

Unusual Suspects

**Perfect YA Book Suggestions
from Off the Beaten Path**

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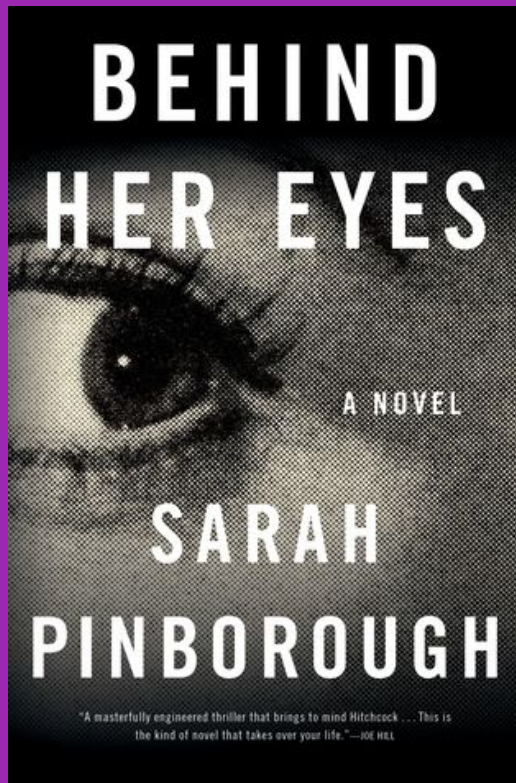
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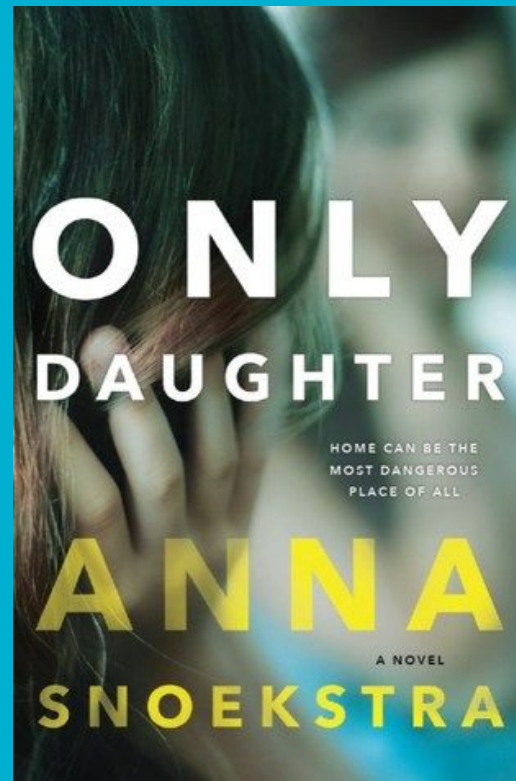
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What do you give
to the reader
who's "read
everything"?

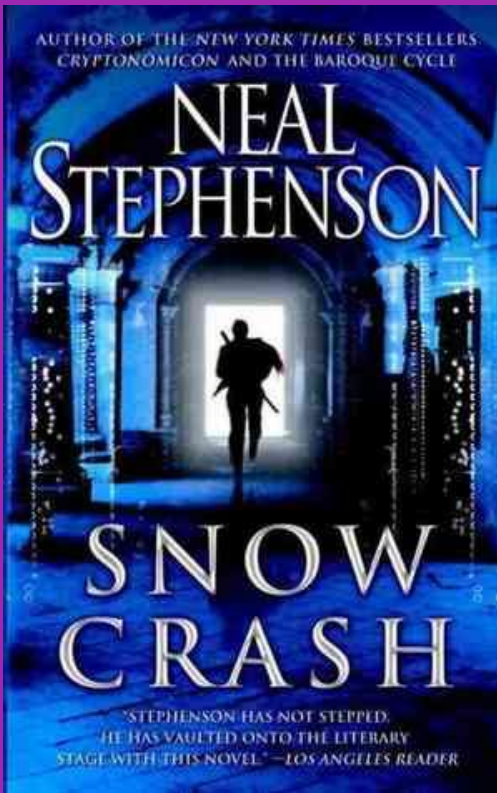


Suspense
#WTFthatending
Twisted

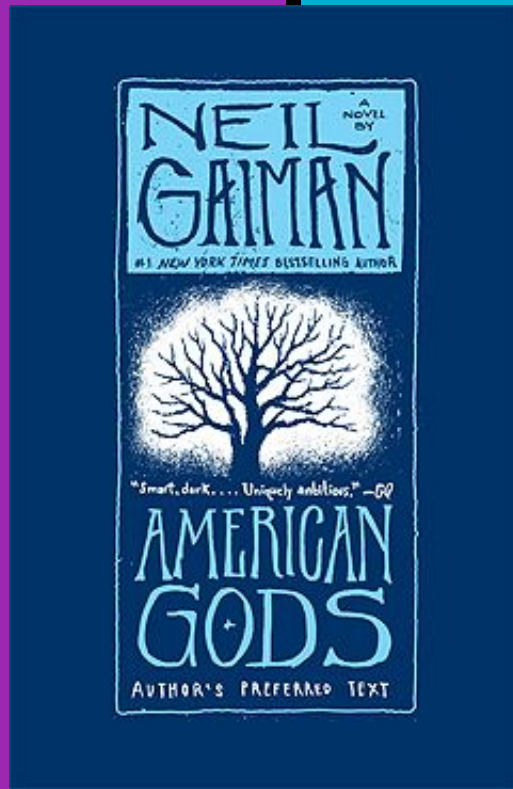


Psychological suspense
Smart
Dark secrets

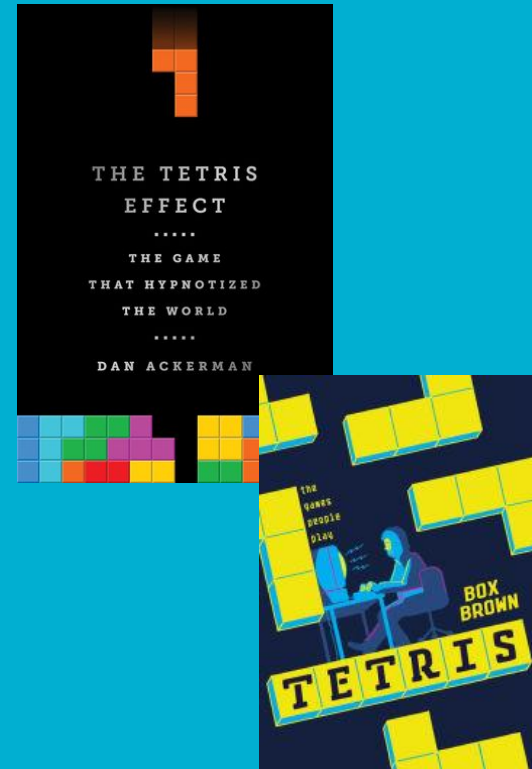
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Cyberpunk
Hackers
Eerily prescient



TV series
Horror
Mythology
Mystery

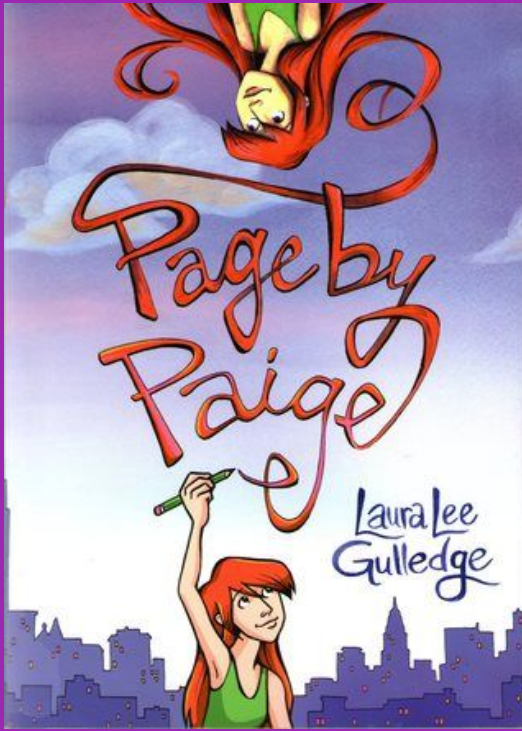


Video games
Russia/Cold War
Nintendo
Game development

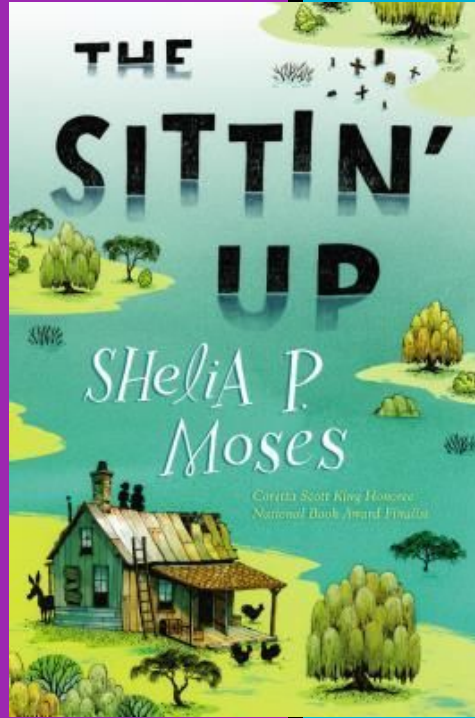
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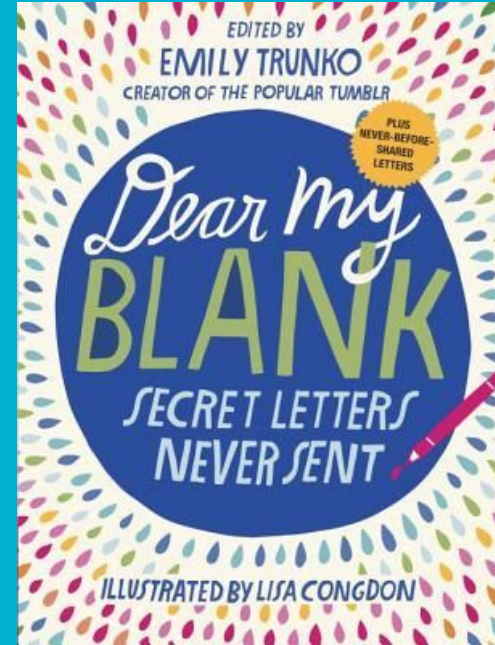
The one who draws things.



Small towns
Big cities
Adjustments
Art



Slavery
Small towns
Racism
Ambitions



Secrets
Hard truth
Love and loss
Can't look away

Sonja

DEAR 10-YEAR-OLD SELF,
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
IT NEVER WAS AND
STILL ISN'T.

YOUR
17-YEAR-OLD
SELF



DEAR WORLD,

I'M NOT QUIET BECAUSE I'M SHY.
I'M QUIET BECAUSE EVERY WAKING
MINUTE THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF
THOUGHTS SWIRLING AROUND IN MY
HEAD. AND I'M CONSTANTLY SORTING
THROUGH THEM, REMEMBERING THE
GOOD ONES AND FIGHTING THE BAD
ONES. I'M AN OVERTHINKER. IT'S
WHO I AM. PLEASE JUST BE PATIENT
WITH ME. I SWEAR I WANT TO
TALK TO YOU. I JUST NEED SOME
EXTRA TIME TO GET MY THOUGHTS
IN ORDER.

LOVE,
ME

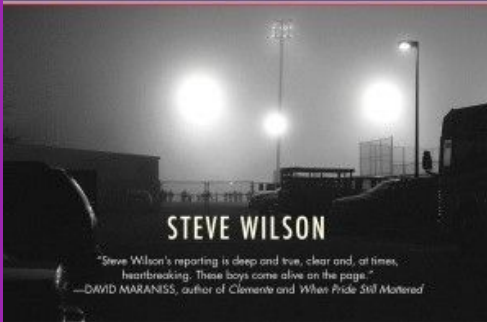
KEVIN,



I WASN'T ALL THAT
COLD. I STOLE YOUR
SWEATSHIRT BECAUSE
IT SMELLS LIKE YOU.
I WISH YOU HAD LET
ME KEEP IT. -H



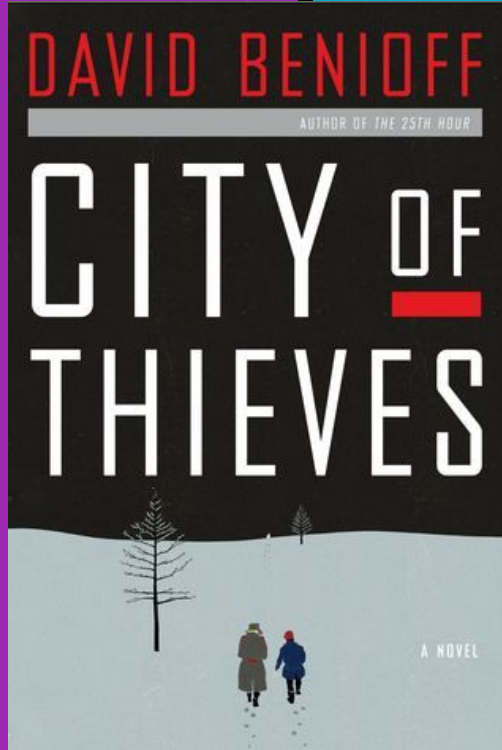
THE BOYS FROM
LITTLE
MEXICO
A SEASON CHASING THE AMERICAN DREAM



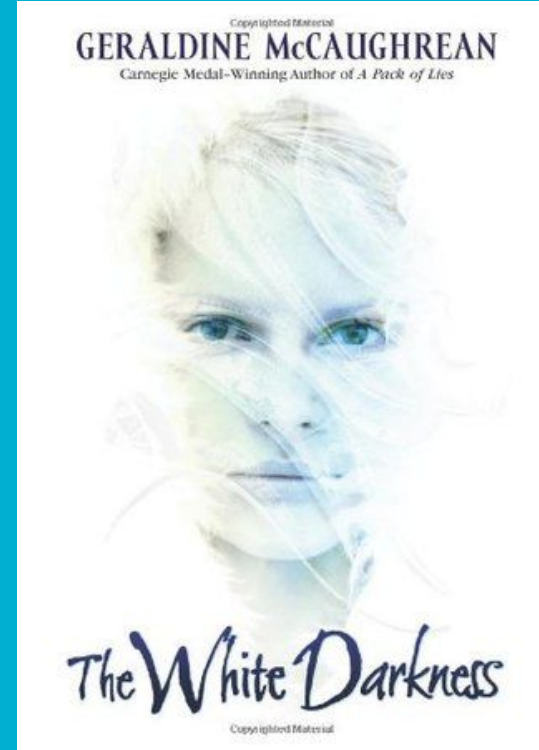
STEVE WILSON

"Steve Wilson's reporting is deep and true, clear and, at times, heart-breaking. These boys come alive on the page."
—DAVID MARANISS, author of *Clemens* and *When Pride Still Mattered*

Woodburn, Oregon
Soccer
Socioeconomic groups

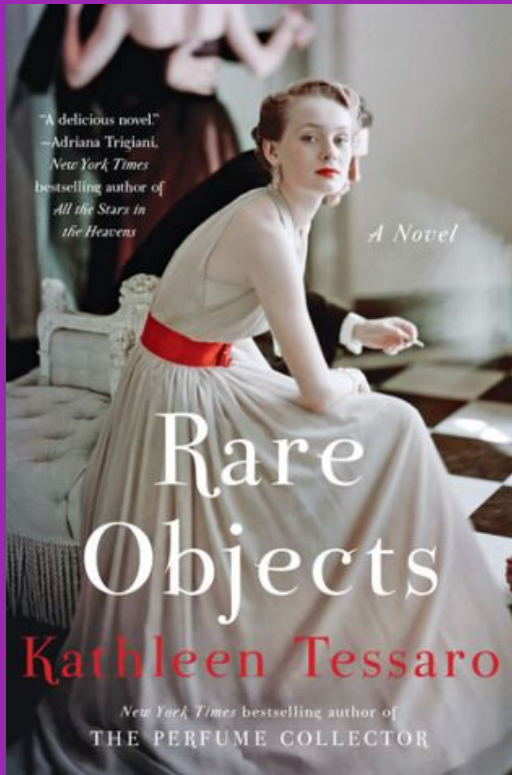


World War II
Adventure
Dark Humor
Leningrad

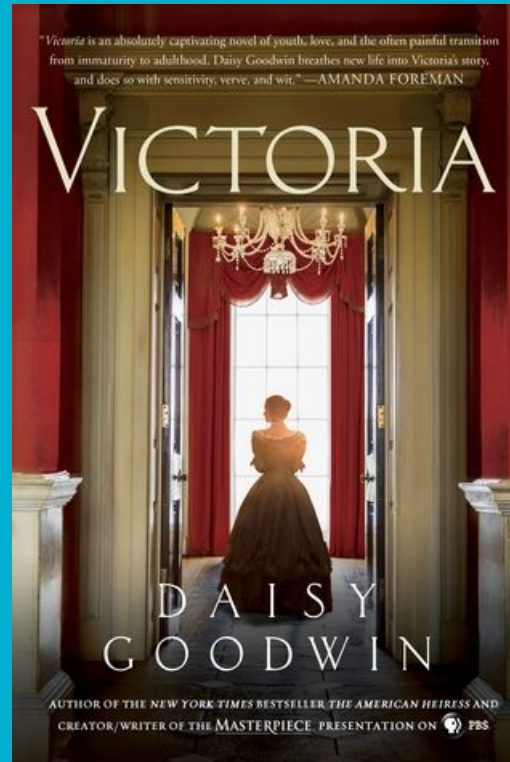


Coming of age
Antarctic
Survival

Liz



Historical Fiction
1930s Boston
Reinvention
Irish immigrants

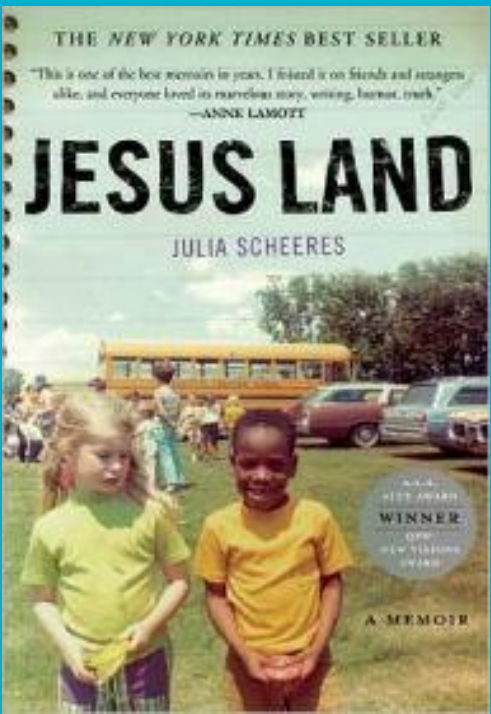


Historical Fiction
Lush
Romantic
TV tie-in

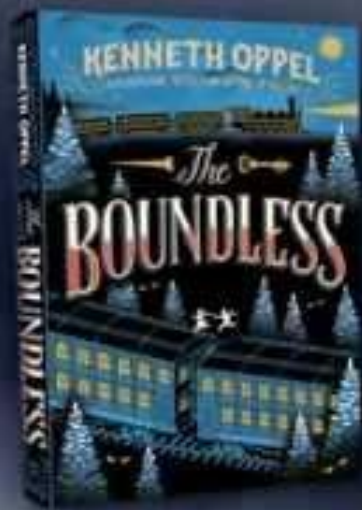
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Coming of age
1960s
Spanglish
Single-parent households
Parents that don't suck



Memoir
Midwest
Feminism
Triumph over adversity

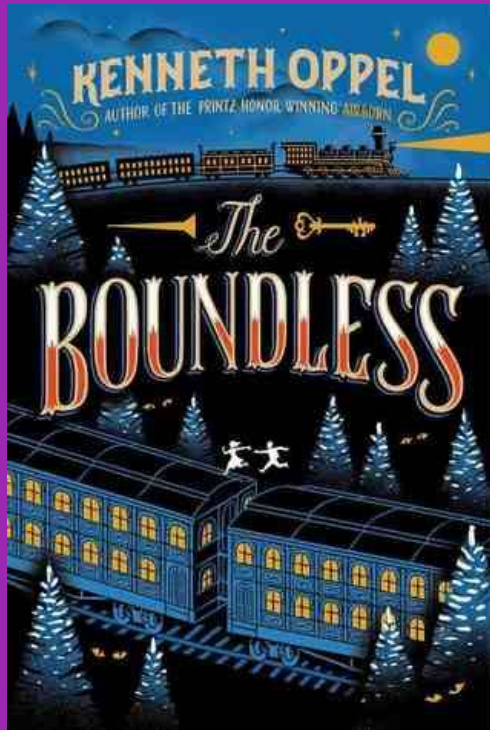


ALL ABOARD
FOR
ADVENTURE

From Master Storyteller
KENNETH OPPEL



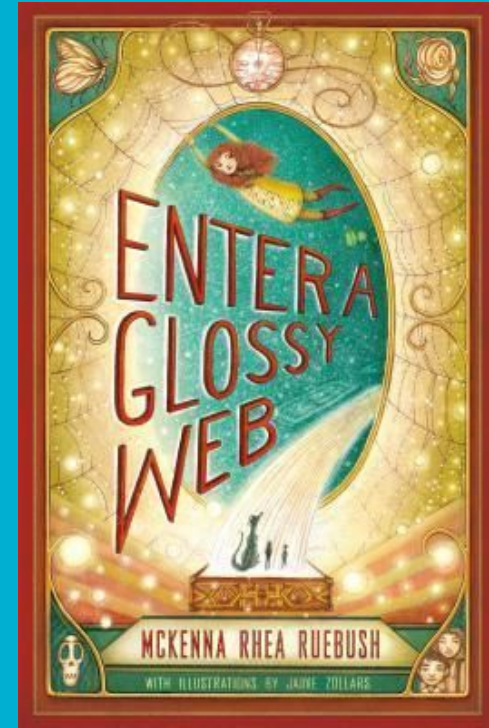
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Trains
Murder
Canada
Real sasquatches



Mystery
Sherlock-inspired
Gambling
Intrigue



Other worlds
Resourceful girls
Wild adventure
Quirky families

Sonja

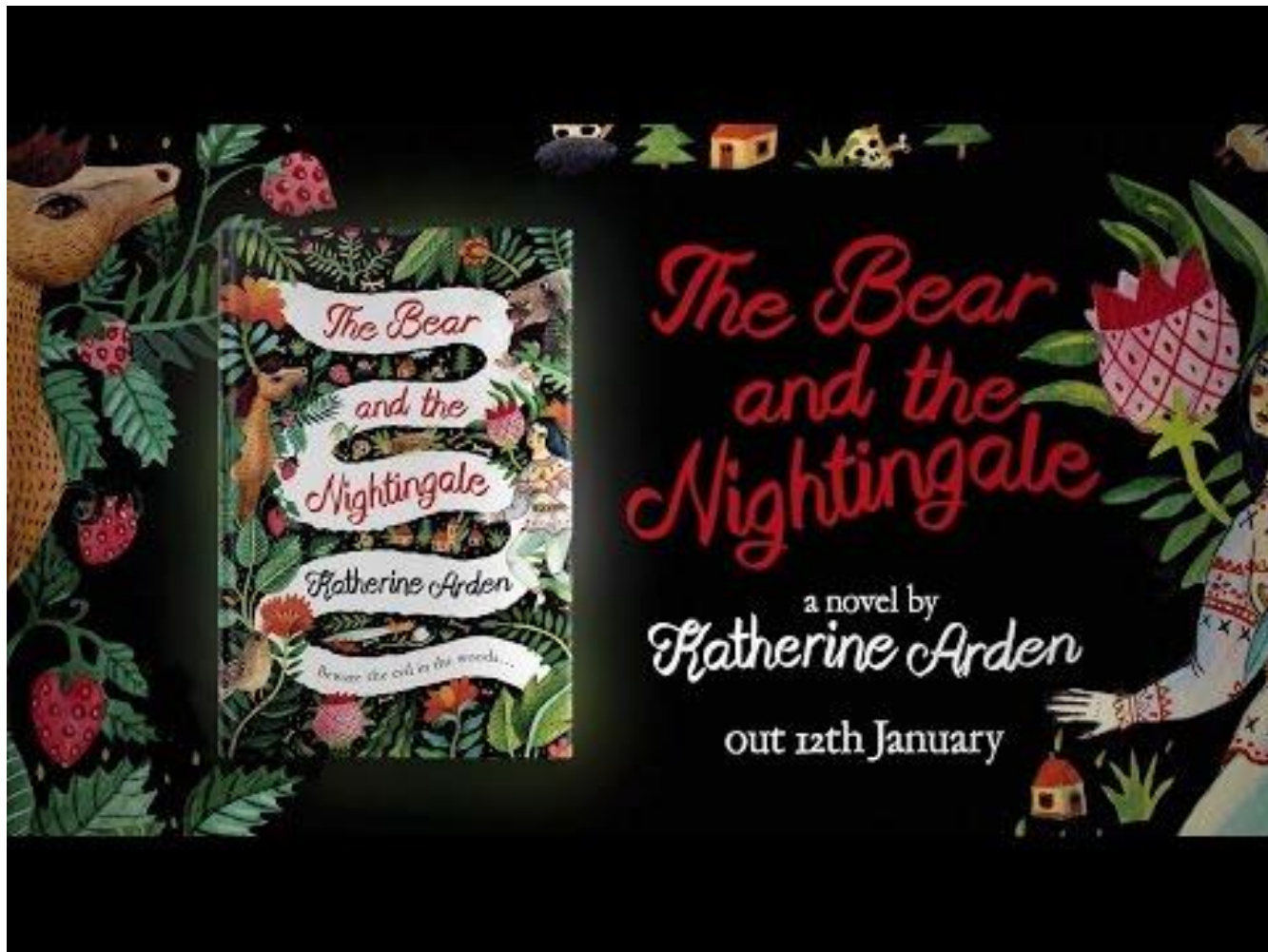


Survival
Science
Humor



Futuristic
Video games
Hero's tale

Liz



The Bear

and the

Nightingale

Katherine Arden

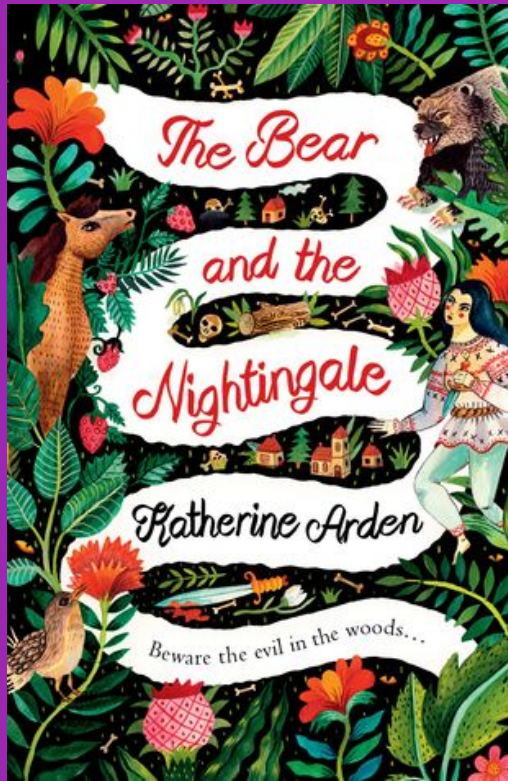
Because she cut in the woods...

The Bear
and the
Nightingale

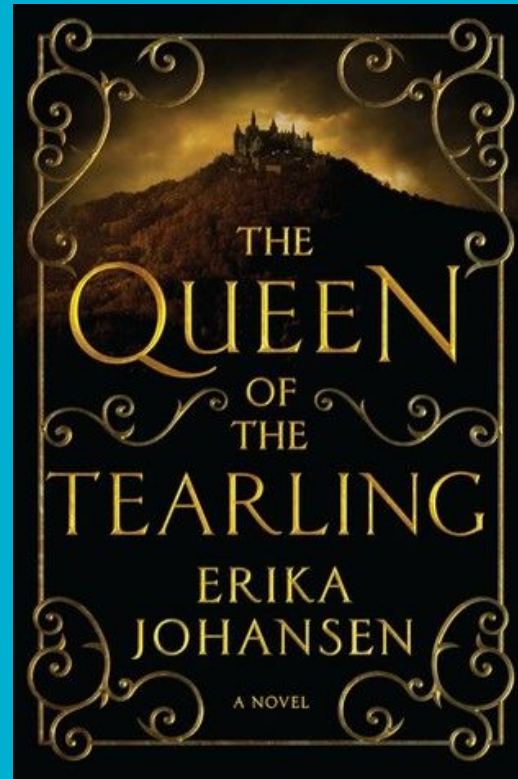
a novel by

Katherine Arden

out 12th January

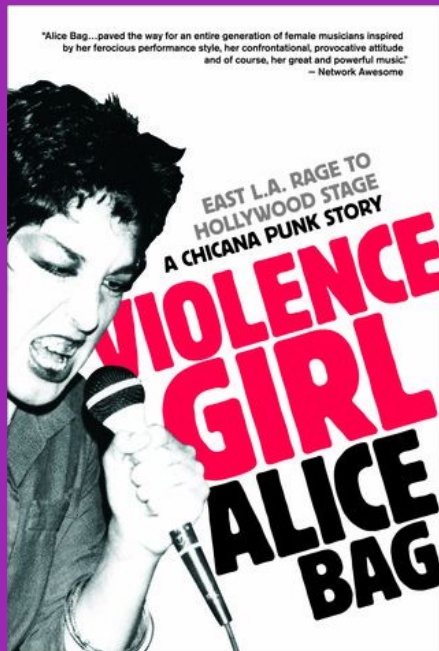


Fantasy
Fairy tales
Dark magic
Lyrical



Fantasy
Magic
Dramatic
Bravery

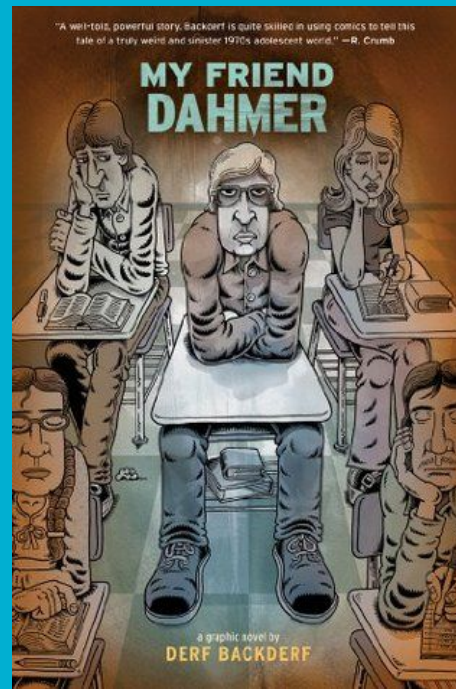
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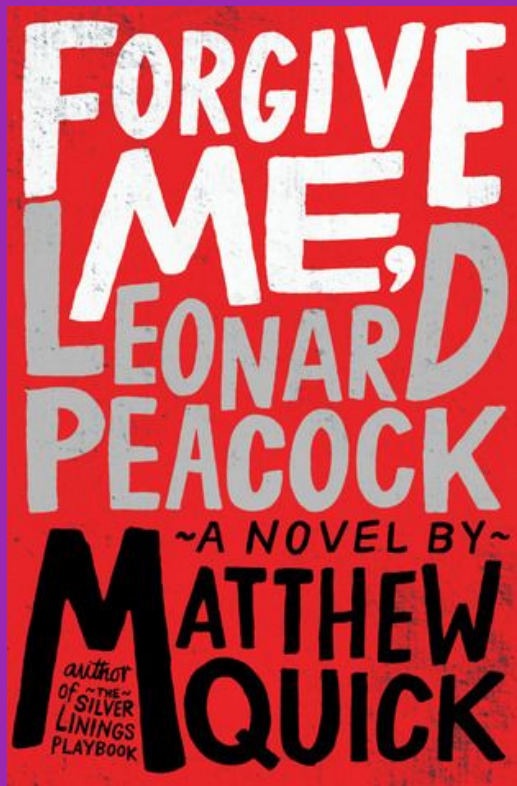
Punk rock
Feminism
Empowerment
Los Angeles
Latinas



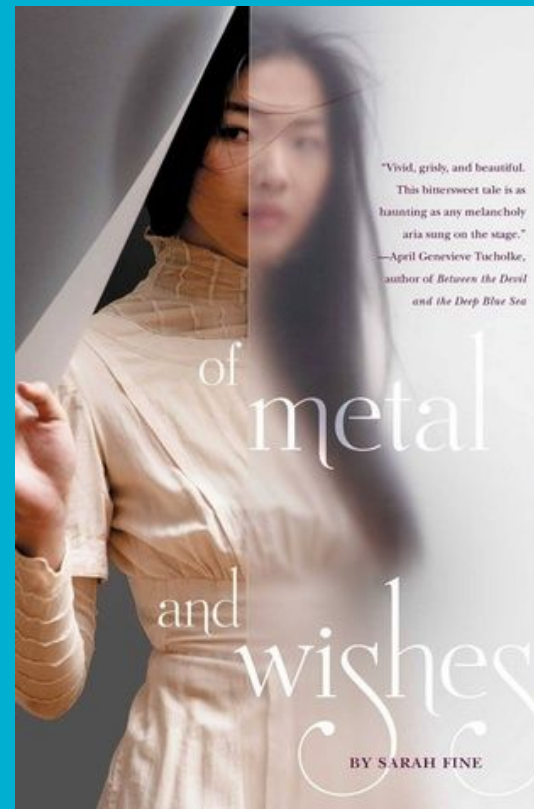
Historical fiction
Banality
Black humor



True crime
Horror
High school
1970s

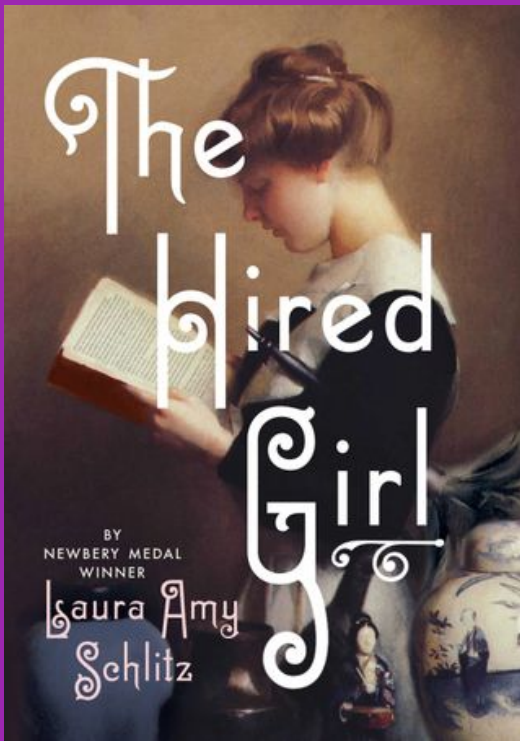


Violence
Depression
Horrible parents

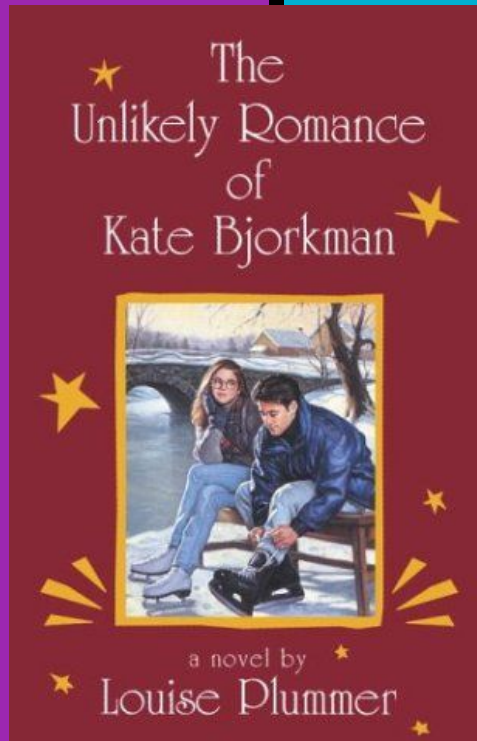


Labor disputes
Mechanical wonders
Phantom of the Opera

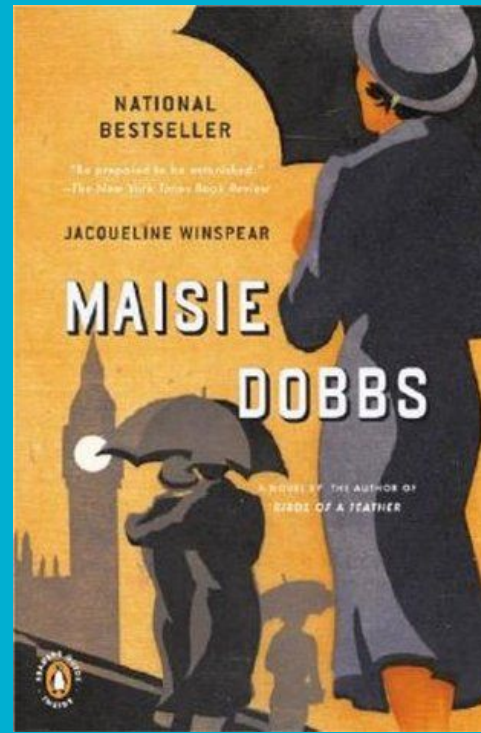
Sonja



Coming of age
Historic
Religion
Romance

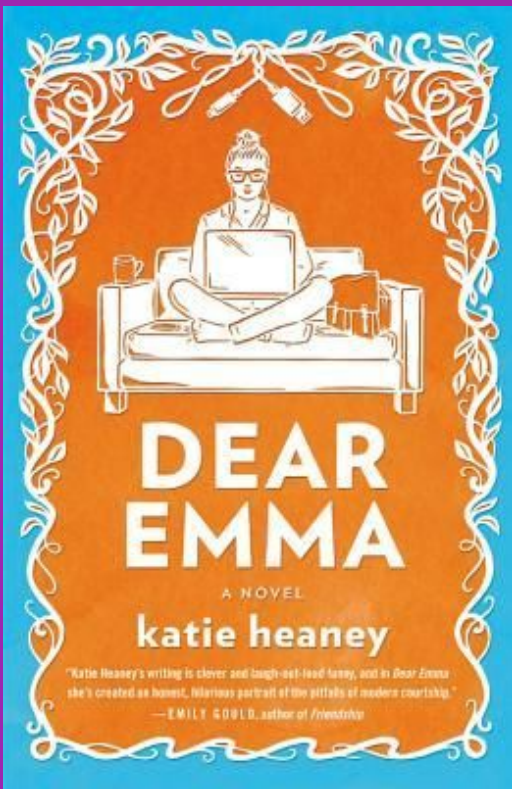


Romance
Clean read
Christmas
Humor

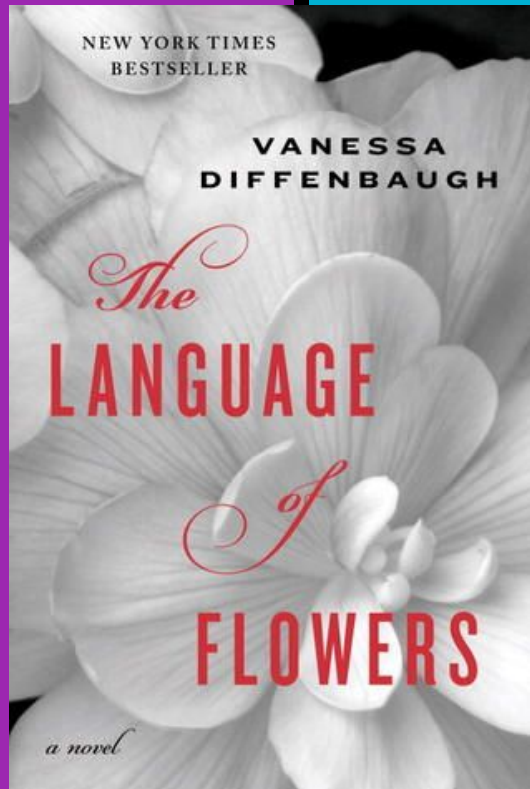


Historical Mystery
Romance

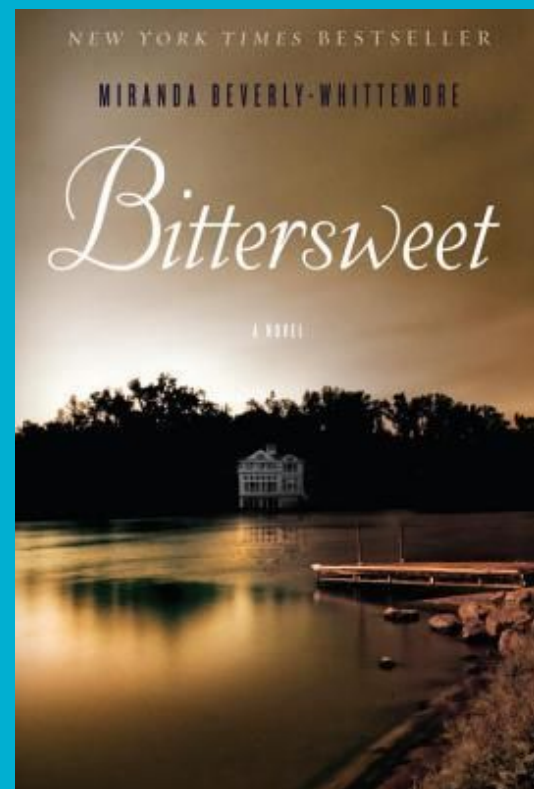
Liz



Coming of age
New adult
Earnest
Humorous



Coming of age
Engaging
Moving
Misfits



Coming of age
Gothic tone
Wealth
Secrets

Emily

Questions? More ideas?
