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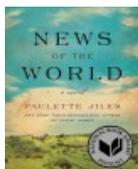
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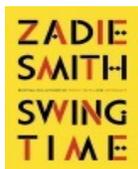


News of the World

By Paulette Jiles

An aging Civil War veteran agrees to transport a young woman to her relatives after she is rescued from the Native American tribe who had kidnapped her.

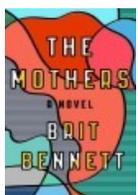
During their dangerous journey, the two form a bond that will make the difference between life and death. **FIC JILES, Audiobook**



Swing Time

By Zadie Smith

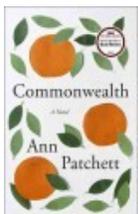
Two dancers with different approaches to their craft share a complicated long-time friendship that ends abruptly in their early twenties. **FIC SMITH, Audiobook**



The Mothers

By Brit Bennett

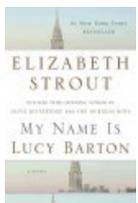
A teen romance that leaves Nadia pregnant and the cover up that follows has an impact far beyond the choice young lovers made one seaside summer. **FIC BENNETT**



Commonwealth

By Ann Patchett

A chance encounter leads to the dissolution of two families. Over five decades, the four parents and six children develop a strange and genuine affection for each other that brings them to terms with their losses, guilt and loyalties. **FIC PATCHETT, LP, Audiobook**



My Name is Lucy Barton

By Elizabeth Strout

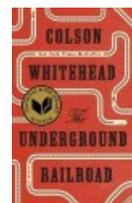
During a long recovery from a simple operation, Lucy's mother visits, reconnecting her to her troubled family, her desire to write, her marriage and her love for her daughters. **FIC STROUT, LP, Audiobook**



Miss Jane

By Brad Watson

Born with a birth defect in the early 20th century, Jane lives outside the norms of her culture and mesmerizes those around her. **FIC WATSON, E-book**



The Underground Railroad

By Colson Whitehead

Making her way north on a rail system built deep underground, an escaped slave lands in South Carolina which seems to be a haven, but within the city is a plot against black residents. Worse is a relentless slave catcher who will not rest until she is returned to her owner.

FIC WHITEHEAD, LP, Audiobook



Homegoing

By Yaa Gyasi

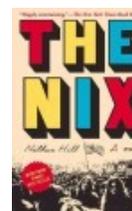
The descendants of two half sisters from 18th century Ghana survive through a history of colonialism, slavery and Jim Crow. **FIC GYASI, Audiobook**



Loner

By Teddy Wayne

A meek Harvard freshman becomes dangerously infatuated with a classmate. Determined to win her attention, David begins compromising his own morality in his quest for his one chance for happiness. **FIC WAYNE**



The Nix

By Nathan Hill

A son, left by his mother, searches to uncover the secrets of her life and in doing so is able to reclaim his own life. **FIC HILL, Audiobook**



A Gentleman in Moscow

By Amor Towles

Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat in 1922 and is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel near the Kremlin. Within its walls, he adapts to the vast changes in Russia and his own circumstances.

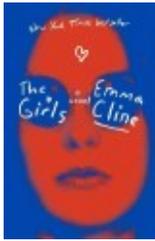
FIC TOWLES, Audiobook



Innocents and Others

By Dana Spiotta

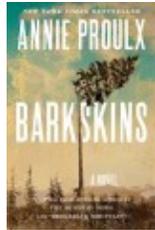
Devoted friends and filmmakers, Meadow and Carrie reconcile their different styles and the consequences of their actions in their struggle to accept their personal limits. **FIC SPIOTTA**



[The Girls](#)

By Emma Cline

Evie is a lonely and thoughtful teen at the violent end of the 1960s. When she sees a group of girls in a park, she is caught by their freedom, dress and dangerous abandon. But their seemingly exotic ranch home is a place of unthinkable violence and evil. **FIC CLINE, LP, Audiobook**



[Barkskins](#)

By Annie Proulx

In New France during the late 18th century, Rene Sel makes his way north to seek a living clearing the vast forests. Surviving unthinkable hardship, he establishes his family whose characters will live through centuries of change and hope.

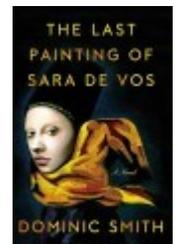
FIC PROULX, LP, Audiobook



[Sleeping Giants](#)

By Sylvain Neuvel

A young woman falls through the earth waking up dozens of feet below ground in a giant metal hand. As a top physicist, she leads a team to understand the phenomenon and what it portends for humanity. **FIC NEUVEL**

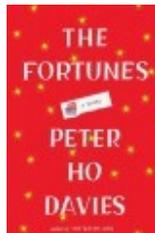


[The Last Painting of Sara De Vos](#)

By Dominic Smith

Three hundred years after her death, only one painting by Sara De Vos is known to exist. A young grad student agrees to paint a forgery that will come to haunt her nearly half a century later.

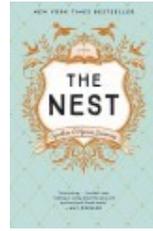
FIC SMITH



[The Fortunes](#)

By Peter Ho Davies

Tell it Slant narrates the history of a Chinese-American family from the gold rush to a biracial writer visiting China to adopt a child--over a century of struggle and persistence. **FIC DAVIES**



[The Nest](#)

By Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

Dysfunctional siblings have waited, not so patiently, for their inheritance only to find that their mother has spent some of the money to fund one brother's rehab. Brought together in anger, the family will have to deal with old resentments and truths. **FIC SWEENEY, LP,**

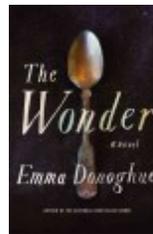
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[The Summer Before the War](#)

By Helen Simonson

Just before the outbreak of World War I, a young teacher arrives in the village of Bath and soon falls in love with her sponsor's nephew. **FIC SIMMONSON, LP, Audiobook**



[The Wonder](#)

By Emma Donoghue

Eleven year old Anna O'Donnell seems to be living without food and people begin flocking to this "miracle". When a veteran nurse is sent in to uncover a scam she finds herself in the position of trying not only to save a child's life, but her soul as well. **FIC DOMOGHUE, LP,**

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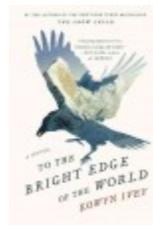


[The Vegetarian](#)

By Han Kang

When Yeong-hye begins to have violent nightmares, she is driven to purge herself by renouncing meat altogether. This sets into motion a strange series of events as her family takes intrusive and even perverse methods to rid her of the demons that have threatened her. **FIC KANG**

Audiobook



[To the Bright Edge of the World](#)

By Eowyn Ivey

In the winter of 1885 Colonel Allen Forrester leads an expedition into the vast Alaska territory leaving his pregnant wife at home. Both find inexplicable mysteries and challenges in the world of nature. **FIC IVEY**

Audiobook

[Non-Fiction](#)



[Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City](#)

By Matthew Desmond

The stories of 8 families living in the poorest part of Milwaukee illuminate one of the most urgent issues facing America today.

339.4 DESMOND, E-Book



[Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother's Quest: a True Story of the Jim Crow South](#)

By Beth Macy

The story of George and Willie who are abducted by a white man offering them candy and the ensuing events that will forever change their lives.

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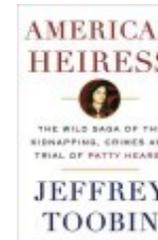


[I'm Supposed to Protect You from All This: A Memoir](#)

By Nadja Spiegelman

The story of mothers and daughters--and mothers as daughters is traced through four generations, from Paris to New York and back again.

BIO SPIEGELMAN



[American Heiress: the Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst](#)

By Jeffrey Toobin

An examination of the life of Patty Hearst, who suffered unimaginable trauma when kidnapped, then made the stunning decision to join in her captors' crusade. **322.42 TOO**

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