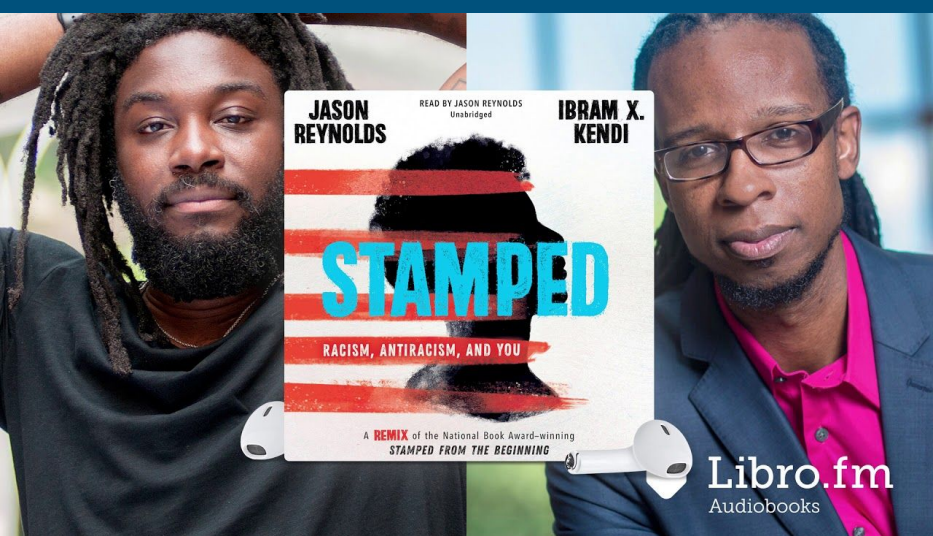




Mrs. Melville's good reads

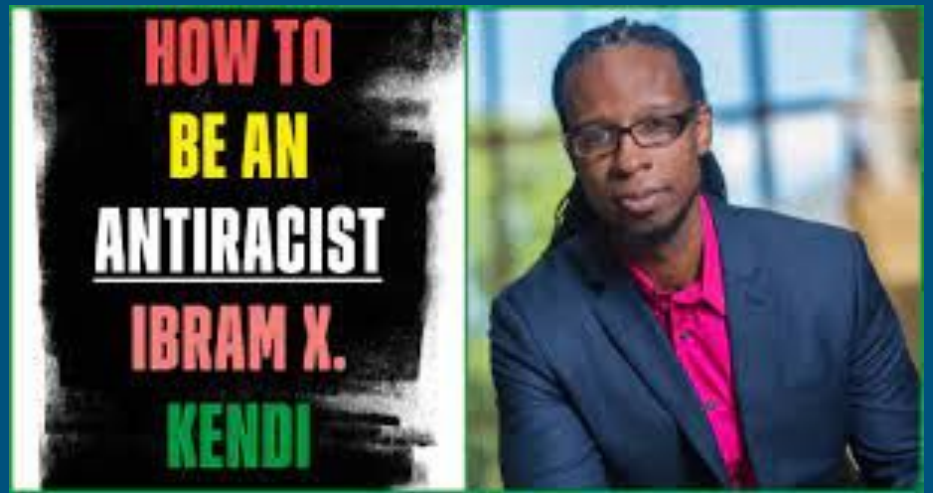
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Stamped-Remix
Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

How To Be AntiRacist
Ibram X. Kendi

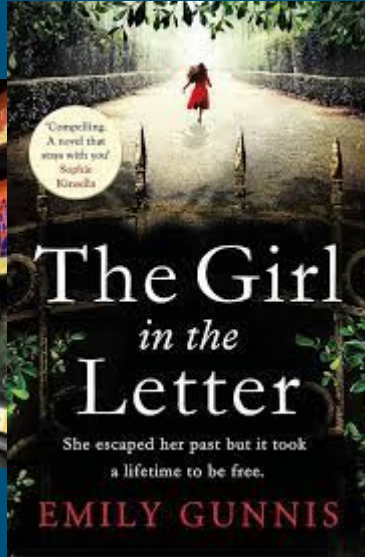


Why I liked them:
Saying you are not racist is not the same as being antiracist. Both books educate you and encourage change.



On The Come Up
Angie Thomas

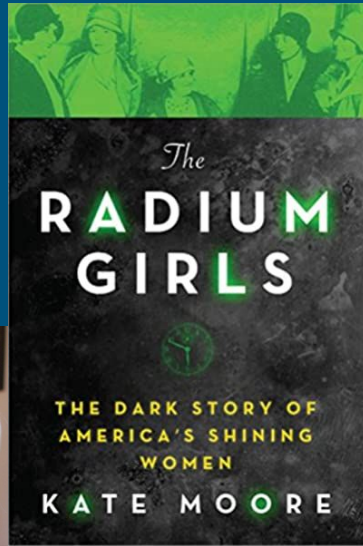
Why I liked it:
Taking place after *The Hate U Give*, *On The Come Up* shows life in Garden Heights. I liked seeing another part of the town. I loved the lyrical flow of the narrative.



The Girl in The Letter Emily Gunnis

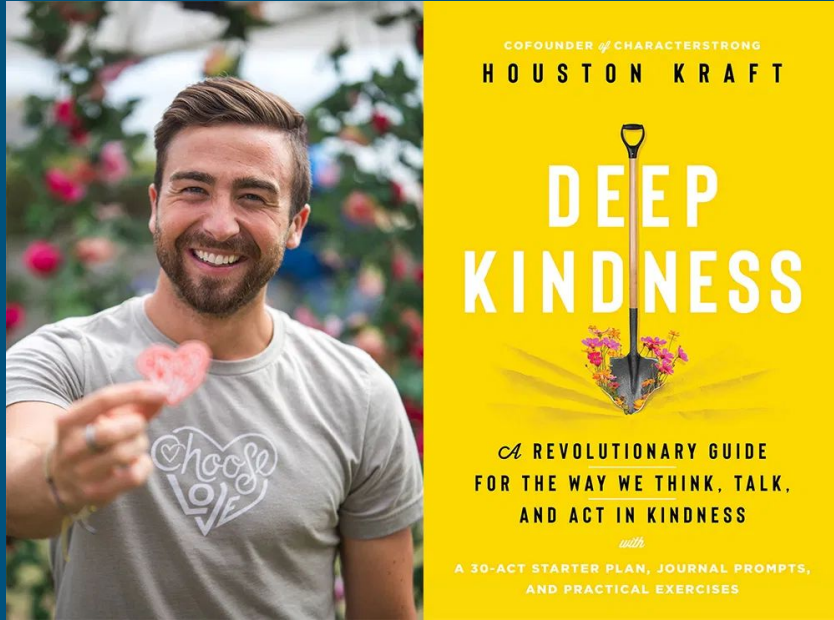
Why I liked it:

It's a mystery. It's based on a real place (and oh my goodness, so sad that this really happened). It led to an interesting discussion.



The Radium Girls
Kate Moore

Why I liked it:
Nonfiction is a hard read for me.
This one was not. You got to know
the women involved and kept
reading to find out what happened.



Deep Kindness Houston Kraft

Why I liked it:
A couple years ago, I got to hear Houston Kraft speak. His book is as warm and engaging as he was. Leadership class and I were really inspired by this book.



Solutions and Other Problems Allie Brosch

Why I liked it:
I've waited a couple of years for this! And it was worth the wait. There are some REALLY funny stories and some very real stories about mental health. I am so thankful Brosch shares them with such honesty.



Killing November
Adriana Mather

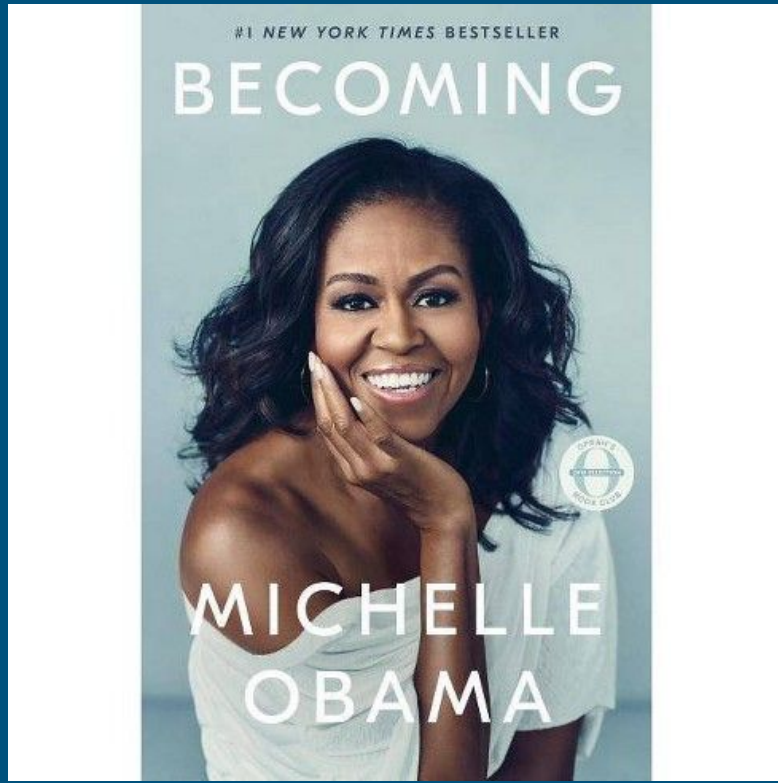
Why I liked it:
Just a fun read. Recommended by
the APHS Book Club



Dealing in Dreams Lilliam Rivera

Why I liked it:

I am a dystopian junkie. This was an interesting perspective because of the discussions of gender and power.



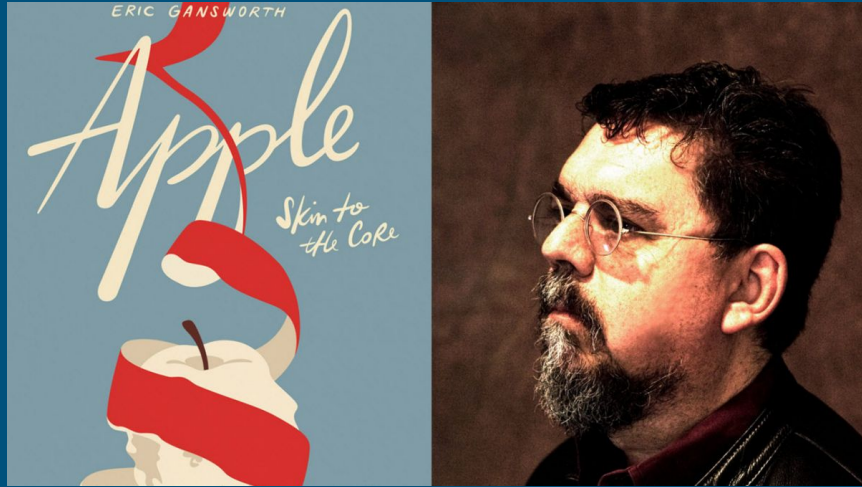
Becoming
Michelle Obama

Why I liked it:
I listen to this on the way to work. It was FASCINATING! And Mrs. Obama writes it like she is sitting and talking with you. When it was done, I missed having her in the car with me.



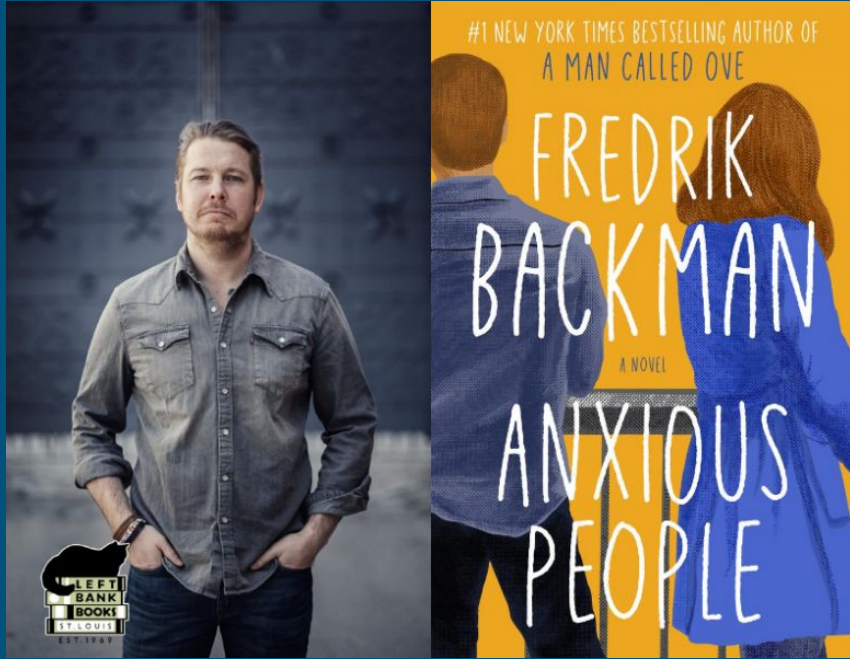
The Go-Between
Veronica Chambers

Why I liked it:
A CW show in a book!
A fun, quick read.



Apple: Skin to Core
Eric Gansworth

Why I liked it:
That whole section of poems
inspired by *Abby Road*.



Anxious People Fredrik Backman

Why I liked it:
Backman is one of my FAVORITE writers. His reads are a slow burn, it takes a minute to get into them. And once you are in, you are fully captured. Rich characters, interesting conflicts. You wouldn't think you'd fall in love with a bank robber and the hostages. But you do.



Clap When You Land
Elizabeth Acevedo

Why I liked it:
A really intriguing story told in
poetic verse.



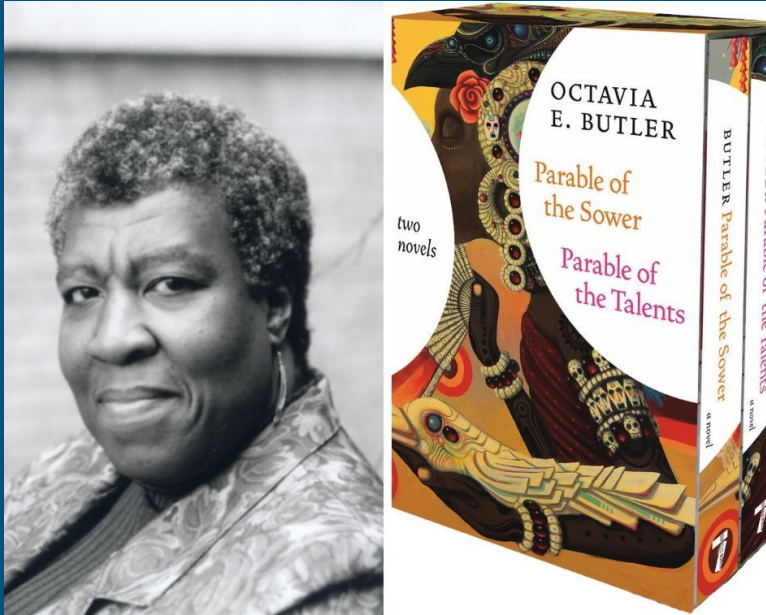
Furia
Yamile Saied Méndez

Why I liked it:
Female empowerment.
Futbol.
A love story.



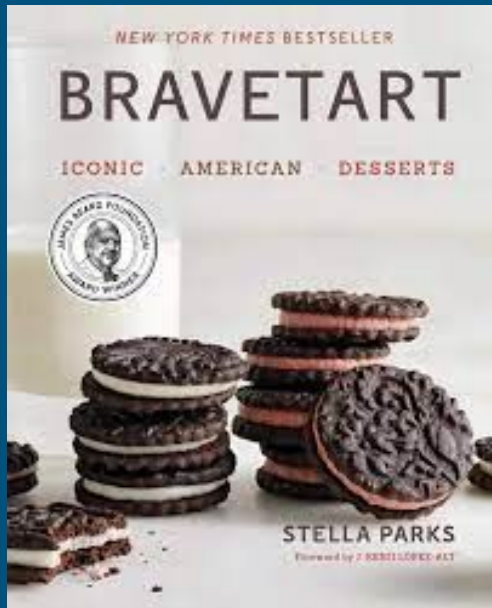
The Midnight Library Matt Haig

Why I liked it:
It was predictable (and maybe that was comforting). An interesting discussion of what if.



Parable Of The Sower Octavia E. Butler

Why I liked it:
Another new (to me)
dystopian/science fiction voice.
Written in 1993 about 2024.
Climate change, economic
disparities, corrupt government.
Book 2 is definitely my next read.



Bravetart Stella Parks

Why I love it:

It contains the history of many American desserts.

I am learning many new skills (including measuring by weight).

The recipes I have made so far are really good!

My nephew and I are baking through it together :)

