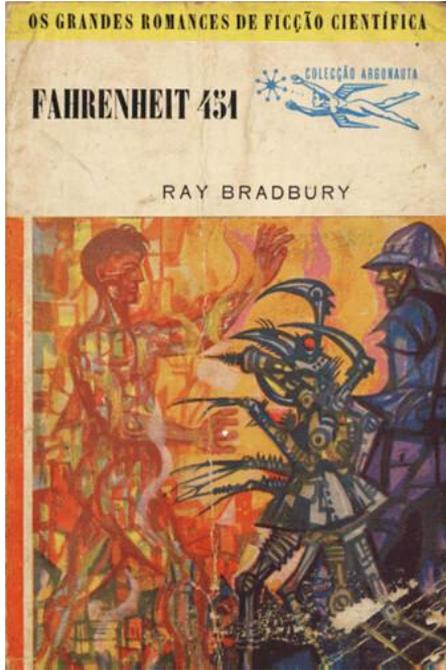
# *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman

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

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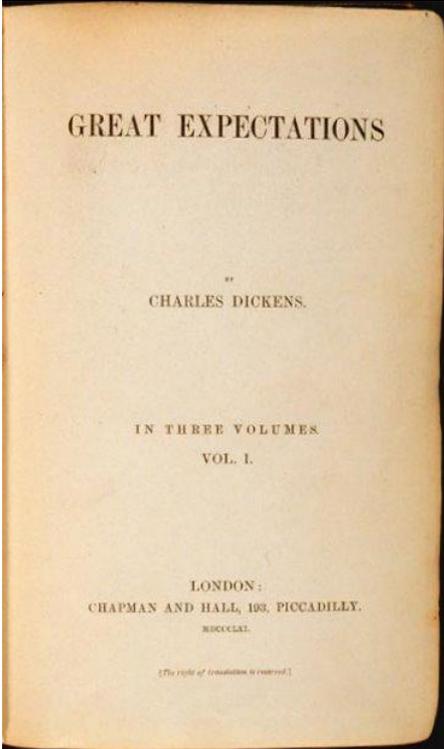
# *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury



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

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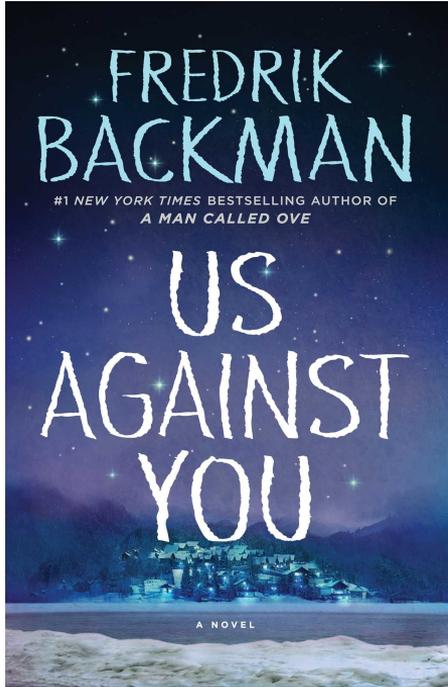
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# *Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens

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.

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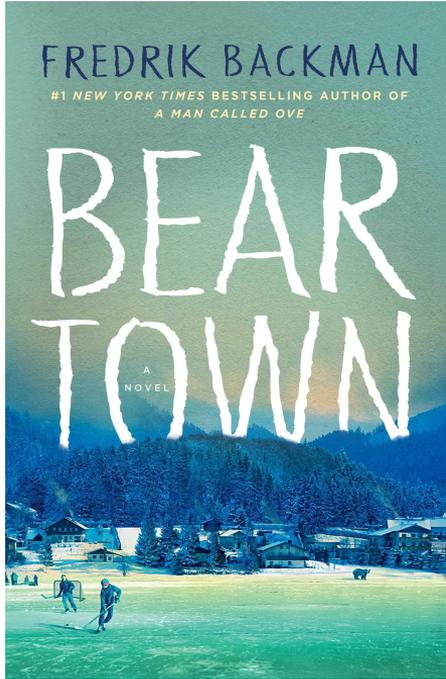


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## *Us Against You*, by Fredrik Backman

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

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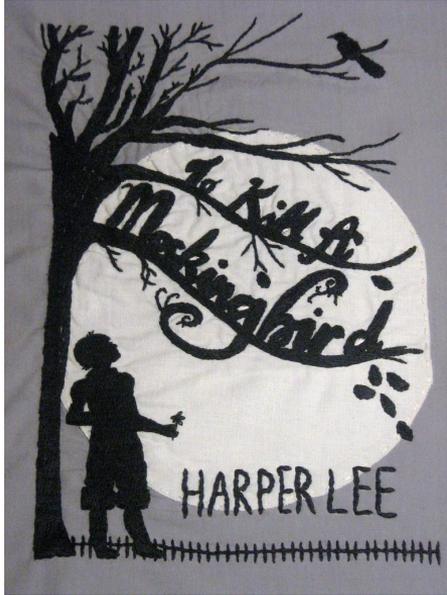


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## *Bear Town*, by Fredrik Backman

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.

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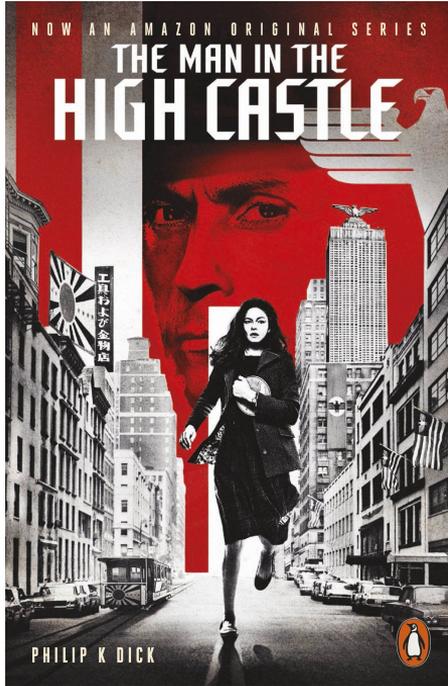
## *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee

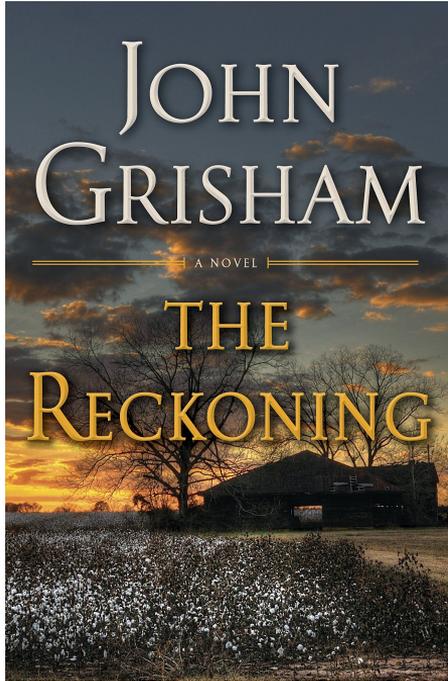
I finally am understanding how to teach this book. I'm amazed at how many students call this book boring, etc. It was voted the best loved book in America this year--and it is always sold out on Broadway for the play version starring Jeff Daniels.

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



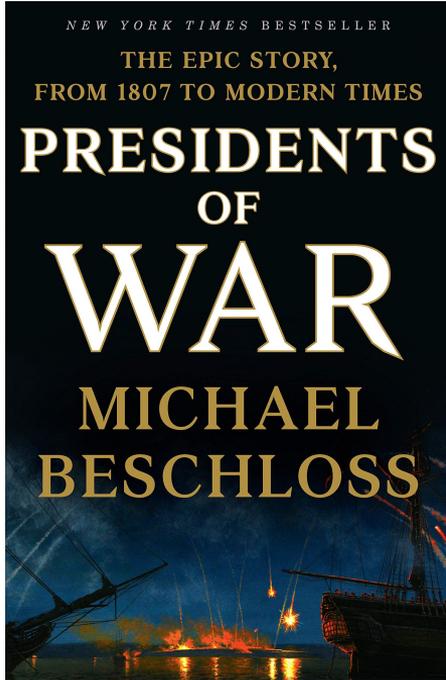


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## *The Reckoning*, by John Grisham

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

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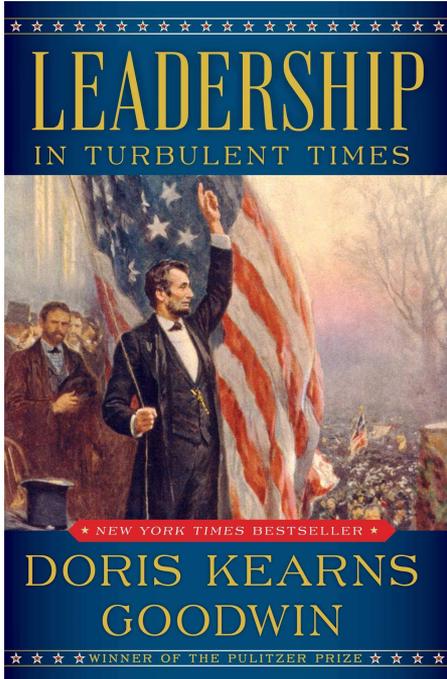


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# *Presidents at War*, by Michael Beschloss

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

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# *Leadership in Turbulent Times*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin

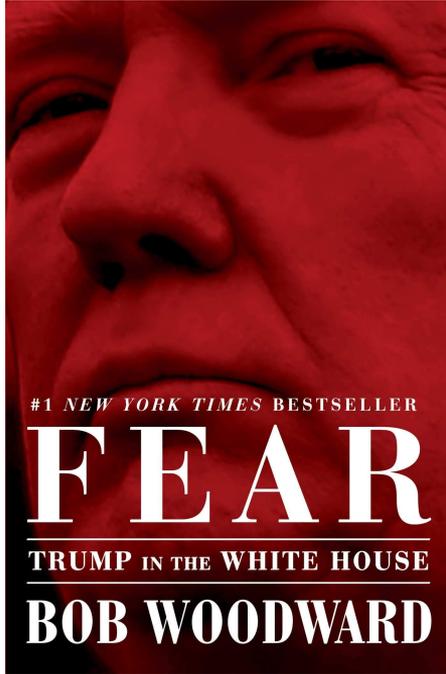
For the most part, I'm glad that these folks were in charge during times of crisis.



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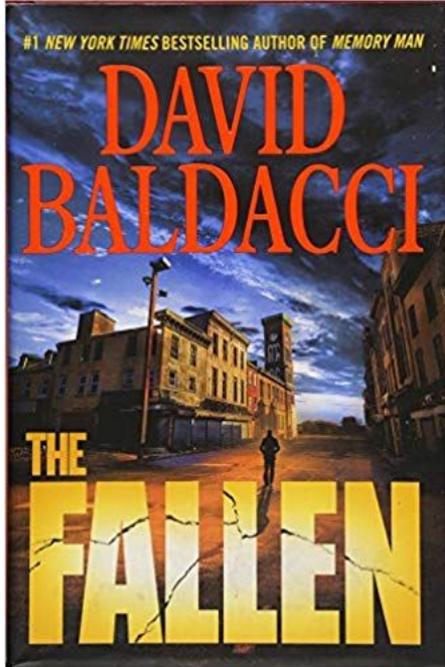
# *Fear*, by Bob Woodward

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



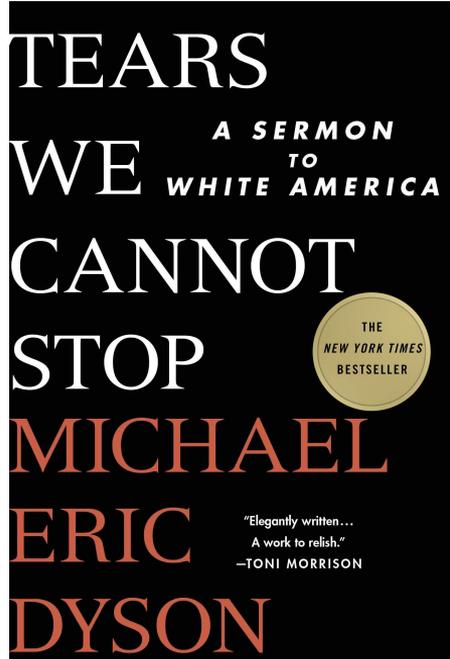
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## *The Fallen*, by David Baldacci



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

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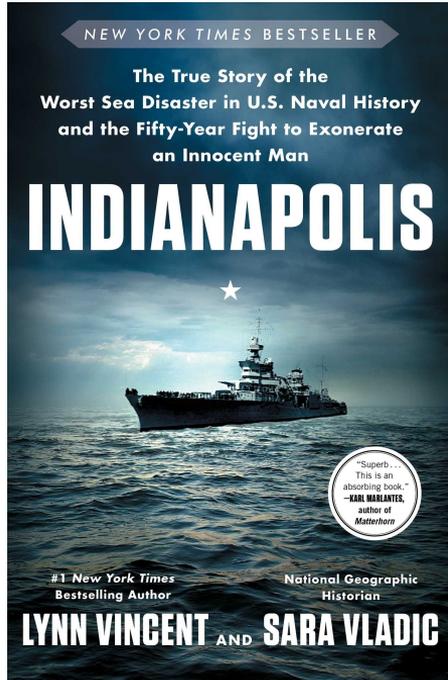


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# *Tears We Cannot Stop*, by Michael Eric Dyson

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

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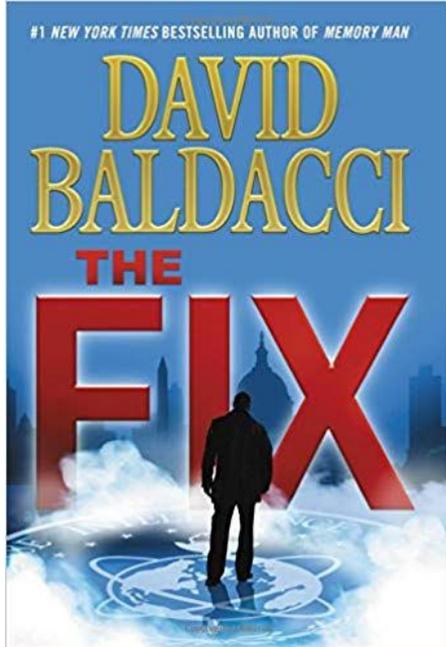


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# *Indianapolis*, by Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic

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

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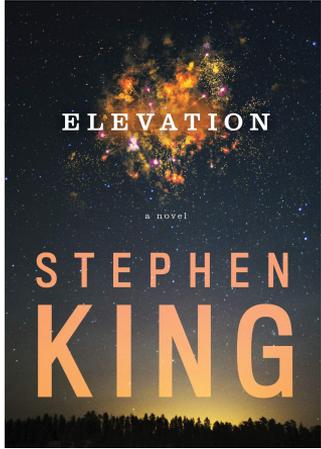


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## *The Fix*, by David Baldacci

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

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## *Elevation*, by Stephen King

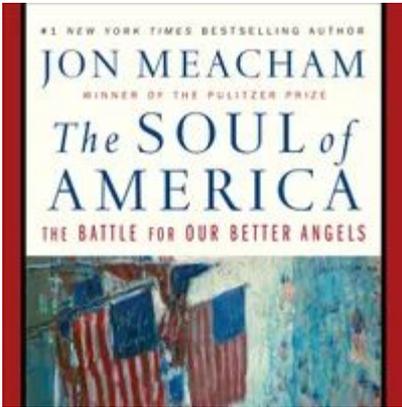
Surprisingly brief and light book that reveals King as a philosopher. Good place to start if you are afraid of his horror books.

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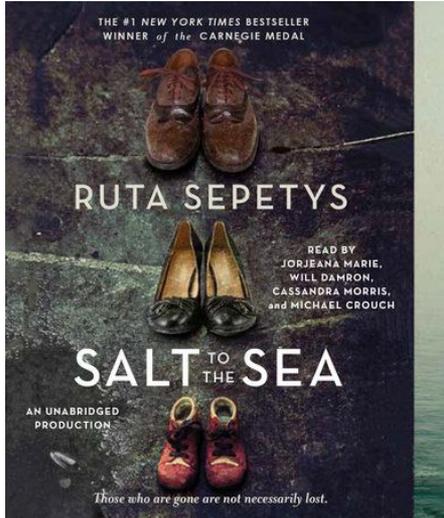
# *The Soul of America*, by Jon Meacham

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



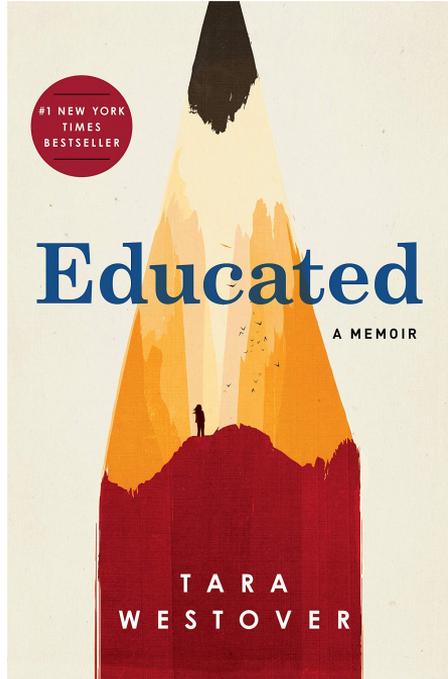
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# *Salt to the Sea*, by Ruta Sepetys



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

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## ***Educated***, by Tara Westover

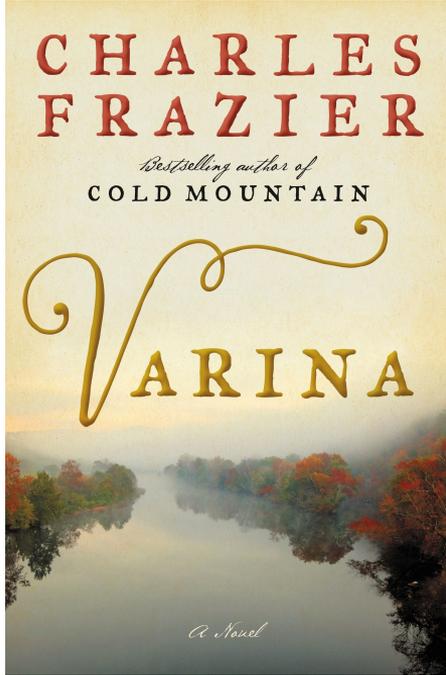
This one had a lot of impact on me. Her story is compelling and contemporary. #survivalist

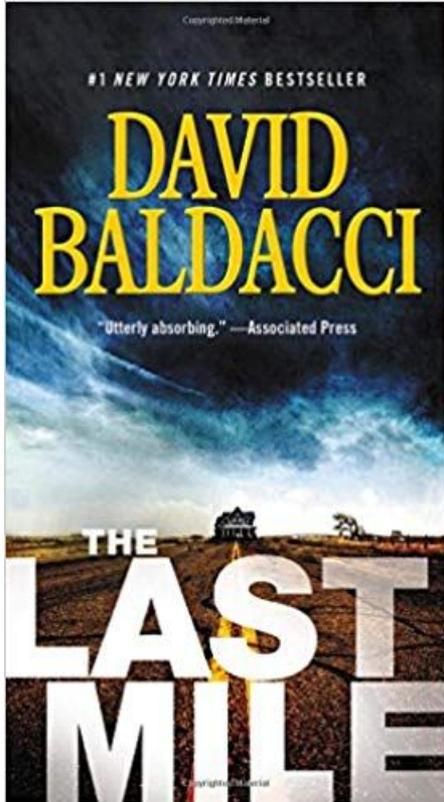
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# *Varina*, by Charles Westover

Interesting yarn about the wife of Jefferson Davis.



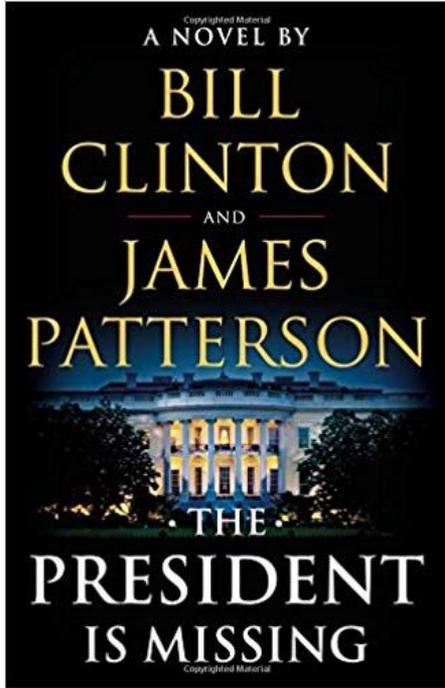


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## *The Last Mile*, by David Baldacci

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

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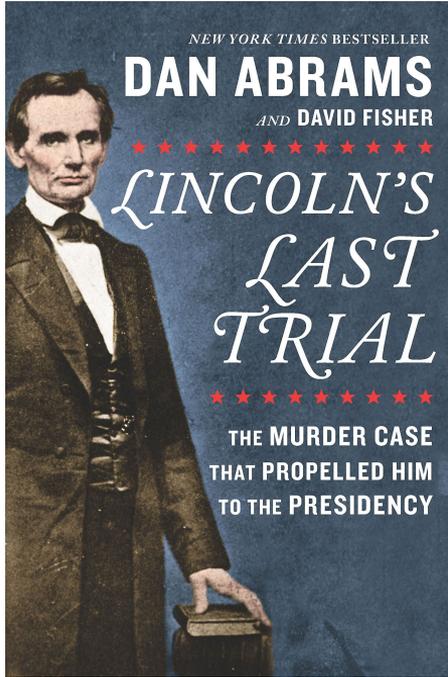


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# *The President is Missing*, by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

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



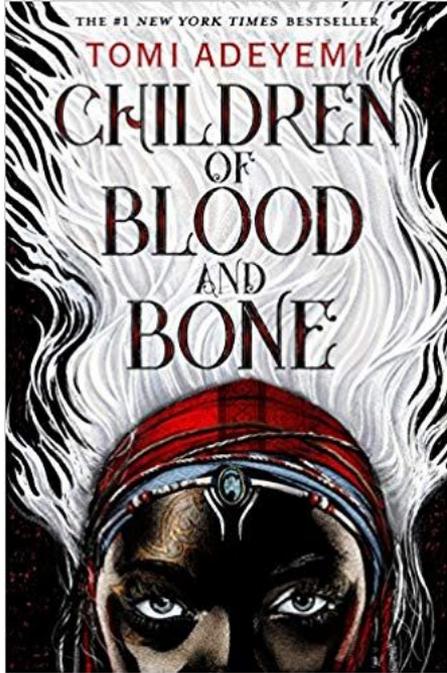


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# *Lincoln's Last Trial*, by Dan Abrams and David Fisher

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

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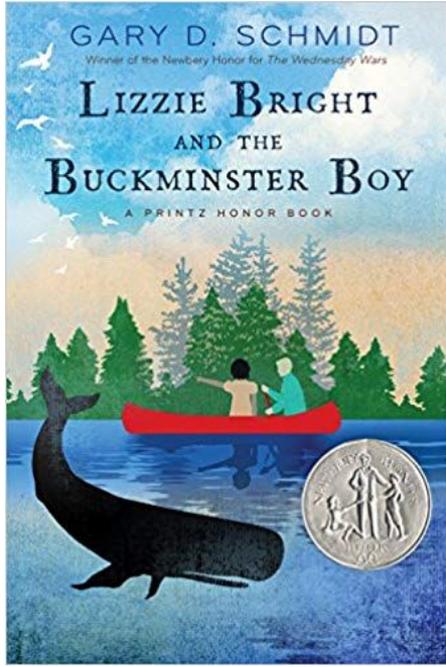


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## *Children of Blood and Bone*, by Tomi Adeyemi

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

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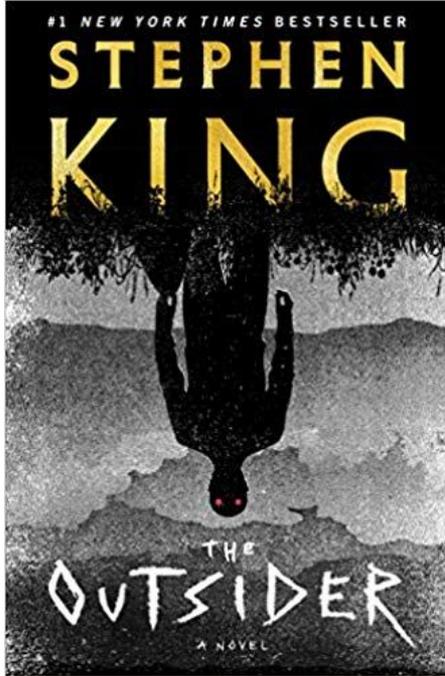


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# *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, by Gary D. Schmidt

Speedy read about race, life and death out East.

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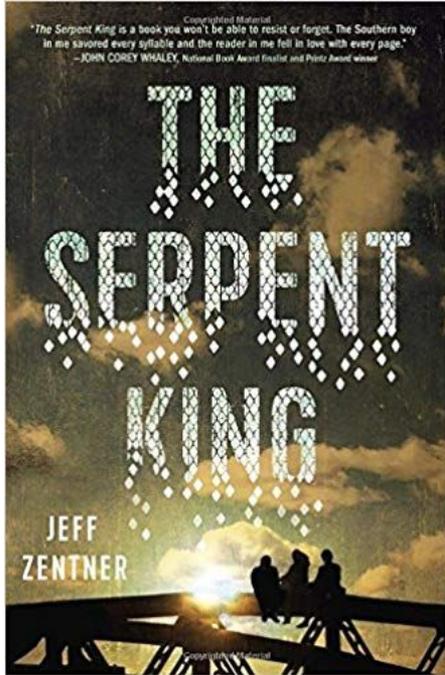
## *The Outsider*, by Stephen King

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

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# *The Serpent King*, by Jeff Zentner

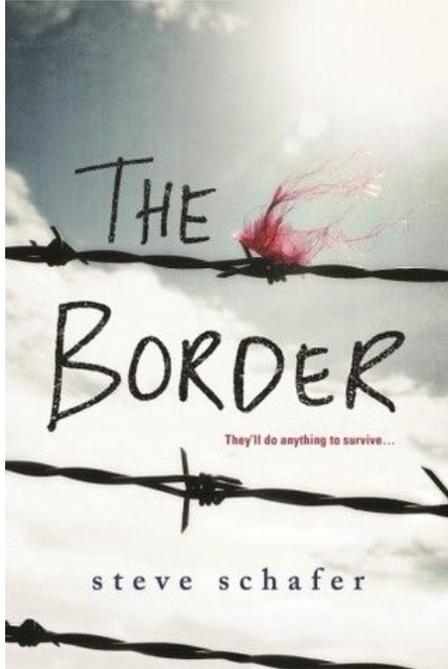


Good YA novel regarding high school life in the south.

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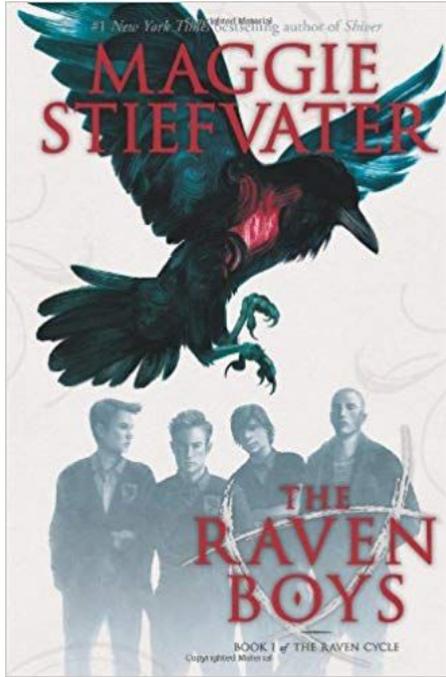
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# *The Border*, by Steve Schafer



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

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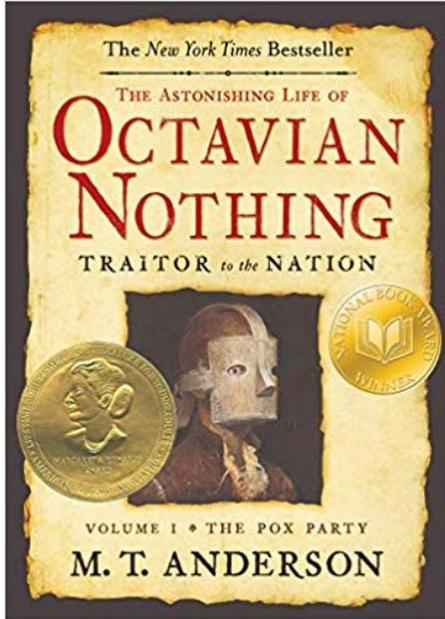


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# *The Raven Boys*, by Maggie Stiefvater

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

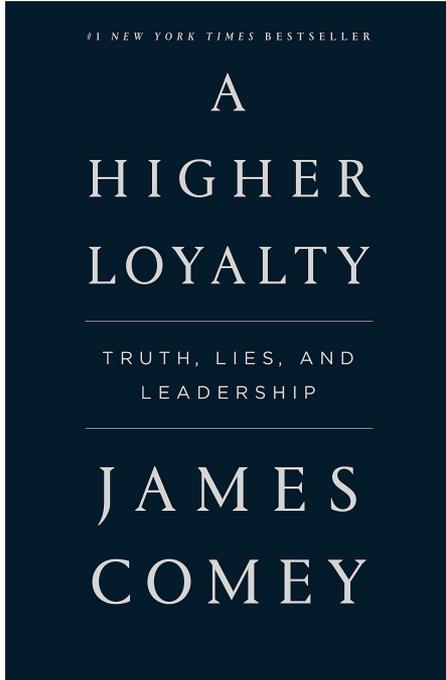
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# *Octavian Nothing*, by M.T. Anderson

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

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# *A Higher Loyalty*, by James Comey

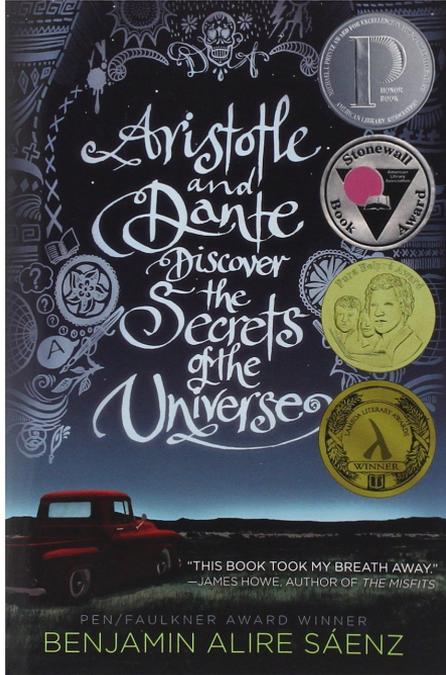
If you believe what Mr. Comey writes, our country is in big trouble (from a law enforcement perspective)

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

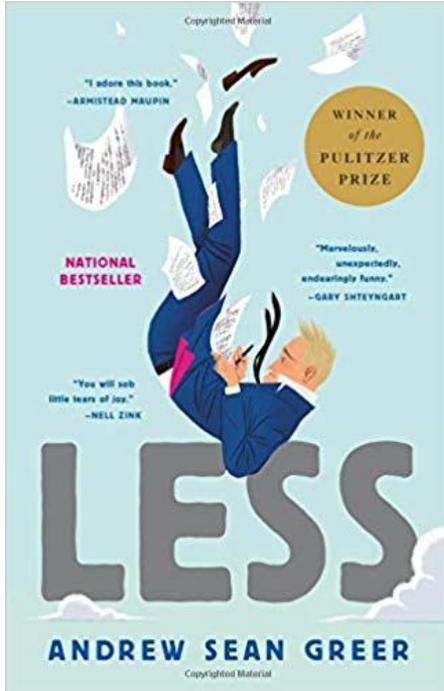
One of the best YA books that I read last summer. It would have been quite controversial when I was in high school.

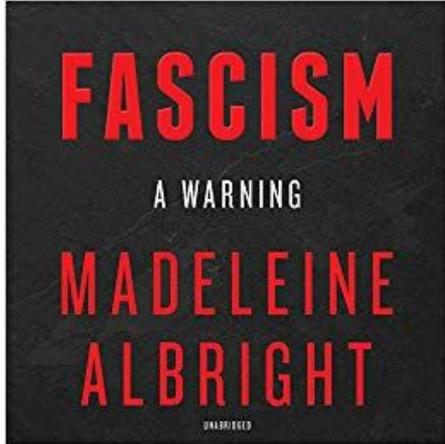


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# Less, by Andrew Sean Greer

Pretty light read to start the summer last year.





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## *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.

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# 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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