

## Another Brooklyn

A Novel

by Jacqueline Woodson

ISBN: 9780062359995

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: HarperCollins

Pub. Date: 2017-05-30

Pages: 192

Price: \$18.50

A Finalist for the 2016 National Book Award

New York Times Bestseller

A Seattle Times pick for Summer Reading Roundup 2017

A Bustle Fall Roundup pick for 2017

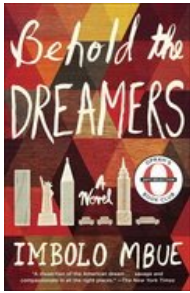
The acclaimed New York Times bestselling and National Book Award-winning author of *Brown Girl Dreaming* delivers her first adult novel in twenty years.

Running into a long-ago friend sets memory from the 1970s in motion for August, transporting her to a time and a place where friendship was everything--until it wasn't. For August and her girls, sharing confidences as they ambled through neighborhood streets, Brooklyn was a place where they believed that they were beautiful, talented, brilliant--a part of a future that belonged to them.

But beneath the hopeful veneer, there was another Brooklyn, a dangerous place where grown men reached for innocent girls in dark hallways, where ghosts haunted the night, where mothers disappeared. A world where madness was just a sunset away and fathers found hope in religion.

Like Louise Meriwether's *Daddy Was a Number Runner* and Dorothy Allison's *Bastard Out of Carolina*, Jacqueline Woodson's *Another Brooklyn* heartbreakingly illuminates the formative time when childhood gives way to adulthood--the promise and peril of growing up--and exquisitely renders a powerful, indelible, and fleeting friendship that united four young lives.

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## Behold the Dreamers (Oprah's Book Club)

A Novel

by Imbolo Mbue

ISBN: 9780525509714

Binding: Paperback

Series: Oprah's Book Club

Publisher: Random House Trade Paperback

Pub. Date: 2017-06-26

Pages: 416

Price: \$23.00

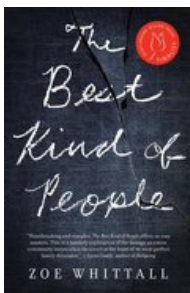
A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream--the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy

New York Times Best Seller; Winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award; Longlisted for the PEN/Open Book Award; An ALA Notable Book

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR;

The New York Times Book Review; San Francisco Chronicle; The Guardian; St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Chicago Public Library; BookPage; Refinery29; Kirkus Reviews;

Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant living in Harlem, has come to the United States to provide a better life for himself, his wife, Neni, and their six-year-old son. In the fall of 2007, Jende can hardly believe his luck when he lands a job as a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a senior executive at Lehman Brothers. Clark demands punctuality, discretion, and loyalty--and Jende is eager to please. ...



## The Best Kind of People

by Zoe Whittall

ISBN: 9781770899421

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: House of Anansi Press Inc

Pub. Date: 2016-08-27

Pages: 424

Price: \$22.95

National Bestseller

2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize finalist

National Post 99 Best Books of the Year

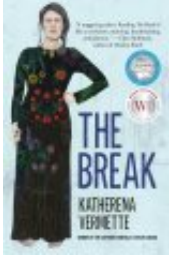
Indigo Best Book of the Year

Globe and Mail Best 100 Books of 2016

What if someone you trusted was accused of the unthinkable?

George Woodbury, an affable teacher and beloved husband and father, is arrested for sexual impropriety at a prestigious prep school. His wife, Joan, vaults between denial and rage as the community she loved turns on her. Their daughter, Sadie, a popular over-achieving high school senior, becomes a social pariah. Their son, Andrew, assists in his father's defense, while wrestling with his own unhappy memories of his teen years. A local author tries to exploit their story, while an unlikely men's rights activist attempts to get Sadie onside their cause. With George locked up, how do the members of his family pick up the pieces and keep living their lives? How do they defend someone they love while wrestling with the possibility of his guilt?

With exquisite emotional precision, award-winning author Zoe Whittall explores issues of loyalty, truth, and the meaning of happiness through the lens of an all-American family on the brink of collapse.



## The Break

by Katherena Vermette

ISBN: 9781487001117

Binding: Paperback

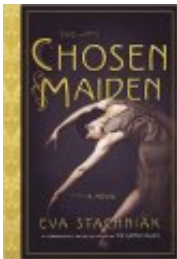
Publisher: House of Anansi Press Inc

Pub. Date: 2016-09-17

Pages: 288

Price: \$22.95

Winner of the 2017 Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award, Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction, and the McNally Robinson Book of the Year Awards. When Stella, a young Metis mother, looks out her window one evening and spots someone in trouble on the Break -- a barren field on an isolated strip of land outside her house -- she calls the police to alert them to a possible crime. In a series of shifting narratives, people who are connected, both directly and indirectly, with the victim -- police, family, and friends -- tell their personal stories leading up to that fateful night. Lou, a social worker, grapples with the departure of her live-in boyfriend. Cheryl, an artist, mourns the premature death of her sister Rain. Paulina, a single mother, struggles to trust her new partner. Phoenix, a homeless teenager, is released from a youth detention centre. Officer Scott, a Metis policeman, feels caught between two worlds as he patrols the city. Through their various perspectives a larger, more comprehensive story about lives of the residents in Winnipeg's North End is exposed. A powerful intergenerational family saga, *The Break* showcases Vermette's abundant writing talent and positions her as an exciting new voice in Canadian literature.



## The Chosen Maiden

by Eva Stachniak

ISBN: 9780385678568

Binding: Paperback

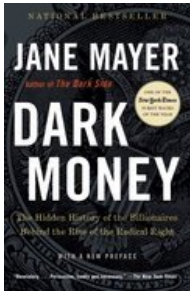
Publisher: Doubleday Canada

Pub. Date: 2017-01-17

Pages: 432

Price: \$24.00

The lush, sweeping story of a remarkable dancer who charts her own course through the tumultuous years of early twentieth-century Europe. Beautifully blending fiction with fact, *The Chosen Maiden* plunges readers into an artistic world upended by modernity, immersing them in the experiences of the era's giants, from Anna Pavlova and Serge Diaghilev to Coco Chanel and Pablo Picasso. From their earliest days, the Nijinsky siblings appear destined for the stage. Bronia is a gifted young ballerina, but she is quickly eclipsed by her brother Vaslav. Deemed a prodigy, Vaslav Nijinsky will grow into the greatest, and most provocative, dancer of his time. To prove herself her brother's equal in the rigid world of ballet, Bronia will need to be more than extraordinary, defying society's expectations of what a female dancer can and should be. The real-life muse behind one of the most spectacular roles in dance, *The Rite of Spring's* Chosen Maiden, Bronia rises to the heights of modern ballet through grit, resilience and fervor. But when the First World War erupts and rebellion sparks in Russia, Bronia—caught between old and new, traditional and ground-breaking, safe and passionate—must begin her own search for what it means to be modern.



## Dark Money

The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right

by Jane Mayer

ISBN: 9780307947901

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group

Pub. Date: 2017-01-24

Pages: 576

Price: \$23.00

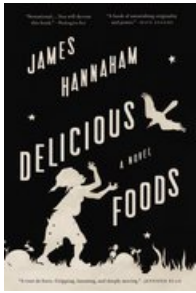
NATIONAL BESTSELLER

ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES 10 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR

Who are the immensely wealthy right-wing ideologues shaping the fate of America today? From the bestselling author of *The Dark Side*, an electrifying work of investigative journalism that uncovers the agenda of this powerful group.

In her new preface, Jane Mayer discusses the results of the most recent election and Donald Trump's victory, and how, despite much discussion to the contrary, this was a huge victory for the billionaires who have been pouring money in the American political system.

Why is America living in an age of profound and widening economic inequality? Why have even modest attempts to address climate change been defeated again and again? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers? In a riveting and indelible feat of reporting, Jane Mayer illuminates the history of an elite cadre of plutocrats--headed by the Kochs, the Scaifes, the Olins, and the Bradleys--who have bankrolled a systematic plan to fundamentally alter the American political system. Mayer traces a byzantine trail of billions of dollars spent by the network, revealing a staggering conglomeration of think tanks, academic institutions, media groups, courthouses, and governme ...



## Delicious Foods

A Novel

by James Hannaham

ISBN: 9780316284936

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Little, Brown and Company

Pub. Date: 2016-01-19

Pages: 384

Price: \$20.99

WINNER OF THE 2016 PEN/FAULKNER AWARD FOR FICTION WINNER OF THE HURSTON/WRIGHT LEGACY FICTION AWARD

FINALIST FOR THE 2016 DAYTON LITERARY PEACE PRIZE

FINALIST FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES PRIZE FOR FICTION

NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR: New York Times, Washington Post

A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR: NPR, Kirkus, BuzzFeed, National Post, Kansas City Star

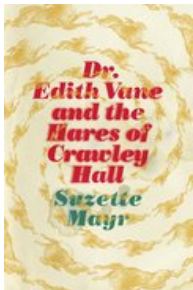
TOP 10 BOOKS OF THE YEAR: Publishers Weekly

TOP 15 BOOKS OF THE YEAR: BookPage

Held captive by her employers--and by her own demons--on a mysterious farm, a widow struggles to reunite with her young son in this uniquely American story of freedom, perseverance, and survival.

Darlene, once an exemplary wife and a loving mother to her young son, Eddie, finds herself devastated by the unforeseen death of her husband. Unable to cope with her grief, she turns to drugs, and quickly forms an addiction. One day she disappears without a trace.

Unbeknownst to eleven-year-old Eddie, now left behind in a panic-stricken search for her, Darlene has been lured away with false promises of a good job and a rosy life. A ...



## Dr. Edith Vane and the Hares of Crawley Hall

by Suzette Mayr

ISBN: 9781552453490

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Coach House Books

Pub. Date: 2017-04-24

Pages: 224

Price: \$18.95

Dr. Edith Vane, scholar of English literature, is contentedly ensconced at the University of Inivea. Her dissertation on pioneer housewife memoirist Beulah Crump-Withers is about to be published, and her job's finally safe, if she only can fill out her AAO properly. She's a little anxious, but a new floral blouse and her therapist's repeated assurance that she is the architect of her own life should fix that. All should be well, really. Except for her broken washing machine, her fickle new girlfriend, her missing friend Coral, her backstabbing fellow professors, a cutthroat new dean - and the fact that the sentient and malevolent Crawley Hall has decided it wants them all out, and the hall and its hellish hares will stop at nothing to get rid of them.

Like an unholy collision of Stoner, The Haunting of Hill House, Charlie Brown, and Alice in Wonderland, this audacious new novel by the Giller Prize-longlisted Suzette Mayr is a satire that takes the hallowed halls of the campus novel in fantastical - and unsettling - directions.

Praise for Monoceros:

'Monoceros is one of the most imaginative, quirky and emotionally devastating novels I've read in a long while.'

- Globe and Mail



## Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine

by Gail Honeyman

ISBN: 9780143199090

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Penguin Canada

Pub. Date: 2017-05-09

Pages: 336

Price: \$24.95

Soon to be a major motion picture produced by Reese Witherspoon

Named a New York Times 2017 "Books to Breeze Through This Summer"

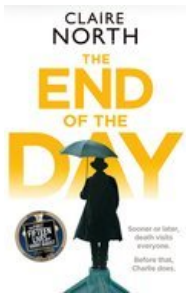
Winner of the 2018 Costa First Novel Award

No one's ever told Eleanor that life should be better than fine.

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding unnecessary human contact, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen, the three rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. Ultimately, it is Raymond's big heart that will help Eleanor find the way to repairing her own profoundly damaged one. And if she does, she'll learn that she, too, is capable of finding friendship--and even love--after all.

Smart, warm, uplifting, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an ...



## The End of the Day

by Claire North

ISBN: 9780316316750

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Orbit

Pub. Date: 2017-08-22

Pages: 432

Price: \$20.99

The stunning new novel from the author of *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August*, now in trade paperback.

At the end of the day, Death visits everyone. Right before that, Charlie does.

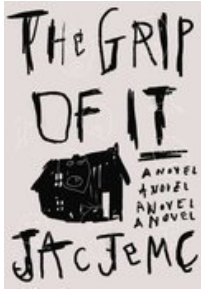
You might meet him in a hospital, in a warzone, or at the scene of a traffic accident.

Then again, you might meet him at the North Pole - he gets everywhere, our Charlie.

Would you shake him by the hand, take the gift he offers, or would you pay no attention to the words he says?

Sometimes he is sent as a courtesy, sometimes as a warning. He never knows which.

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## The Grip of It

A Novel  
by Jac Jemc

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Binding: Paperback  
Publisher: Farrar Straus & Giroux  
Pub. Date: 2017-08-01  
Pages: 288  
Price: \$21.00

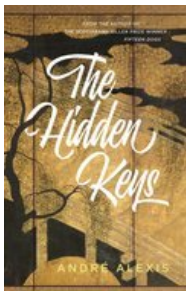
Finalist for the Chicago Review of Books Fiction Award, Dan Chaon's Best of 2017 pick in Publishers Weekly, one of Vol. 1 Brooklyn's Best Books of 2017, aBOMB Magazine "Looking Back on 2017: Literature" Pick, and one of Vulture's 10 Best Thriller Books of 2017.

Jac Jemc's *The Grip of It* is a chilling literary horror novel about a young couple haunted by their newly purchased home.

Touring their prospective suburban home, Julie and James are stopped by a noise. Deep and vibrating, like throat singing. Ancient, husky, and rasping, but underwater. "That's just the house settling," the real estate agent assures them with a smile. He is wrong.

The move--prompted by James's penchant for gambling and his general inability to keep his impulses in check--is quick and seamless; both Julie and James are happy to start afresh. But this house, which sits between a lake and a forest, has its own plans for the unsuspecting couple. As Julie and James try to establish a sense of normalcy, the home and its surrounding terrain become the locus of increasingly strange happenings. The framework--claustrophobic, riddled with hidden rooms within rooms--becomes unrecognizable, decaying before their eyes. Stains are animated on the wall--contracting, expanding--and map themselves onto Julie's body in the form of painful, grisly bruises.

Like the house that torments the troubled married couple living within its walls, *The Grip of It* oozes with palpable terror and skin-prickling dread. Its architect, Jac Jemc, meticulously traces Julie and James's unsettling journey through the depths of their new home as they fight to free themselves from its crushing grip.



## The Hidden Keys

by Andre Alexis

ISBN: 9781552453254  
Binding: Paperback  
Publisher: Coach House Books  
Pub. Date: 2016-09-19  
Pages: 232  
Price: \$19.95

NATIONAL POST & #195; & #194; 99 BEST BOOKS OF 2016

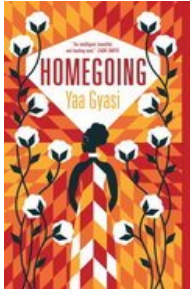
Giller Prize winner Andre & #195; & #194; Alexis's contemporary take on the quest narrative is an instant classic.

Parkdale's Green Dolphin is a bar of ill repute, and it is there that Tancred Palmieri, a thief with elegant and erudite tastes, meets Willow Azarian, an aging heroin addict. She reveals to Tancred that her very wealthy father has recently passed away, leaving each of his five children a mysterious object that provides one clue to the whereabouts of a large inheritance. Willow enlists Tancred to steal these objects from her siblings and help her solve the puzzle. A Japanese screen, a painting that plays music, a bottle of aquavit, a framed poem and a model of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater: Tancred is lured in to this beguiling quest, and even though Willow dies before the puzzle is solved, he presses on.

As he tracks down the treasure, he must enlist the help of Alexander von Wurfel, conceptual artist and taxidermist to the wealthy, and fend off Willow's heroin dealers, a young albino named 'Nigger' Colby and his sidekick, Sigismund 'Freud' Luxemburg, a clubfooted psychopath, both of whom are eager to get their hands on this supposed pot of gold. And he must mislead Detective Daniel Mandelstam, his most adored friend.

Inspired by a reading of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, *The Hidden Keys* questions what it means to be honorable, what it means to be faithful and what it means to sin.





## Homegoing

by Yaa Gyasi

ISBN: 9780385686150

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Doubleday Canada

Pub. Date: 2017-05-02

Pages: 320

Price: \$21.00

"Homegoing is an inspiration." --Ta-Nehisi Coates

An unforgettable New York Times bestseller of exceptional scope and sweeping vision that traces the descendants of two sisters across three hundred years in Ghana and America.

A riveting kaleidoscopic debut novel and the beginning of a major career: Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing* is a novel about race, history, ancestry, love and time, charting the course of two sisters torn apart in 18th century Africa through to the present day.

Two half sisters, Effia and Esi, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will be married off to an English colonist, and will live in comfort in the sprawling, palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle, raising "half-caste" children who will be sent abroad to be educated in England before returning to the Gold Coast to serve as administrators of the Empire. Her sister, Esi, will be imprisoned beneath Effia in the Castle's women's dungeon, before being shipped off on a boat bound for America, where she will be sold into slavery.

Stretching from the tribal wars of Ghana to slavery and Civil War in America, from the coal mines in the north to the Great Migration to the streets of 20th century Harlem, Yaa Gyasi has written a modern masterpiece, a novel t ...



## Hunting Houses

by Fanny Britt

ISBN: 9781487002381

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: House of Anansi Press Inc

Pub. Date: 2017-07-01

Pages: 224

Price: \$22.95

Tessa is a thirty-seven-year-old real estate agent living in Montreal. She adores her husband and three young sons, but she's deeply unhappy and questioning the set of choices that have led to her present life.

After a surprising run-in with Francis, her ex-boyfriend and first love, Tessa arranges to see him. During the three days before their meeting, she goes about her daily life -- there's swimming lessons, science projects, and dirty dishes. As the day of her meeting with Francis draws closer she has to decide if she is willing to disrupt her stable, loving family life for an uncertain future with him.

With startling clarity and emotional force, Fanny Britt gives us a complex portrait of a woman and a marriage from the inside out.





## Imagine Me Gone

by Adam Haslett

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Binding: Paperback  
Publisher: Little, Brown and Company  
Pub. Date: 2017-02-21  
Pages: 368  
Price: \$20.99

FINALIST for the PULITZER PRIZE  
LONG-LISTED for the NATIONAL BOOK AWARD  
WINNER of the LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE  
FINALIST for the NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD  
FINALIST for the KIRKUS PRIZE  
LONG-LISTED for the ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL

TOP 10 NOVELS OF THE YEAR -- TIME, Wall Street Journal, San Francisco Chronicle, BBC, Newsday

ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: Barnes & Noble, BookPage, BuzzFeed, Elle, Financial Times, Huffington Post, Kirkus, NPR, Refinery29, Seattle Times, Shelf Awareness, WBUR's On Point

"Haslett is one of the country's most talented writers, equipped with a sixth sense for characterization" --Wall Street Journal

"Ambitious and stirring . . . With Imagine Me Gone, Haslett has reached another level." --New York Times Book Review

From a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist, a ferociously intimate story of a family facing the ultimate question: how far will we go to save the people we love the most?

When Margaret's fiancé, John, is hospitalized for depression in 1960s London, she faces a choice: carry on ...



## It's Okay to Laugh (Crying Is Cool Too)

by Nora M. Purmort

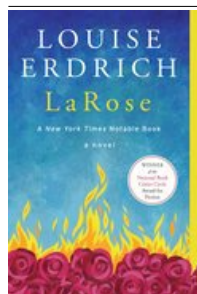
ISBN: 9780062419385  
Binding: Paperback  
Publisher: HarperCollins  
Pub. Date: 2017-04-04  
Pages: 304  
Price: \$19.99

"Thank you for the perfect blend of nostalgia-drenched humor, wit, and heartbreak, Nora." --Mandy Moore  
comedy = tragedy + time/rose;

Twenty-seven-year-old Nora McInerney Purmort bounced from boyfriend to dopey "boyfriend" until she met Aaron--a charismatic art director and comic-book nerd who once made Nora laugh so hard she pulled a muscle. When Aaron was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer, they refused to let it limit their love. They got engaged on Aaron's hospital bed and had a baby boy while he was on chemo. In the period that followed, Nora and Aaron packed fifty years of marriage into the three they got, spending their time on what really matters: Buffy the Vampire Slayer, each other, and Beyoncé. A few months later, Aaron died in Nora's arms. The obituary they wrote during Aaron's hospice care revealing his true identity as Spider-Man touched the nation. With *It's Okay to Laugh*, Nora puts a young, fresh twist on the subjects of mortality and resilience. What does it actually mean to live your "one wild and precious life" to the fullest? How can a joyful marriage contain more sickness than health? How do you keep going when life kicks you in the junk? In this deeply felt and deeply funny memoir, Nora gives her readers a true gift--permission to struggle, permission to laugh, permission to tell the truth and know that everything will be okay. *It's Okay to Laugh* is a love letter to life, in all its messy glory; it reads like a conversation with a close friend, and leaves a trail of glitter in its wake.

This book is for people who have been through some shit.

This is for people who aren't sure if they're saying or doing the right thing (you're not, but nobody is). This is for people who had their life turned upside down and just learned to live that way. For people who have laughed at a funeral or cried in a grocery store. This is for everyone who wondered what exactly they're s ...



## LaRose

A Novel

by Louise Erdrich

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Binding: Paperback

Publisher: HarperCollins

Pub. Date: 2017-04-11

Pages: 400

Price: \$19.99

Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award in Fiction

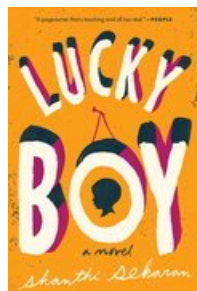
Finalist for the 2017 PEN Faulkner Award

In this literary masterwork, Louise Erdrich, the bestselling author of the National Book Award-winning *The Round House* and the Pulitzer Prize nominee *The Plague of Doves*; wields her breathtaking narrative magic in an emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture.

North Dakota, late summer, 1999. Landreaux Iron stalks a deer along the edge of the property bordering his own. He shoots with easy confidence--but when the buck springs away, Landreaux realizes he's hit something else, a blur he saw as he squeezed the trigger. When he staggers closer, he realizes he has killed his neighbor's five-year-old son, Dusty Ravich.

The youngest child of his friend and neighbor, Peter Ravich, Dusty was best friends with Landreaux's five-year-old son, LaRose. The two families have always been close, sharing food, clothing, and rides into town; their children played together despite going to different schools; and Landreaux's wife, Emmaline, is half sister to Dusty's mother, Nola. Horrified at what he's done, the recovered alcoholic turns to an Ojibwe tribe tradition--the sweat lodge--for guidance, and finds a way forward. Following an ancient means of retribution, he and Emmaline will give LaRose to the grieving Peter and Nola. "Our son will be your son now," they tell them.

LaRose is quickly absorbed into his new family. Plagued by thoughts of suicide, Nola dotes on him, keeping her darkness at bay. His fierce, rebellious new "sister," Maggie, welcomes him as a coconspirator who can ease her volatile mother's ...



## Lucky Boy

by Shanthi Sekaran

ISBN: 9781101982266

Binding: Paperback

Publisher: Putnam

Pub. Date: 2017-09-05

Pages: 496

Price: \$22.00

A gripping tale of adventure and searing reality, *Lucky Boy* gives voice to two mothers bound together by their love for one lucky boy.

"Sekaran has written a page-turner that's touching and all too real."--People

"Heart-rending and heartwarming....There's something for everyone in this wonderful novel."--Celeste Ng, *Little Fires Everywhere*

NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY NPR, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, AND LIBRARY JOURNAL

In this astonishing novel, Shanthi Sekaran gives voice to the devotion and anguish of motherhood through two women bound together by their love for one boy. Soli, a young undocumented Mexican woman in Berkeley, CA, finds that motherhood offers her an identity in a world where she's otherwise invisible. When she is placed in immigrant detention, her son comes under the care of Kavya, an Indian-American wife overwhelmed by her own impossible desire to have a child. As Soli fights for her son, Kavya builds her love on a fault line, her heart wrapped around someone else's child. Exploring the ways in which dreams and determination can reshape a family, Sekaran transforms real life into a thing of beauty. From rural Oaxaca to Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto to the dreamscapes of Silicon Valley, *Lucky Boy* offers a moving and revelatory look at the evolving landscape of the American dream and the ever-changing borders of love.



## Next Year, For Sure

by Zoey Leigh Peterson

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Publisher: Doubleday Canada

Pub. Date: 2017-02-07

Pages: 272

Price: \$24.95

\*\*Longlisted for the 2017 Scotiabank Giller Prize

\*\*A Globe and Mail Best Book of 2017

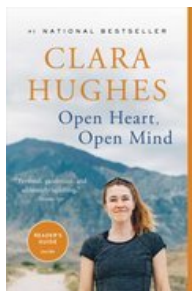
\*\*A Quill & Quire Reviewers' Book of the Year

An unflinching, sage and mesmerizing portrait of an open relationship, *Next Year, For Sure* defies expectation and heralds the beginning of a bright writing career.

After nine years together, Kathryn and Chris have the sort of relationship most would envy. They speak in the shorthand they have invented, complete one another's sentences and help each other through every daily and existential dilemma. When Chris tells Kathryn about his attraction to Emily, a vivacious young woman he sees often at the laundromat, Kathryn encourages him to ask her out on a date--certain that her bond with Chris is strong enough to weather whatever may come.

As Kathryn and Chris stumble into polyamory, *Next Year, For Sure* tracks the tumultuous, revelatory and often very funny year that follows. When Chris's romance with Emily evolves beyond what anyone anticipated, both Chris and Kathryn are invited into Emily's communal home, where Kathryn will discover new possibilities of her own. In the confusions, passions and upheavals of their new lives, both Kathryn and Chris will be forced to reconsider their past and what they thought they knew about love.

Offering a luminous portrait of a relationship from two perspectives, Zoey Leigh ...



## Open Heart, Open Mind

by Clara Hughes

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The long-awaited memoir by Canada's most celebrated Olympian and advocate for mental health. From one of Canada's most decorated Olympians comes a raw but life-affirming story of one woman's struggle with depression. In 2006, when Clara Hughes stepped onto the Olympic podium in Torino, Italy, she became the first and only athlete ever to win multiple medals in both Summer and Winter Games. Four years later, she was proud to carry the Canadian flag at the head of the Canadian team as they participated in the opening ceremony of the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games. But there's another story behind her celebrated career as an athlete, behind her signature billboard smile. While most professional athletes devote their entire lives to training, Clara spent her teenage years using drugs and drinking to escape the stifling home life her alcoholic father had created in Elmwood, Winnipeg. She was headed nowhere fast when, at sixteen, she watched transfixed in her living room as gold medal speed skater Gaetan Boucher effortlessly raced in the 1988 Calgary Olympics. Dreaming of one day competing herself, Clara channeled her anger, frustration, and raw ambition into the endurance sports of speed skating and cycling. By 2010, she had become a six-time Olympic medalist. But after more than a decade in the grueling world of professional sports that stripped away her confidence and bruised her body, Clara began to realize that her physical extremes, her emotional setbacks, and her partying habits were masking a severe depression. After winning bronze in the last speed skating race of her career, she decided to retire from that sport, determined to repair herself. She has emerged as one of our most committed humanitarians, advocating for a variety of social causes both in Canada and around the world. In 2010, she became national spokesperson for Bell Canada's Let's Talk campaign in support of mental health awareness, using her Olympic standing to share the positive message of the power of forgiveness. Told with honesty and passion, *Open Heart, Open Mind* is Clara's personal journey through physical and mental pain to a life where love and understanding can thrive. This revelatory and inspiring story will touch the hearts of all Canadians.



## Perfect

by Rachel Joyce

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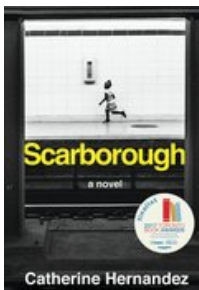
Pub. Date: 2017-09-19

Pages: 400

Price: \$19.95

From the author of the international bestseller, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, comes another exquisite and emotionally resonant novel about the search for the truth and unconditional love.

On a foggy spring morning in 1972, twelve-year-old Byron Hemming and his mother are driving to school in the English countryside. On the way, in a life-changing two seconds, an accident occurs. Or does it? Byron is sure it happened, but his mother, sitting right next to him in the car, has no reaction to it. Over the course of the days and weeks that follow, Byron embarks on a journey to discover what really happened--or didn't--that fateful morning when everything changed. It is a journey that will take him--a loveable and cloistered twelve-year-old boy with a loveable and cloistered twelve-year-old boy's perspective on life--into the murkier, more difficult realities of the adult world, where people lie, fathers and mothers fight without words, and even unwilling boys must become men. Byron will have to reconcile the dueling realities of that summer, a testament to the perseverance of the human spirit and the power of compassion. &#194;



## Scarborough

by Catherine Hernandez

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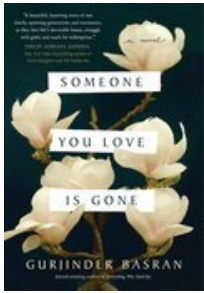
Price: \$17.95

City of Toronto Book Award finalist; A Globe 100, National Post and Quill and Quire Best Book of the Year; Longlisted for Canada Reads

Scarborough is a low-income, culturally diverse neighbourhood east of Toronto, the fourth largest city in North America; like many inner-city communities, it suffers under the weight of poverty, drugs, crime, and urban blight. *Scarborough* the novel employs a multitude of voices to tell the story of a tight-knit neighbourhood under fire: among them, Victor, a black artist harassed by the police; Winsum, a West Indian restaurant owner struggling to keep it together; and Hina, a Muslim school worker who witnesses first-hand the impact of poverty on education.

And then there are the three kids who work to rise above a system that consistently fails them: Bing, a gay Filipino boy who lives under the shadow of his father's mental illness; Sylvie, Bing's best friend, a Native girl whose family struggles to find a permanent home to live in; and Laura, whose history of neglect by her mother is destined to repeat itself with her father.

*Scarborough* has already received recognition as winner of the Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop Emerging Writers Award in 2015, and finalist for the 2016 \$50,000 Half the World Global Literati Award for best unpublished manuscript. It offers a raw yet empathetic glimpse into a troubled community that locates its dignity in unexpected places: a neighbourhood that refuses to be undone.



## Someone You Love Is Gone

by Gurjinder Basran

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"A beautiful, haunting story of one family, spanning generations and continents, as they face life's inevitable losses, struggle with grief, and reach for redemption."

--Shilpi Somaya Gowda, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Secret Daughter and The Golden Son

Haunted by visions of her recently departed mother...

Simran is unable to move on. Grappling with the growing estrangement of her sister and daughter as well as the disintegration of her marriage, she wonders how her life has come to this. As the life she has carefully constructed unravels, she is forced to confront one of her most painful childhood memories--her parents sending her younger brother away from home.

Woven throughout are memories of Simran's mother as a young woman in 1960s India. Her world had seemed beautiful and full of hope then. But when an unexpected event occurs, the results will have repercussions for generations to come.

As the ghosts from the past clamour for attention, the only way to put them to rest may be for Simran to dig deeper into her family history and close the circle that was left open when her family was torn ...



## Stranger

A Novel

by David Bergen

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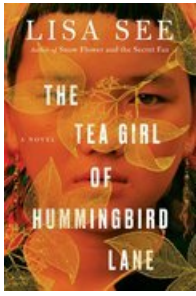
Price: \$19.99

Matthew Thomas, New York Times bestselling author of We Are Not Ourselves, calls Stranger "a work of genius. . . . [Bergen] is one of our living greats." National bestseller, longlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize

The gripping novel from David Bergen, the Giller Prize-winning author of The Time in Between and a CBC Canada Reads finalist for The Age of Hope Compelling and timely, the Toronto Star declares Stranger "an engrossing human exploration of displacement and inequality. . . . Bergen paints a dire reality that isn't far off from the current state of affairs in the United States. Stranger feels like a caution, warning of the dangers of continued disunity and the growing rift from inequality."

The reader sees the world through the eyes of #195;so, a young Guatemalan woman who works at a fertility clinic in the highlands of the Sierra Madre de Chiapas and is the secret lover of the married American resident doctor. But their tryst is short-lived, and he disappears back to the US before #195;so can disclose her pregnancy. After the birth of her daughter, the baby is taken from her and #195;so is informed that her child is in America. She makes her way north, eventually crossing illegally into a United States that has become increasingly divided between rich and poor. Travelling without documentation and with little money, #195;so descends into a world full of danger and mistrust, determined to reclaim her child.

With its themes of dislocation and disruption, of power and vulnerability, Stranger is a powerfully resonant political novel for our times.



### The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

A Novel

by Lisa See

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A thrilling new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple. Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate--the first automobile any of them have seen--and a stranger arrives. In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people. In her biggest seller, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, See introduced the Yao people to her readers. Here she shares the customs of another Chinese ethnic minority, the Akha, whose world will soon change. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, translates for the stranger and is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition, she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city. After mother and daughter have gone their separate ways, Li-yan slowly emerges from the security and insularity of her village to encounter modern life while Haley grows up a privileged and well-loved California girl. Despite Haley's happy home life, she wonders about her origins; and Li-yan longs for her lost daughter. They both search for and find answers in the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations. A powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, *Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.