

# *Trendy Titles*

Book Reviews and Recommendations

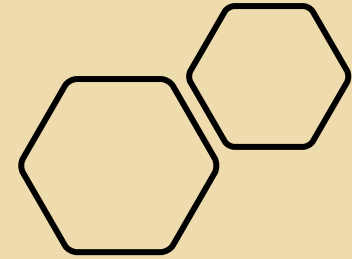
Fall 2023



Comforting read

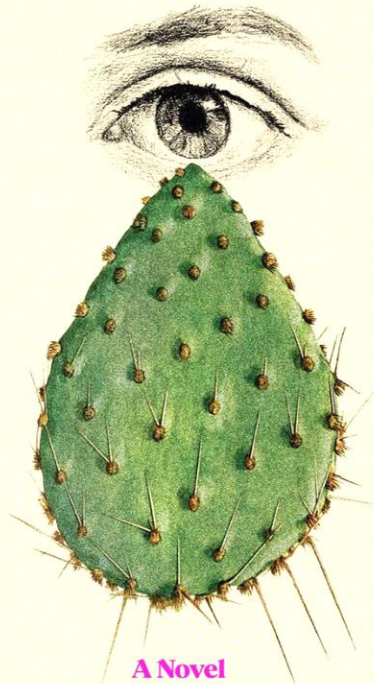


Delightful



A librarian in Tokyo provides a book recommendation for visitors of her library. She has a unique ability to sense exactly what they are looking for.

# Death Valley



A Novel

**Melissa Broder**

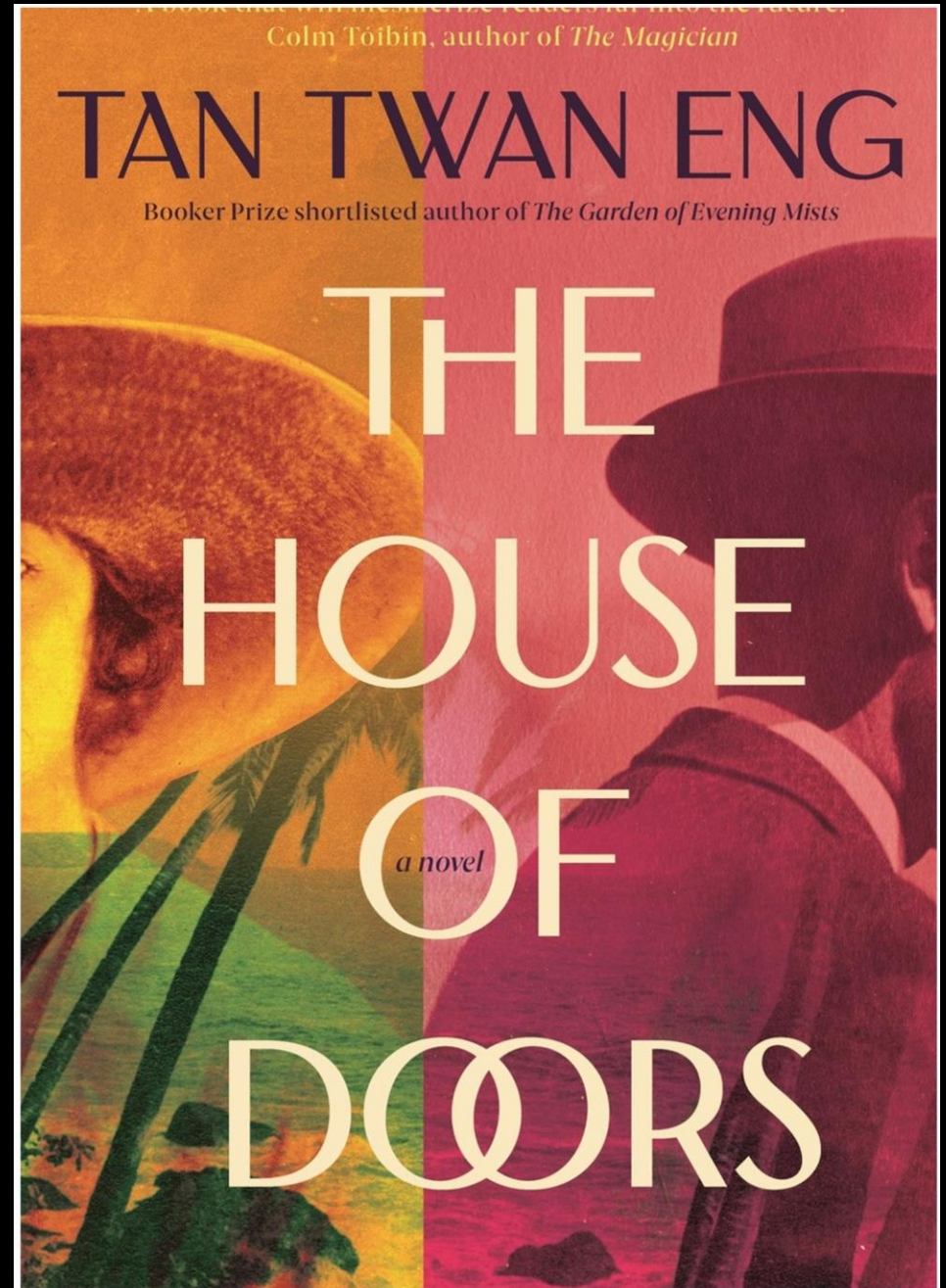
*Author of Milk Fed and The Pisces*

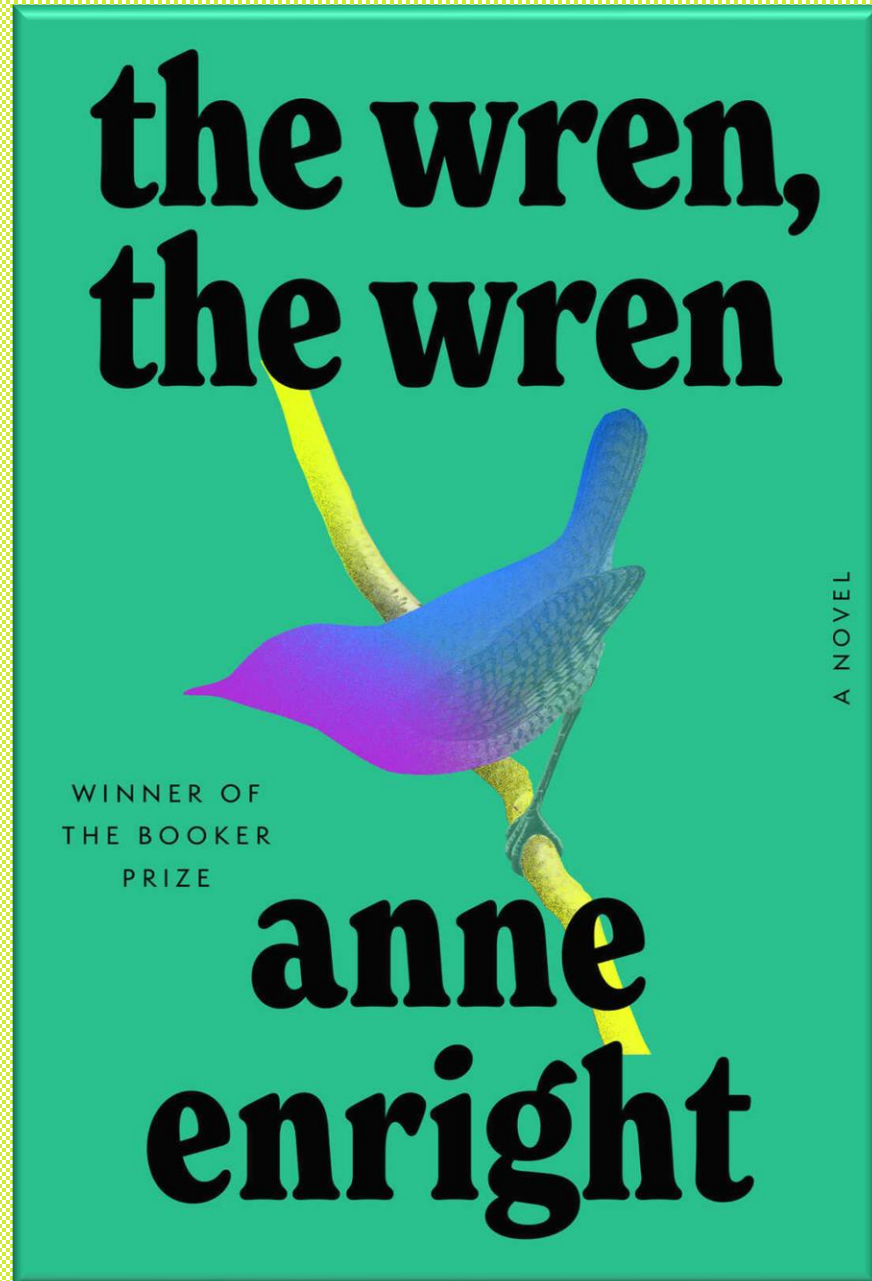
A woman dealing with a heavy load of difficulties walks through a gash in a huge cactus to embark on a remarkable journey.

Described as funny and insightful.

Starred by BookPage and Publisher's Weekly

- Longlisted for the Booker Prize
- International Bestseller
- Historical Fiction set in 1921
- Addresses the subjects of race, gender and sexuality
- Starred by Publisher's Weekly and Booklist





Named a Most Anticipated Book of the Year by *TIME*, *The Millions*, and *Literary Hub*

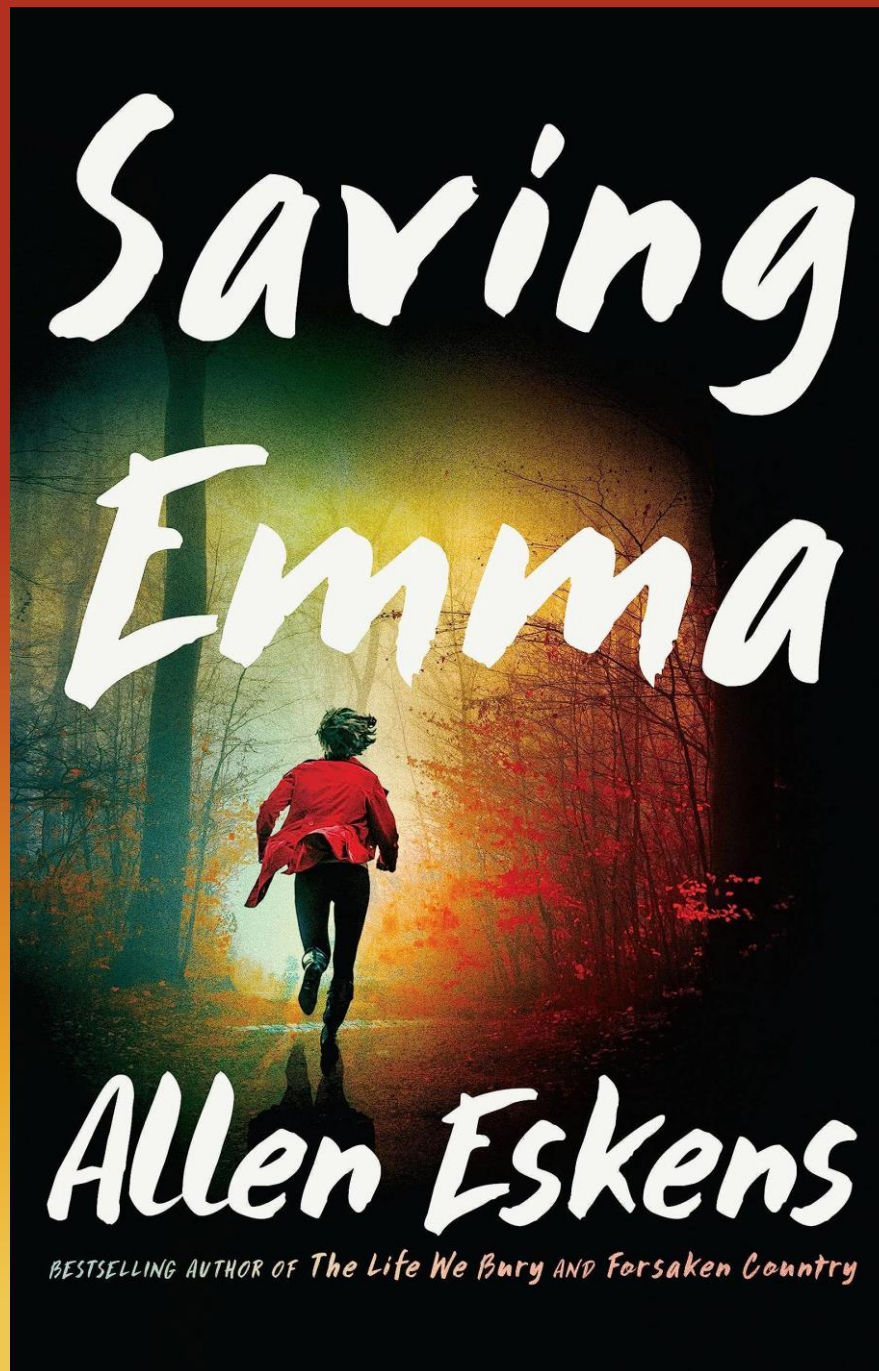
The stories of three generations of women influenced by a patriarchal poet.

Starred by:

- *Kirkus Reviews*
- *Publisher's Weekly*
- *Booklist*
- *BookPage*

Legal  
Thriller

Starred by  
Publisher's  
Weekly  
and Kirkus



A law professor working for the Innocence Project is given the case of a man in a psychiatric hospital accused of a brutal murder. As he researches the case, he discovers connections with the murder of his good friend and the father of Emma, now under his care. When Emma leaves his protection, he must do everything to bring her home...

**Welcome to Starling House: enter, if you dare.**

**A Book of the Month Club Pick**

**An October 2023 Indie Next Pick**

**A LibraryReads October 2023 Hall of Fame Pick**

**Apple, Best Books of October**

**EW.com, Fall Book Must Reads 2023**

**Washington Post, Noteworthy Books for October**

**Paste Magazine, The Must-Read Fantasy Books of Fall 2023**

**PopSugar Best New Fantasy Books of 2023**

**BookPage, Most Anticipated Books of Fall 2023**

**Observer, Must-Read Books of Fall 2023**

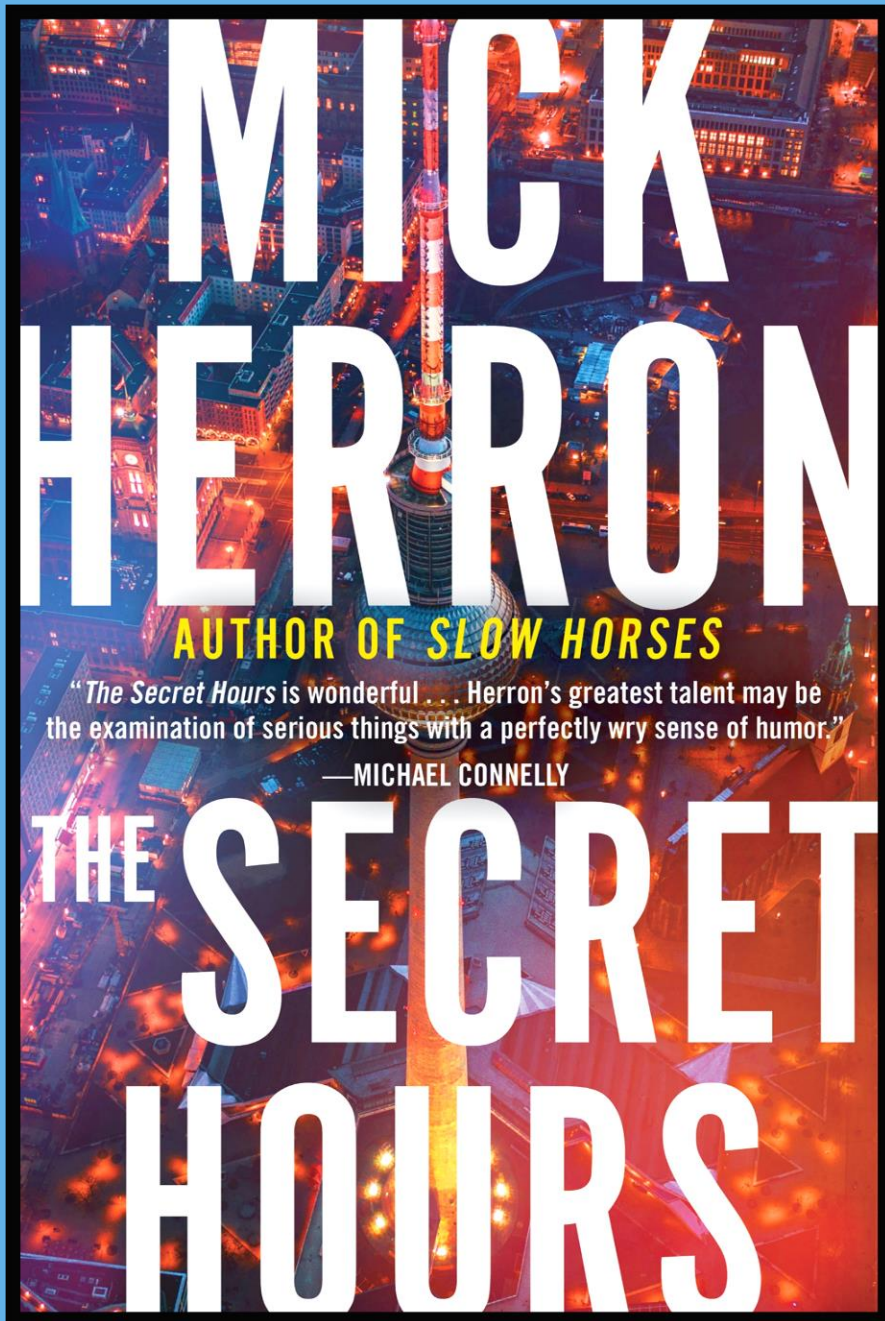
**Polygon, 12 Best New SFF for the Fall**

**LitHub, October's Best Sci-Fi and Fantasy Books**

**Bookish, October's Most-Anticipated Books**

**Starred by Publisher's Weekly and Library Journal**





A Spy Thriller...”that is at once unnerving, poignant, and laugh-out-loud funny.”

A National Bestseller

*People Magazine's* Best Books of Fall 2023

*A Washington Post* Noteworthy Book for September

An Amazon Best of the Month - Mystery/Thriller

An ABA Indie Next Pick for September 2023

A CrimeReads Top 10 Book for September

A Powell's Pick of the Month

★★★★ Starred Reviews from

*Publishers Weekly,*

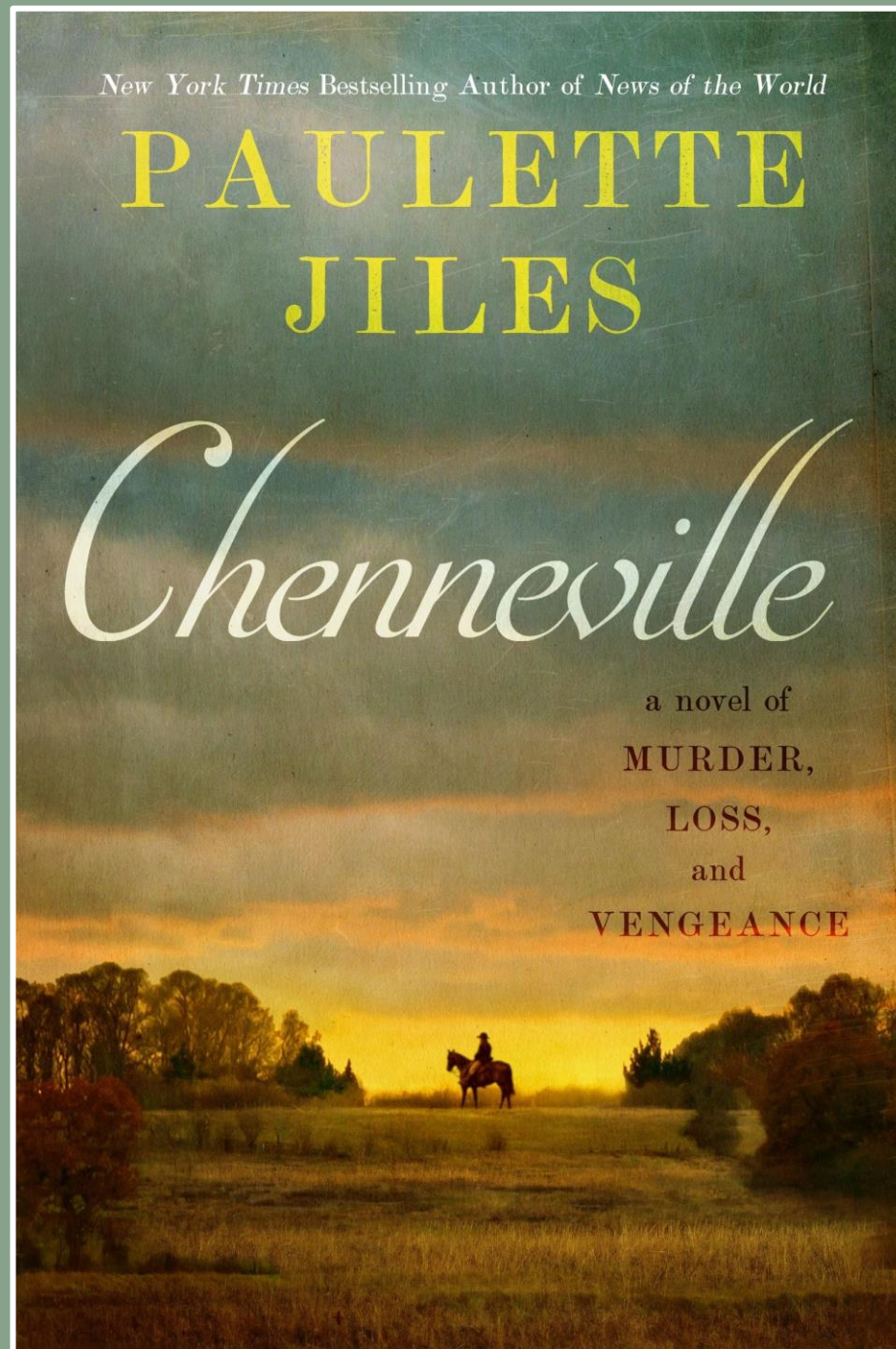
*BookPage,*

*Library Journal*

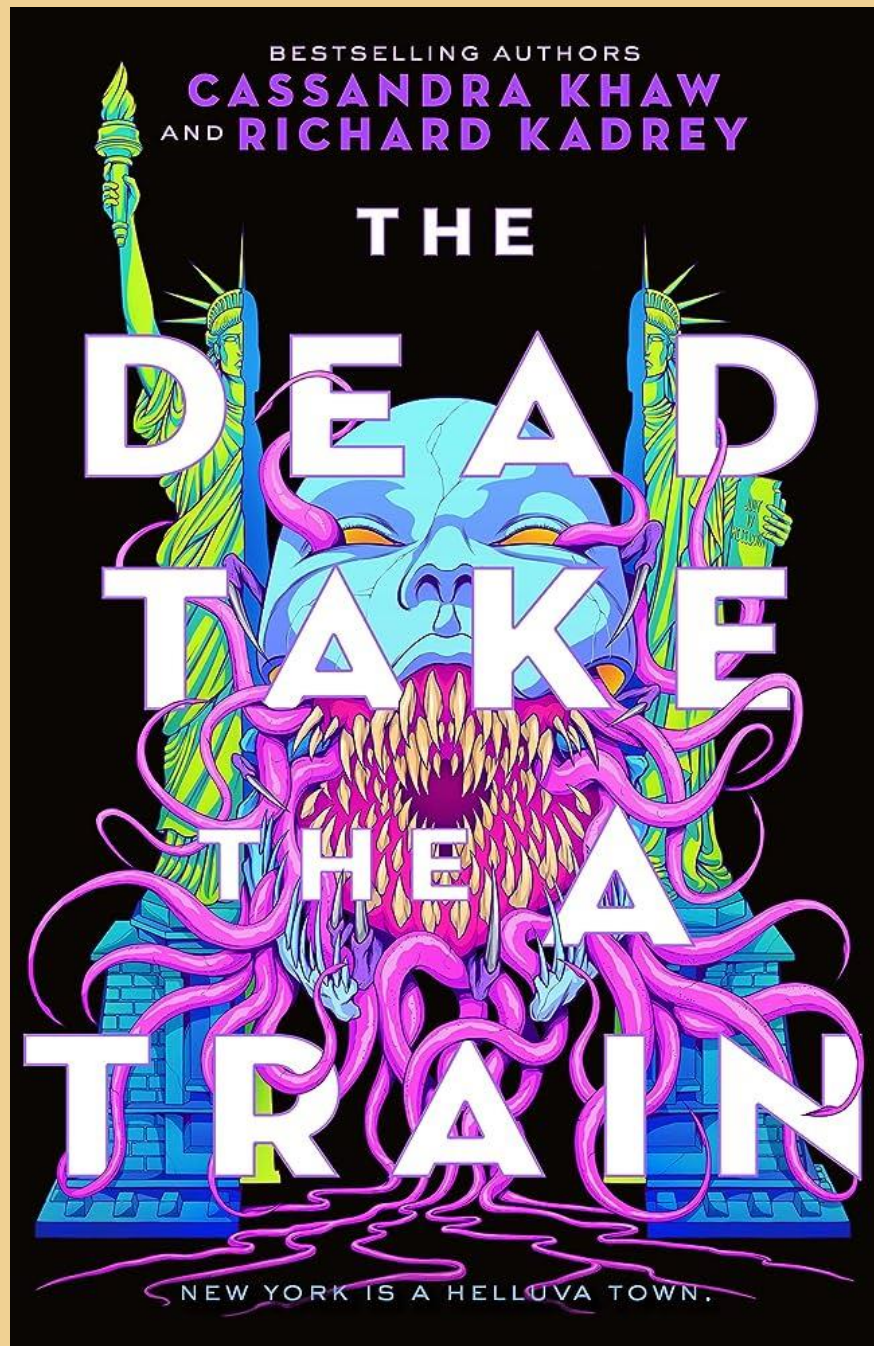
*Booklist*



Starred by  
Library  
Journal  
and  
Booklist



A man seeks to avenge the death of his sister and her family by pursuing the murderer. Not even the love of the woman who wishes to help him can deter him from his purpose.



Starred by

- Booklist
- Library Journal
- Publisher's Weekly

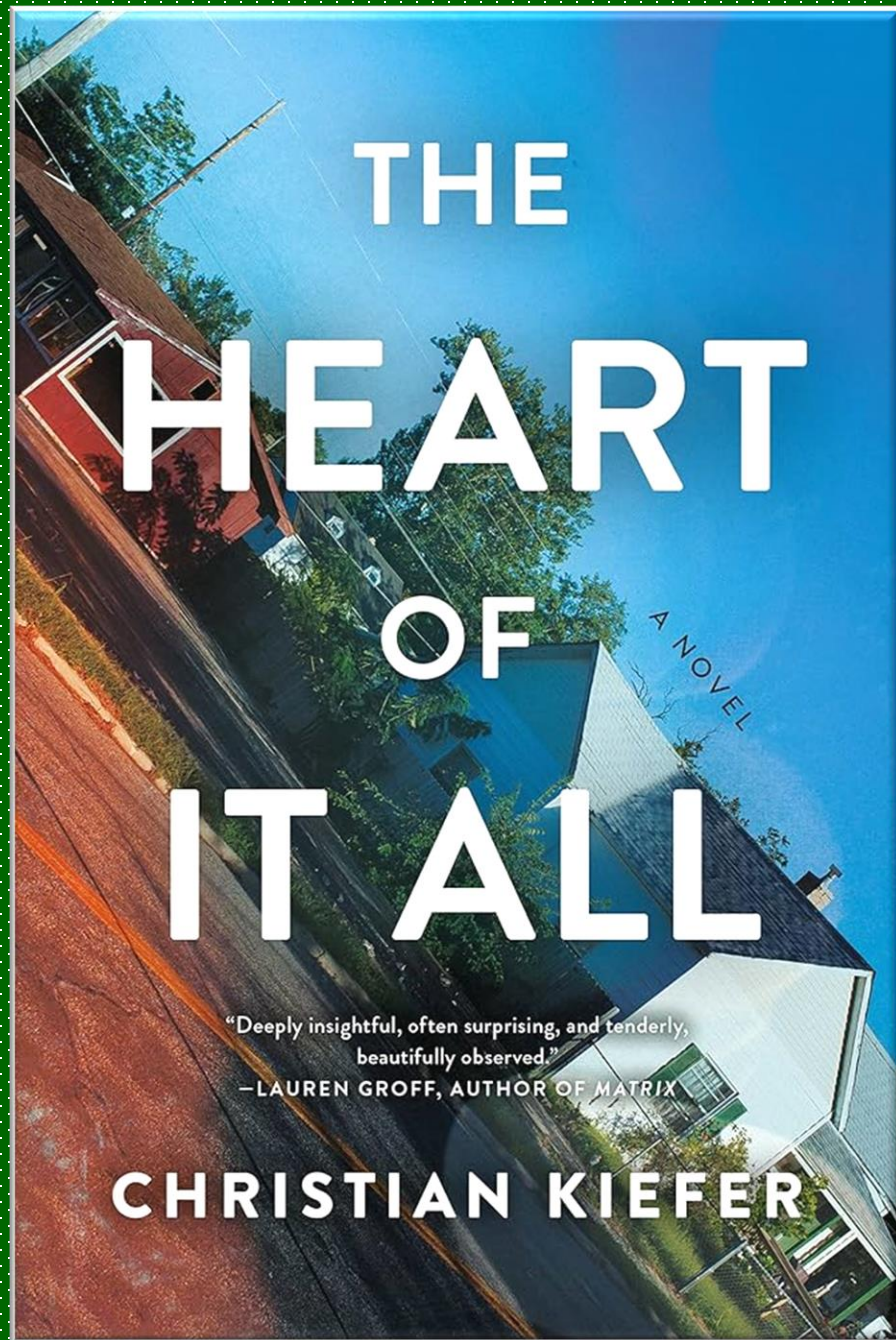
Book 1 of Carrion City Series

A 30-year-old had one retirement plan: die early. Then her best friend shows up in need of help. Now keeping her friend safe becomes top priority.

“Enter a land of gods and monsters, soldiers and mercenaries, secrets and wishes...”

- A Fantasy
- First book in a new trilogy
- An international bestseller
- A TikTok sensation
- Starred by Kirkus Reviews





“A small, declining town in Ohio. A family bereaved by terrible loss. A searing narrative about how American lives touch each other across divides both real and imagined...”

Starred by:  
Kirkus Reviews  
Publisher's Weekly

"This is Koryta's best book. It grabbed me hard and wouldn't let go." —Stephen King

# AN HONEST MAN

A NOVEL

**MICHAEL KORYTA**

*New York Times* bestselling author of *Those Who Wish Me Dead*

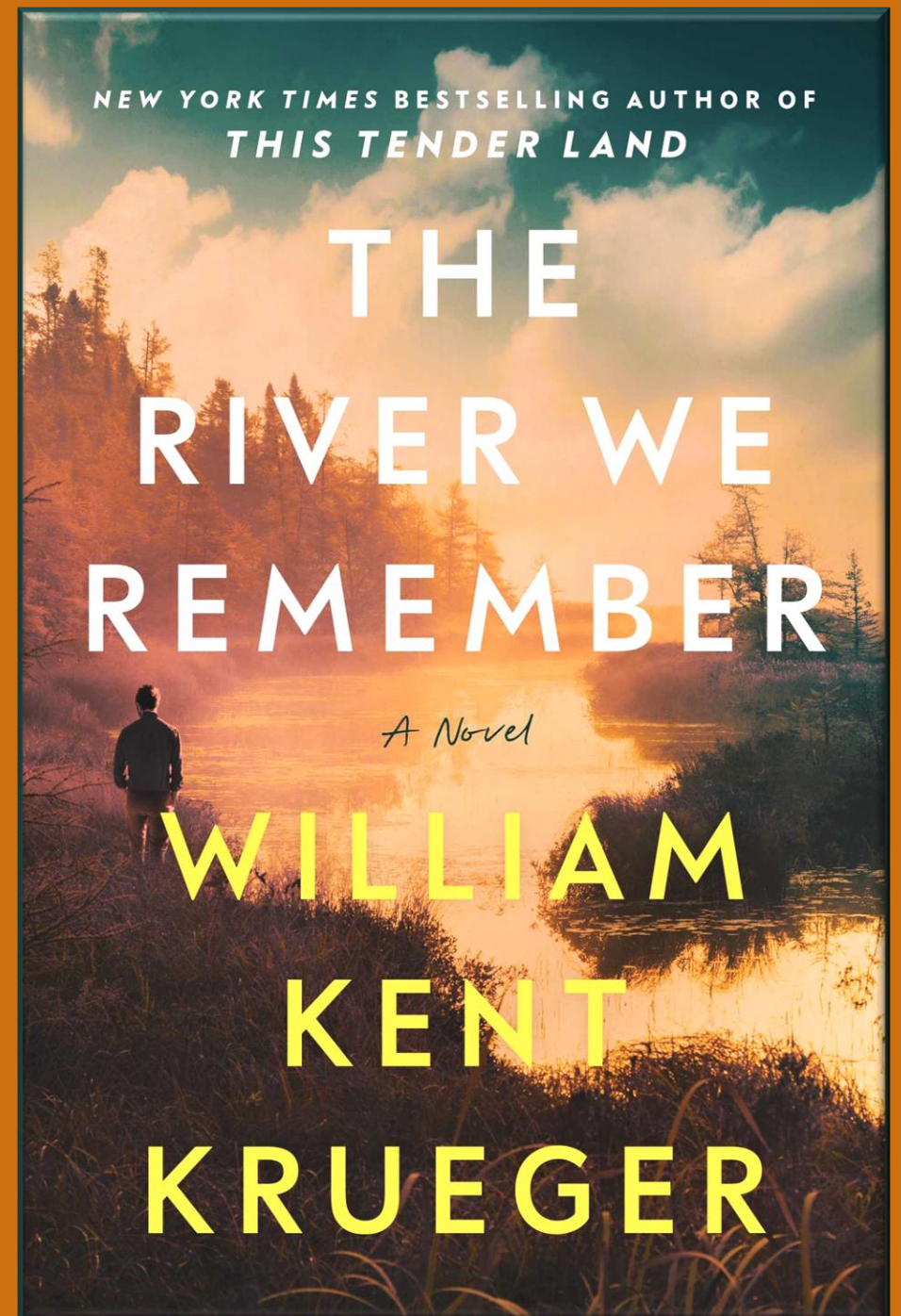
"Israel Pike was a killer, and he was an honest man. They were not mutually exclusive."

Starred by  
Publisher's  
Weekly

In 1958, in a small town of Minnesota, the body of a wealthy local man killed by a shotgun, is found floating in the river. This sets in motion a torrent of backlash from the locals.

A Mystery and a perspective on life in the 1950's

Starred by BookPage and Booklist



# The **UNSETTLED**



**AYANA MATHIS**

*Author of *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie**

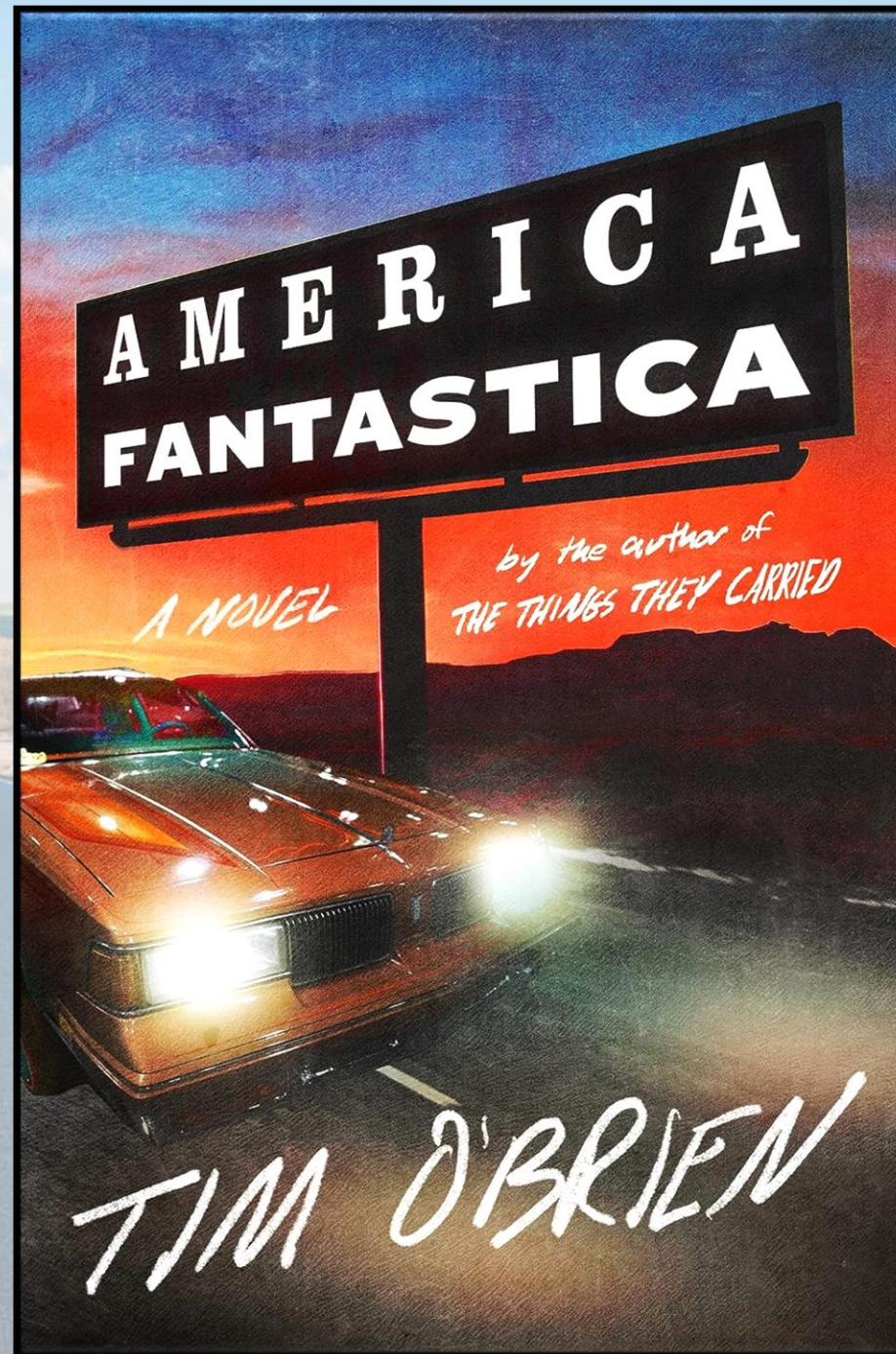
A multi-generational  
story set in the 1980's

Starred by:

- BookPage
- Library Journal
- Kirkus Reviews
- Publisher's Weekly

Named one of Fall 2023's most anticipated books: New York Times, Associated Press, Esquire, Kirkus, Goodreads, LitHub, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and more

Starred by Kirkus and Publisher's Weekly



He robbed a bank and took the teller as hostage. They end up pursued by “hitmen, jealous lovers, ex-cons, an heiress, a billionaire shipping tycoon, a three-tour veteran of Iraq, and the ghosts of his past. Everyone, it seems, except the police.”

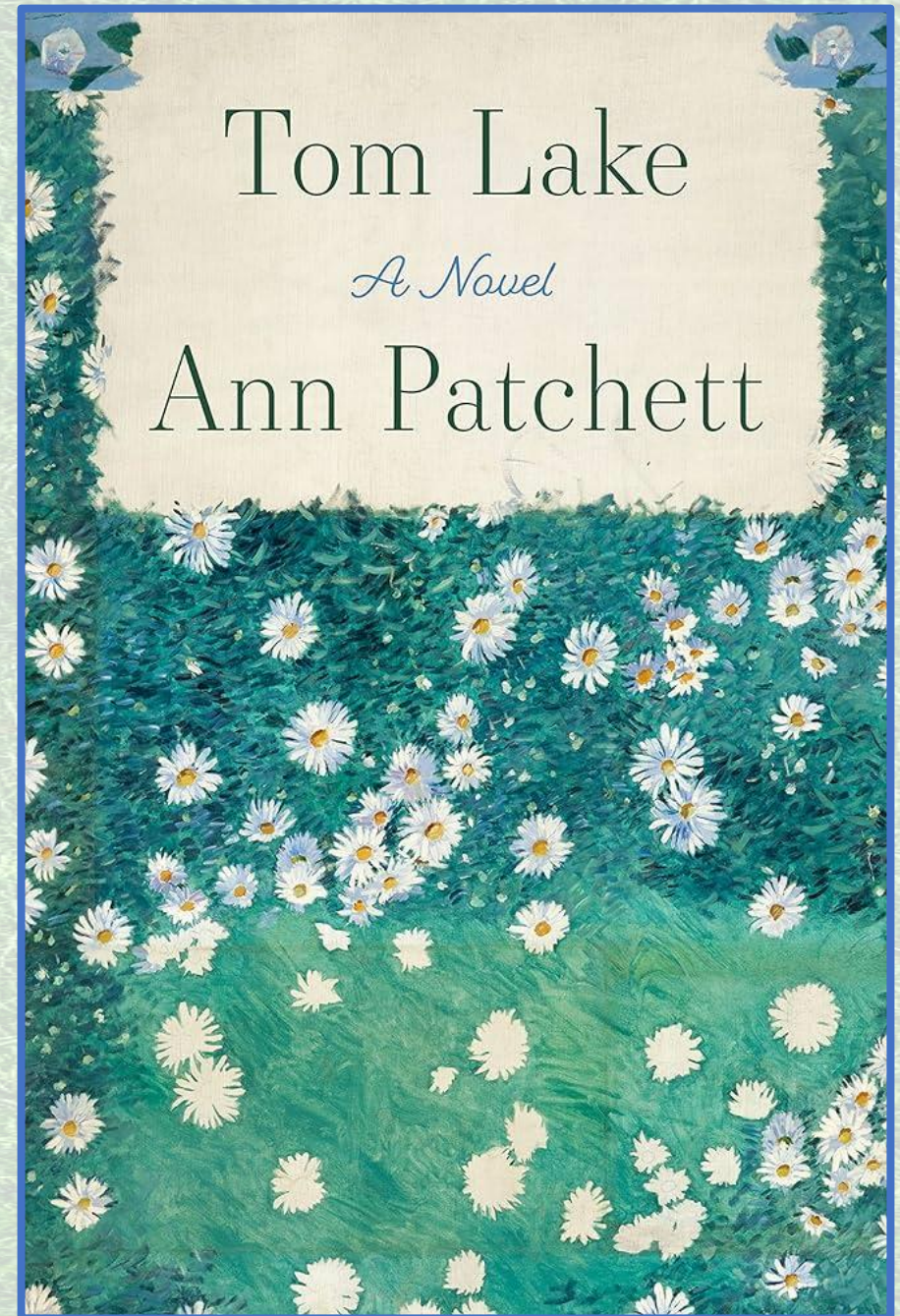


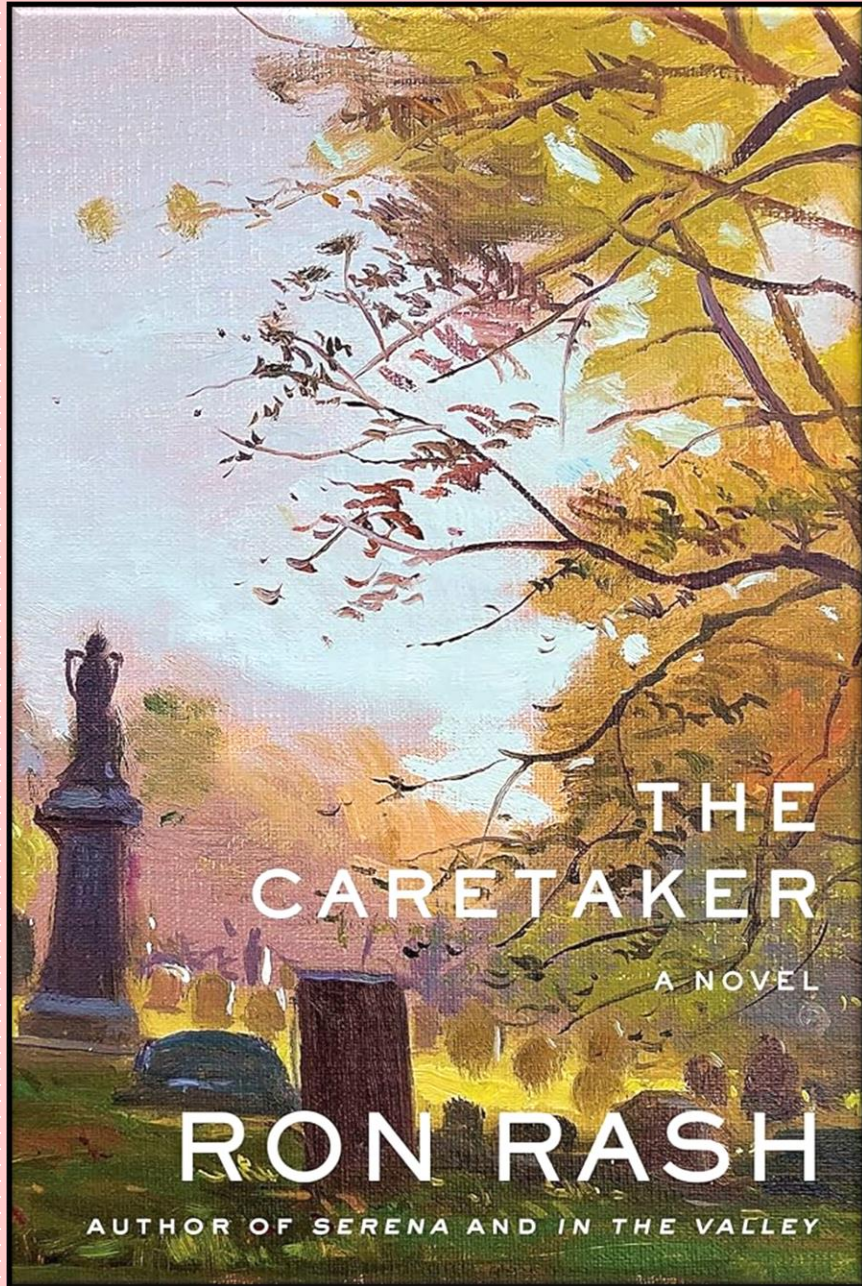
Three daughters learn stories of their mother's youthful interaction with a famous actor, causing them to view her through new eyes and explore their own lives with questions of family dynamics and finding happiness.

A Reese Book Club Pick

Starred by:

- Kirkus Reviews
- Booklist
- Publisher's Weekly

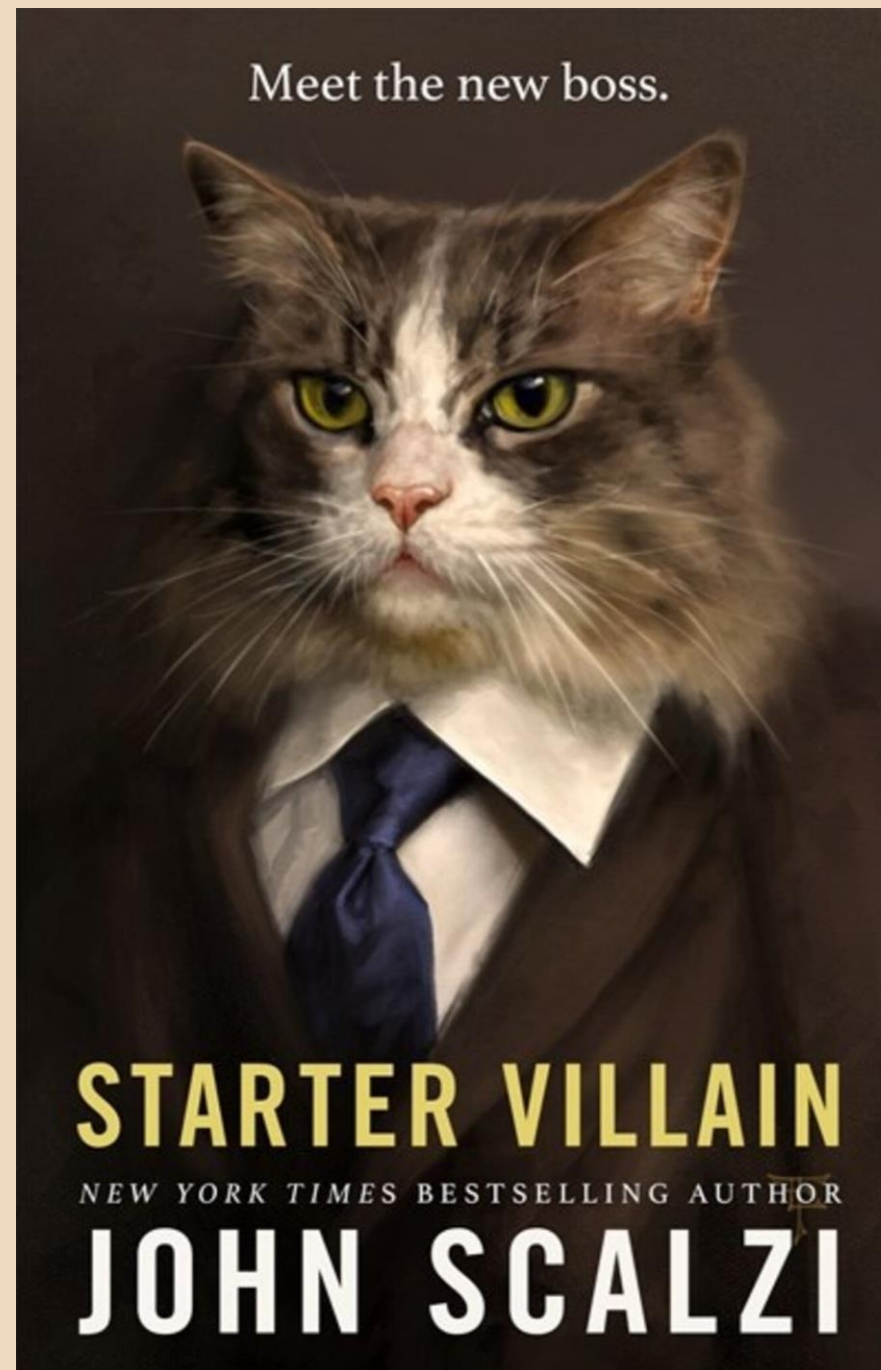




When a man is called to serve in the Korean war, he asks a friend to care for his young wife. The friend, a caretaker at the local cemetery, agrees. Over time the two thrown together become very close, with results of trouble and questions of trust.

Starred by Publisher's Weekly  
and Kirkus Reviews

In a  
dog-eat-  
dog  
world...  
be a  
cat.



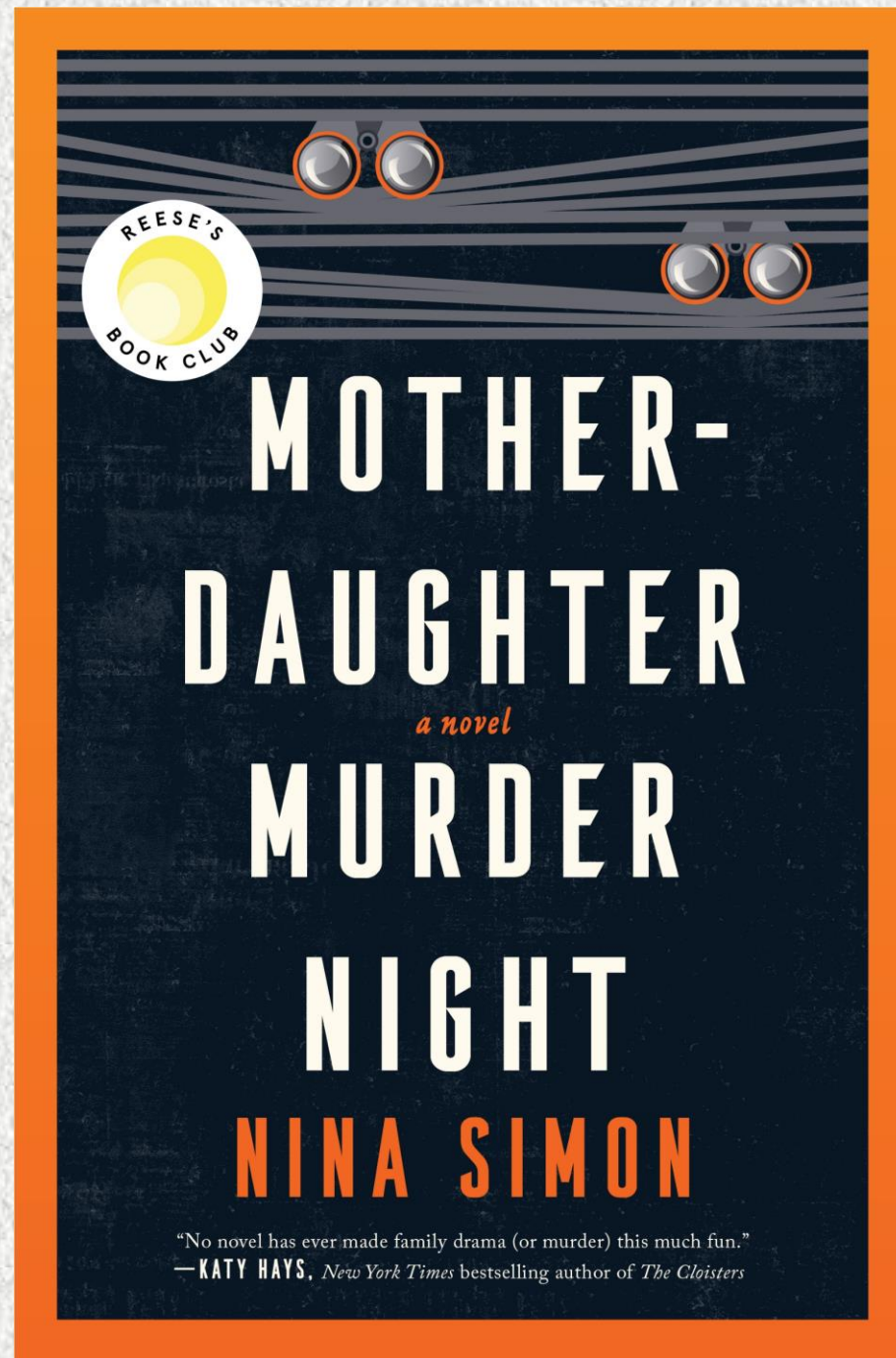
A humorous,  
twisted  
super villain  
tale

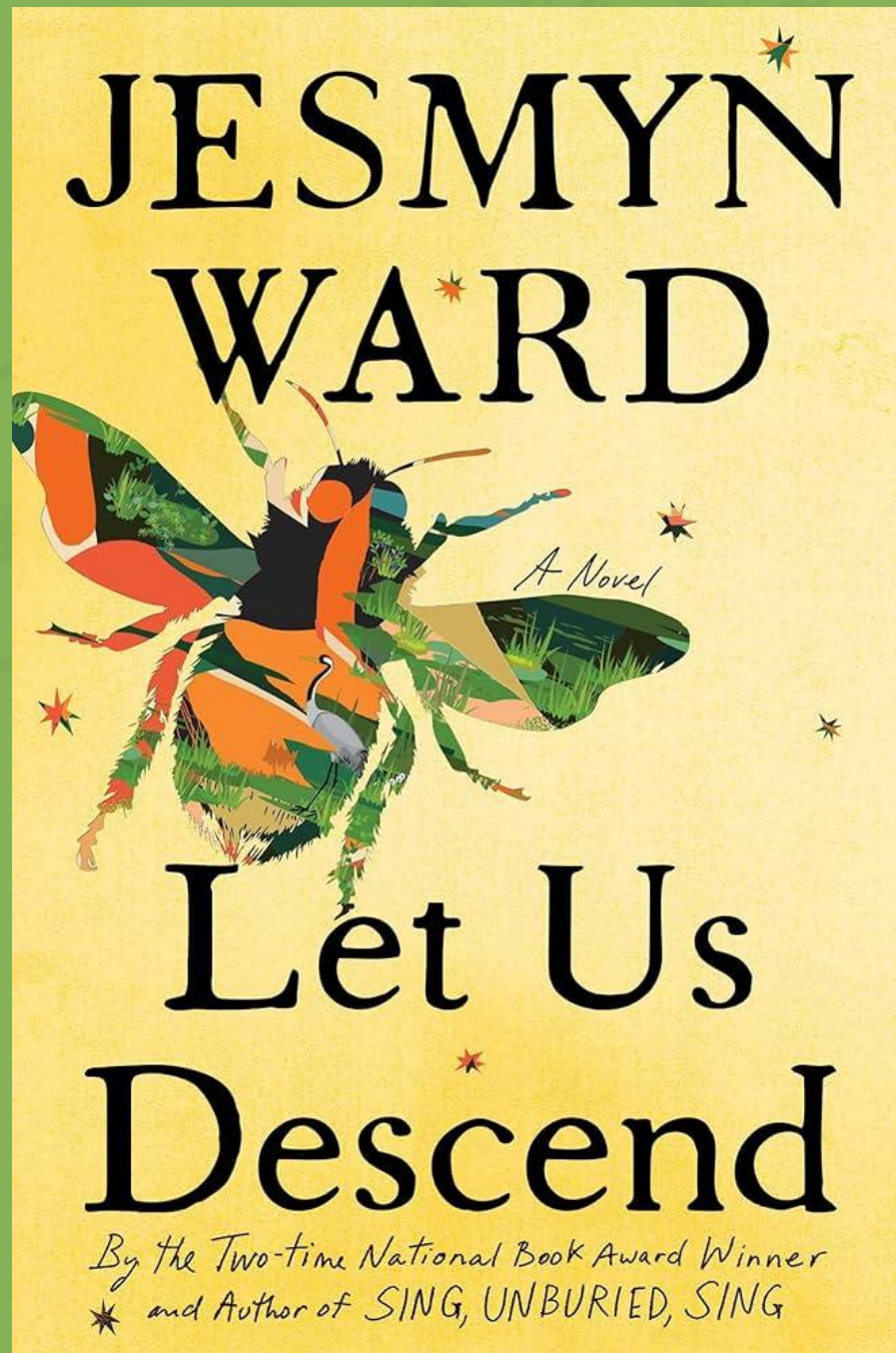
Starred by  
Library Journal  
and  
Booklist

Three generations of  
women join together to  
solve a murder.

Debut novel

Starred by Library  
Journal





A reimaging of American  
slavery.

Oprah's book club pick

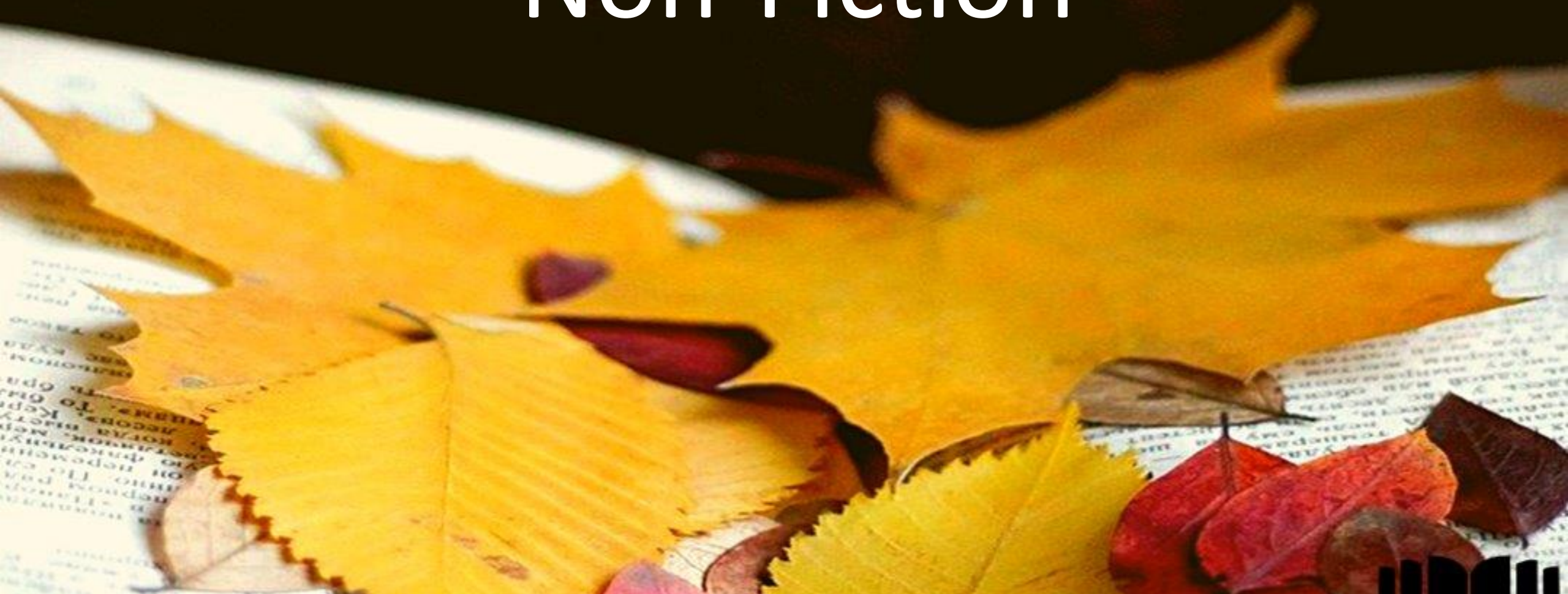
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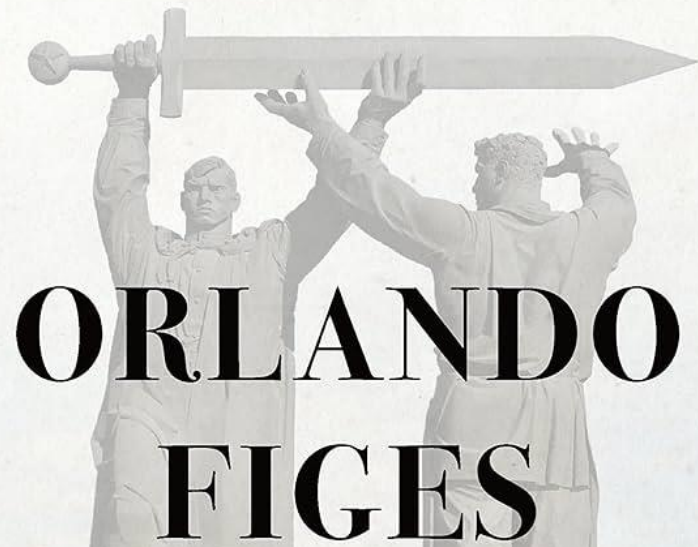
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Non-Fiction



THE  
STORY  
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**RUSSIA**



ORLANDO  
FIGES

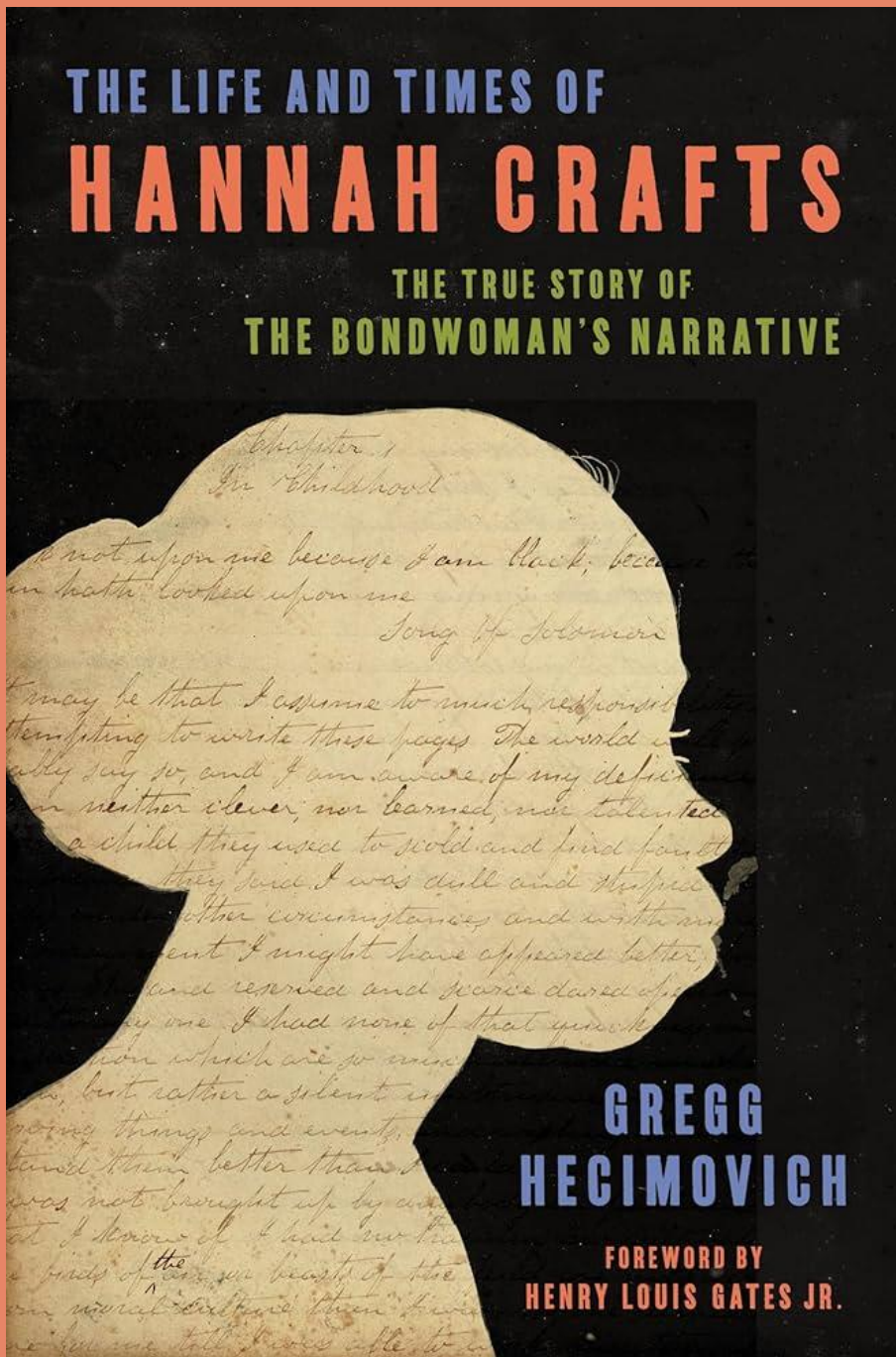
*Author of Natasha's Dance*

“This is the essential backstory, the history book that you need if you want to understand modern Russia and its wars with Ukraine, with its neighbors, with America, and with the West.”

—Anne Applebaum

Named a Most Anticipated Book of the Year by Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Reviews

Starred by Kirkus Reviews



Biography of the first black woman novelist.

“Interspersed with photos, descriptions of pertinent historical events, drawings, and digitized archival documents, this excellent biography will appeal to many readers.”

— *Library Journal* (starred review)

Also starred by *Publisher's Weekly*



Stephanie Land continues the story of her rise from poverty with her experience of finishing college and beginning a writing career while balancing her responsibilities as a mother.

*A MEMOIR OF MOTHERHOOD,  
HUNGER, AND HIGHER EDUCATION*

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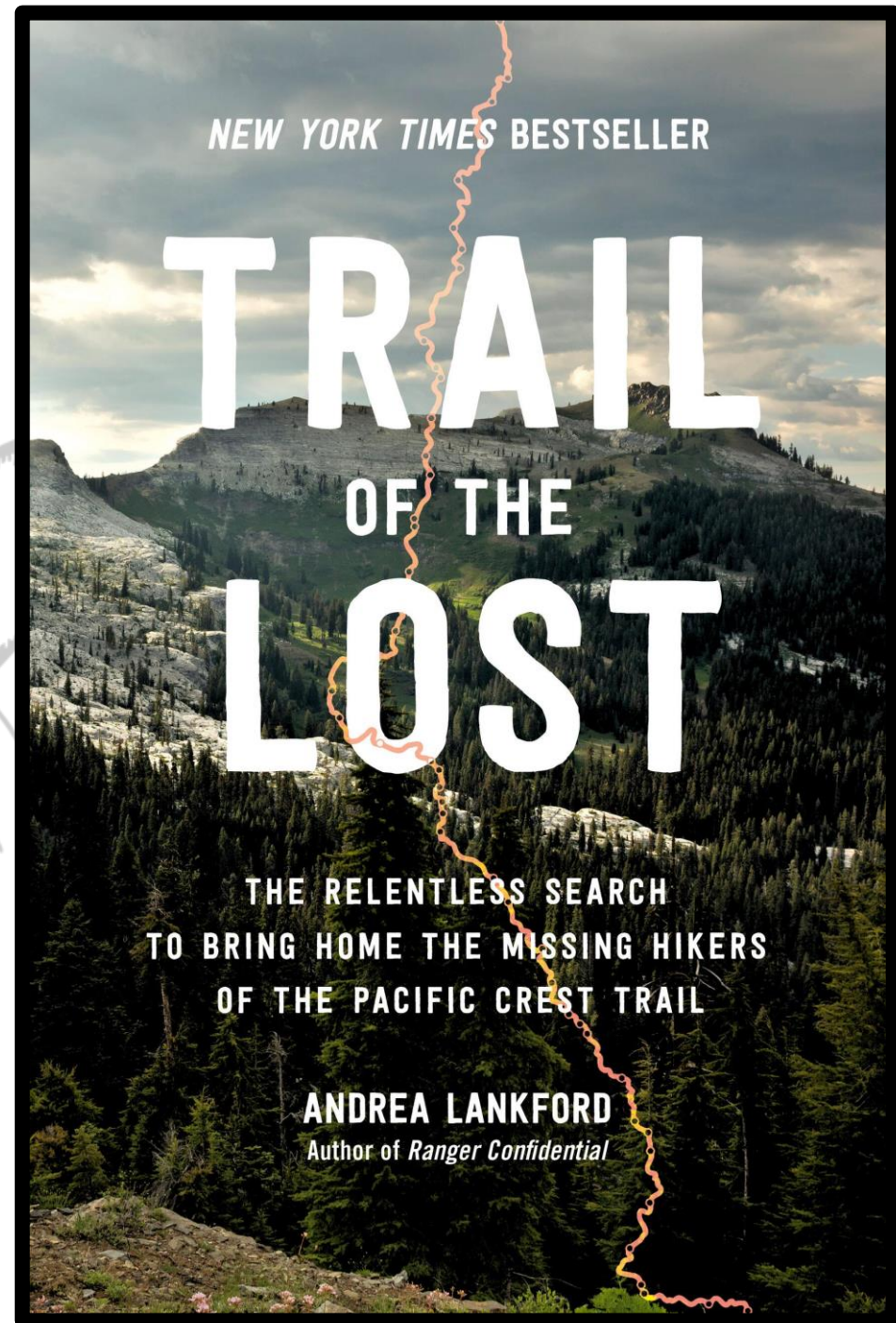
**stephanie land**

*New York Times bestselling author of MAID*

Starred  
by  
Publisher's  
Weekly

**A former park ranger searches for 3 hikers missing from the Pacific Crest Trail. Her search connects her with a varied group who assist her in research.**

**“On the TRAIL OF THE LOST, you may not find what you are looking for, but you will certainly find more than you seek.”**



**Esau McCaulley**

Bestselling author of *Reading While Black*

**HOW FAR**



**TO THE**

**PROMISED**

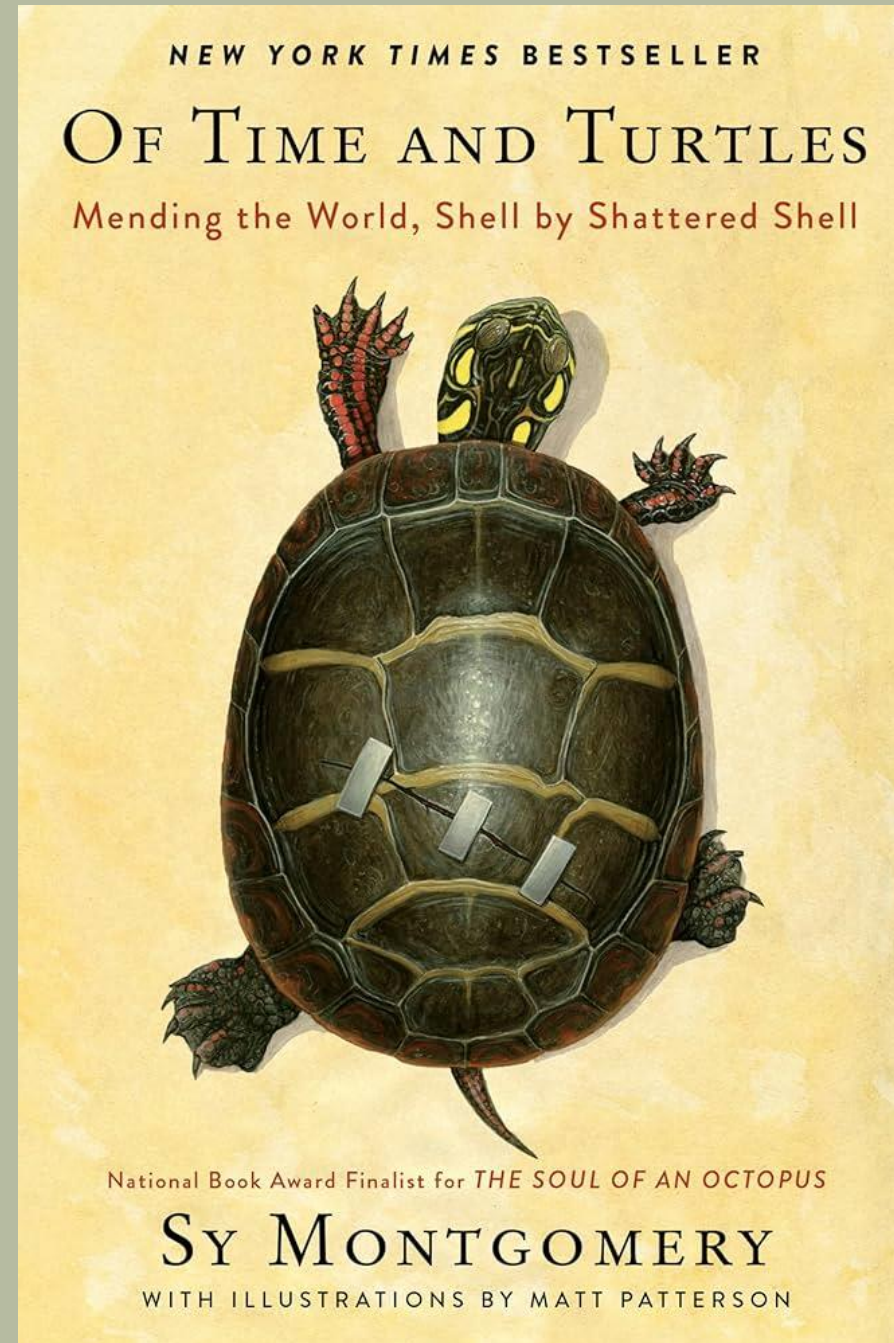
**LAND**

One Black Family's Story of Hope and  
Survival in the American South

A college professor reviews his family history after being asked to deliver his father's eulogy, a father who was absent for much of his life.

Starred by  
Publisher's Weekly

From her work with injured turtles the author learns about healing and longevity

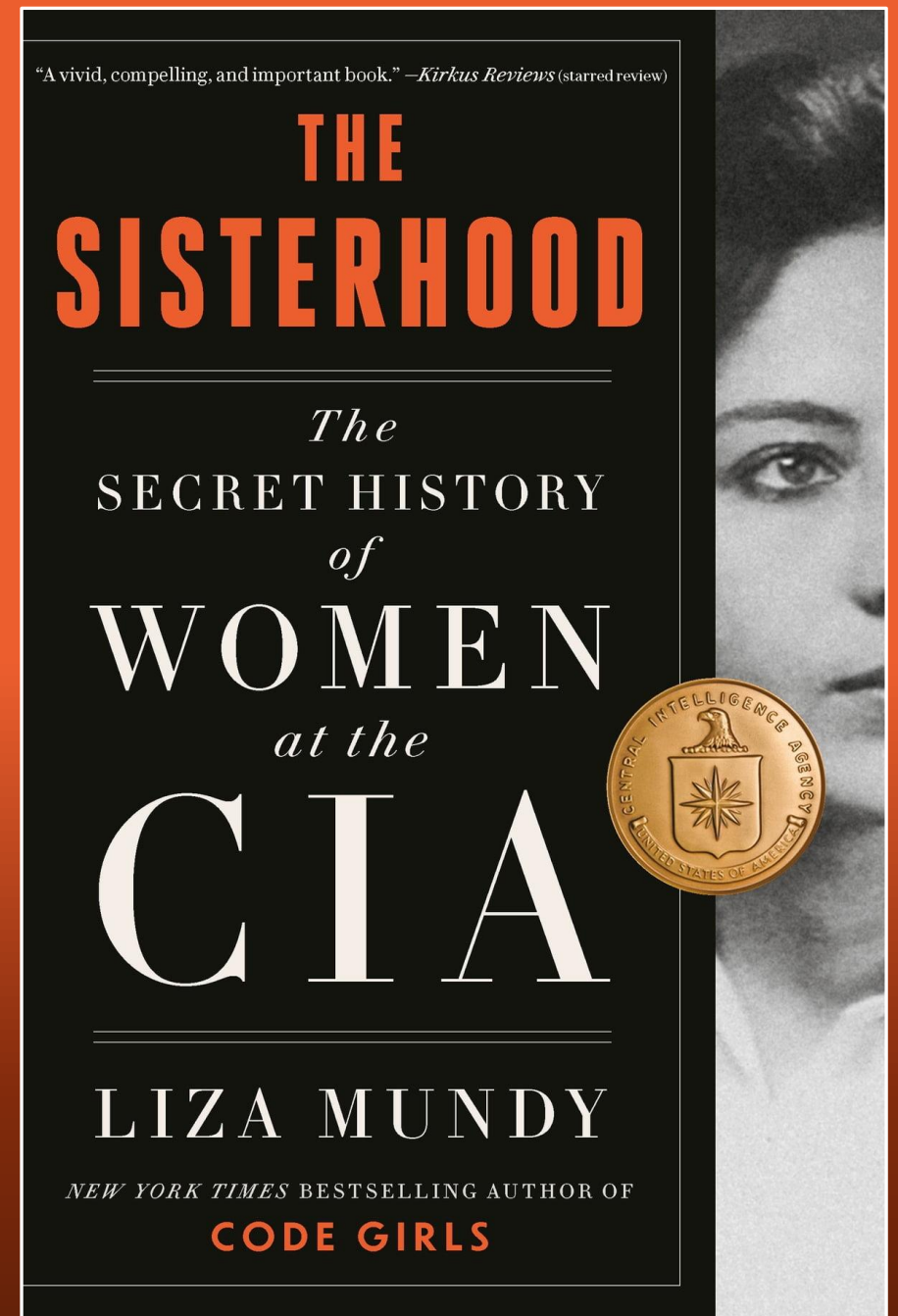


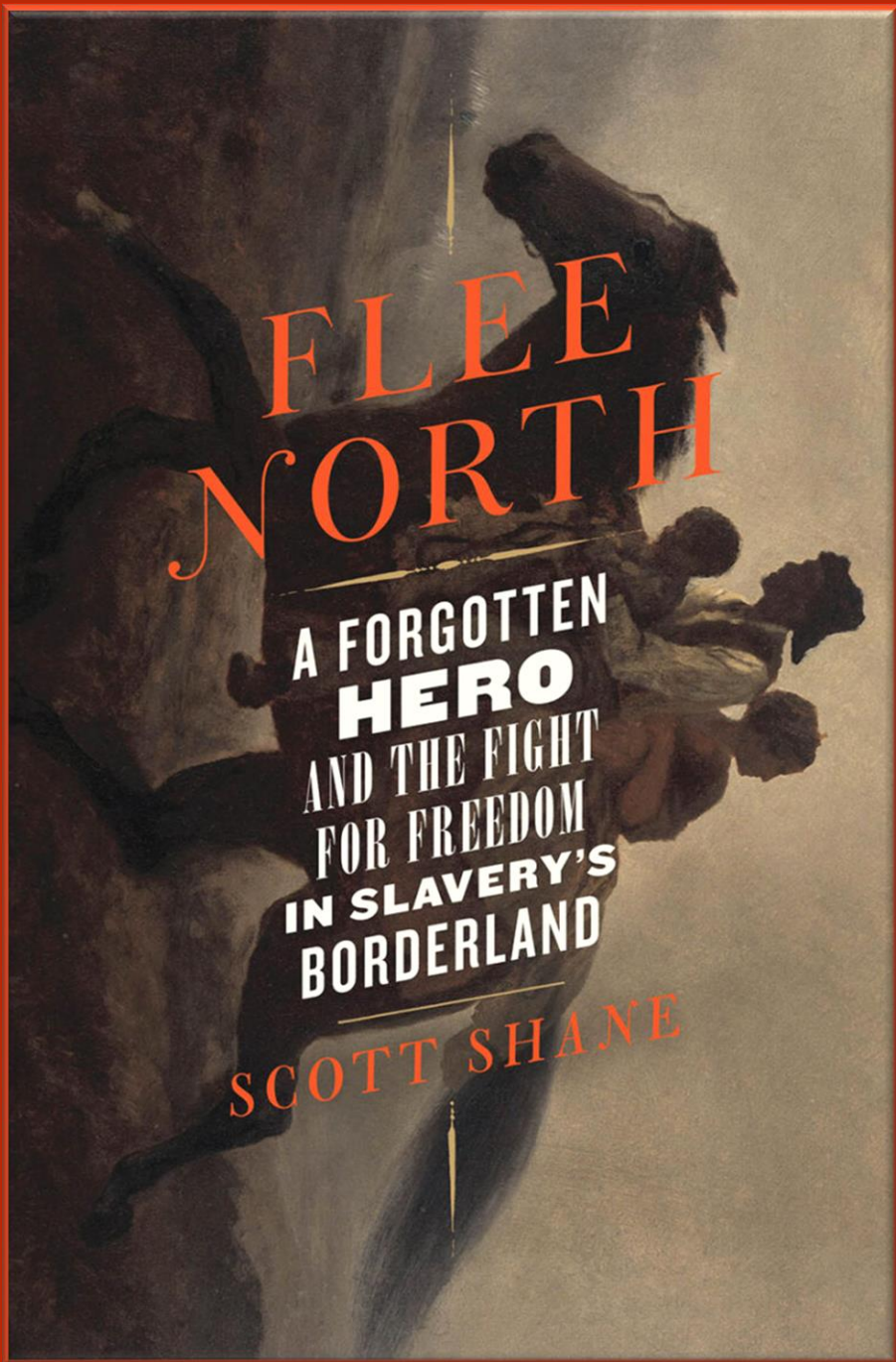
A blend of science, memoir and philosophy

Starred by Booklist

A history of how women moved unnoticed in much of the work of the CIA which enabled them to accomplish many things.

Starred by Kirkus Reviews and Booklist



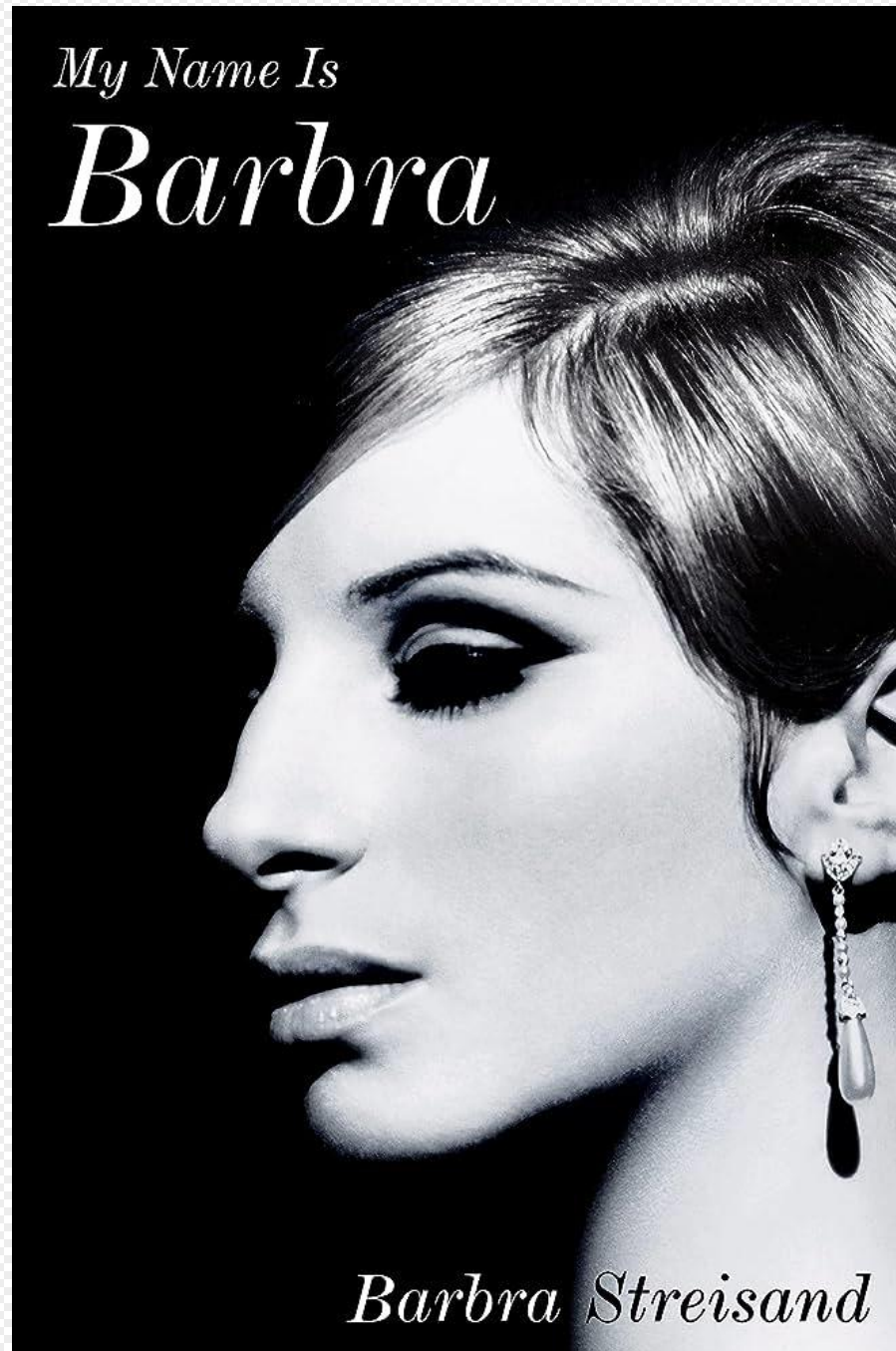


The story of Thomas Smallwood, a freed slave, who worked as a shoemaker within an easy walk from the U.S. Capitol. He worked to free slaves, publishing their stories in newspapers.

A “lively, readable narrative...”

Starred by Booklist and  
Publisher’s Weekly

Memoir  
from a  
legendary  
woman





A  
BRILLIANT  
LIFE

“A delicate, evocative story of strength and survival that turns on one of the most powerful forces in the known universe: a mother’s love.”  
—JONATHAN FREEDLAND,  
bestselling author of  
*The Escape Artist*

*My Mother’s  
Inspiring  
True Story  
of Surviving  
the Holocaust*



RACHELLE UNREICH

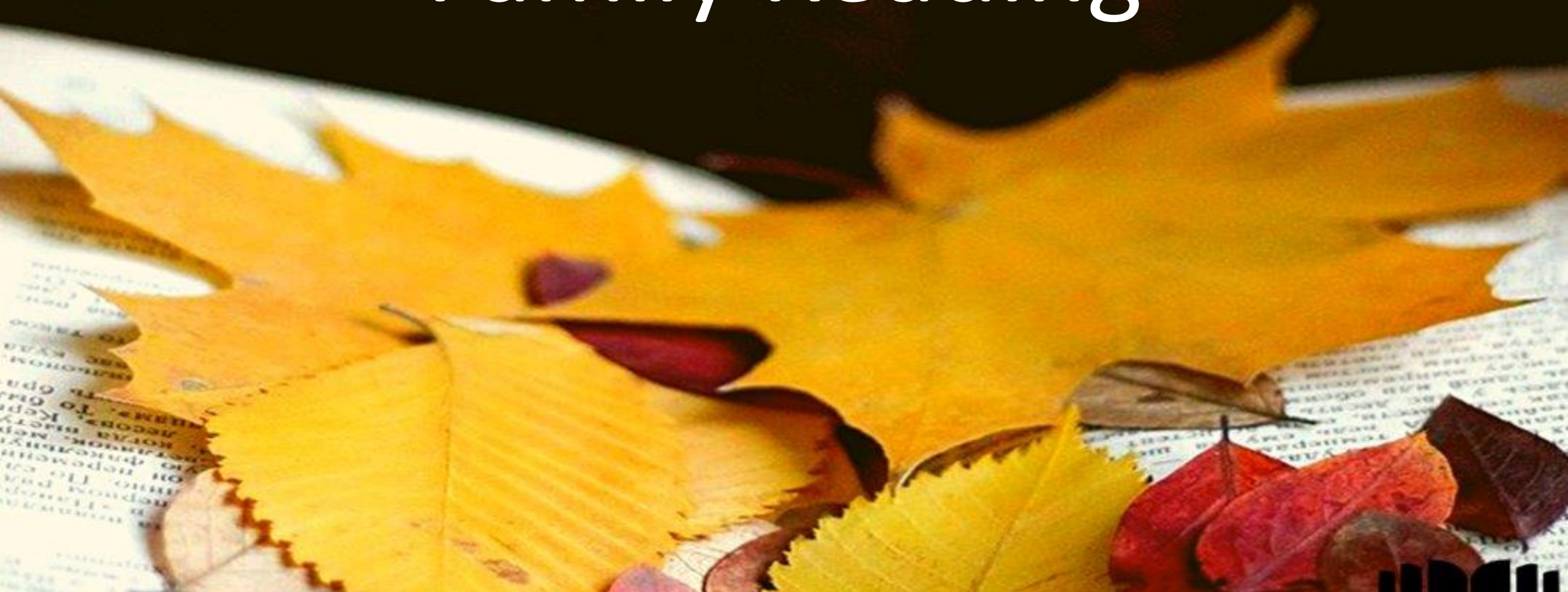
A journalist interviews her mother, who is battling terminal cancer, and discovers the deep resilience that enabled her to survive concentration camps in Nazi Germany. A bonding experience for both mother and daughter.

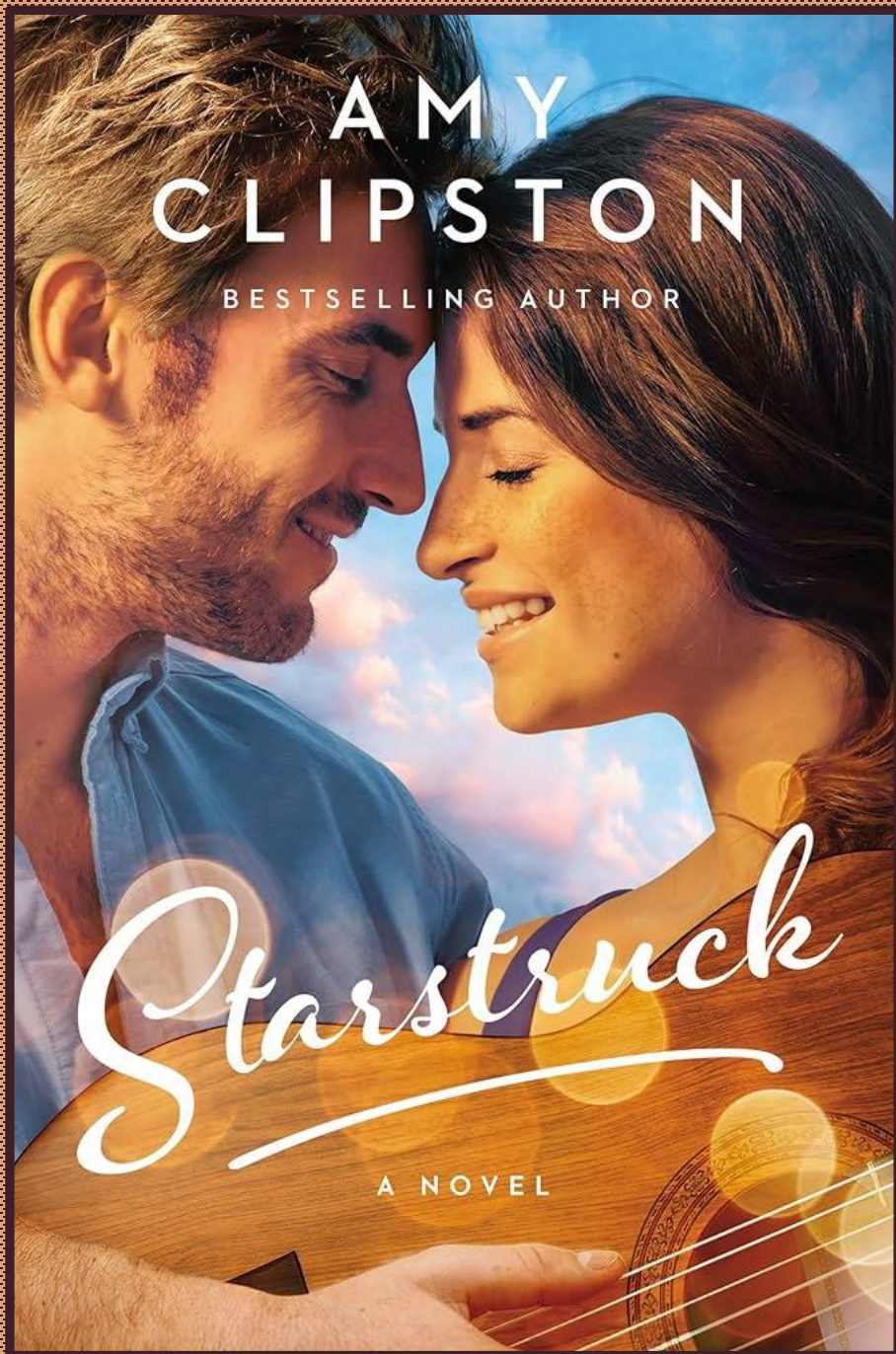


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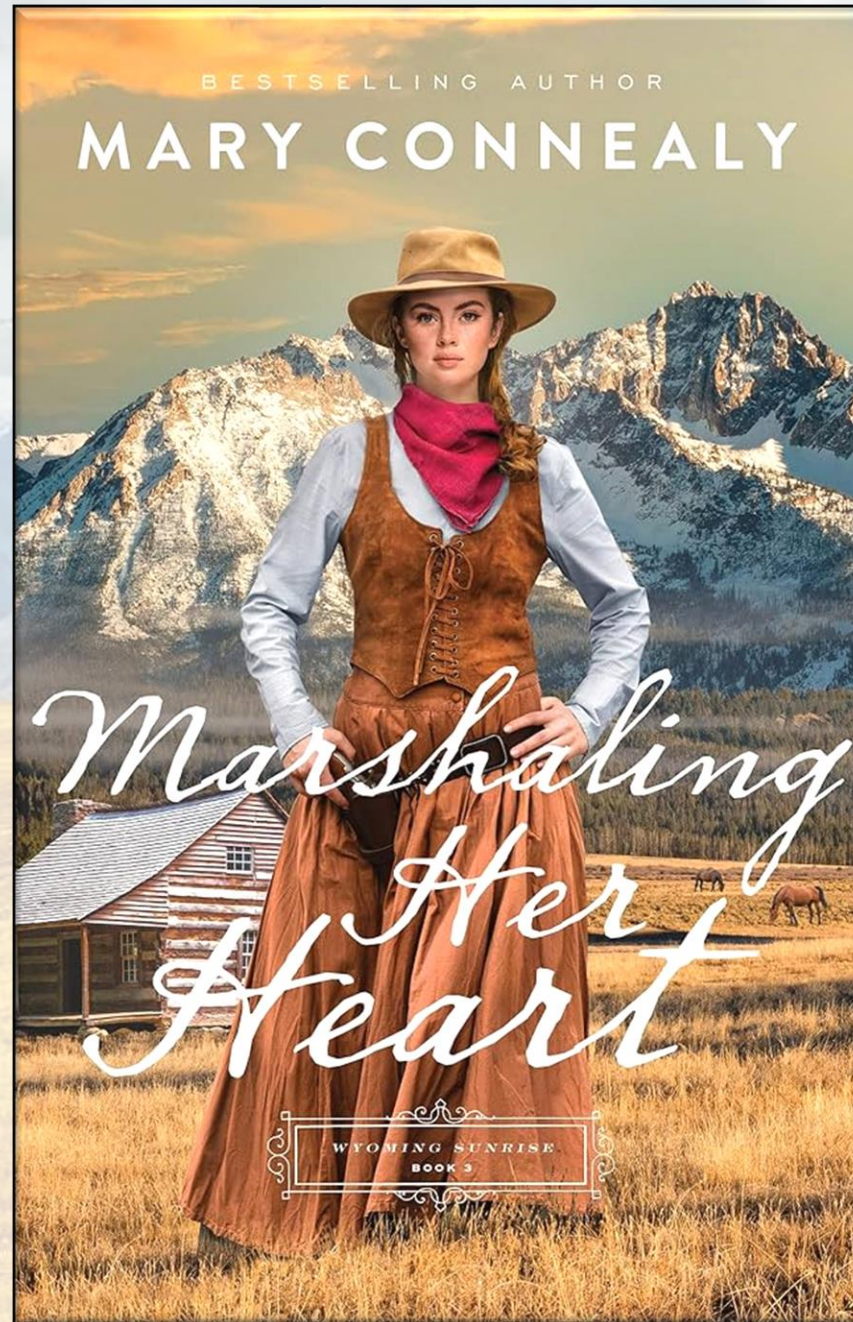
Family Reading





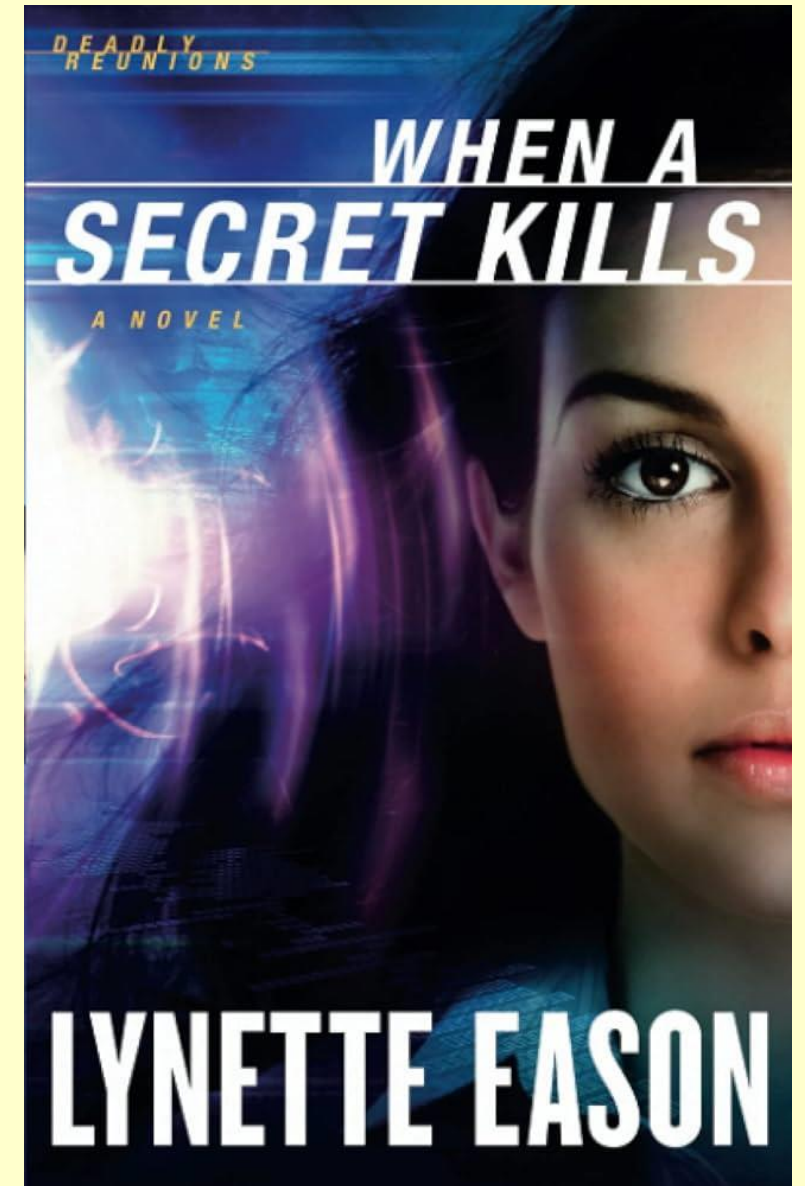
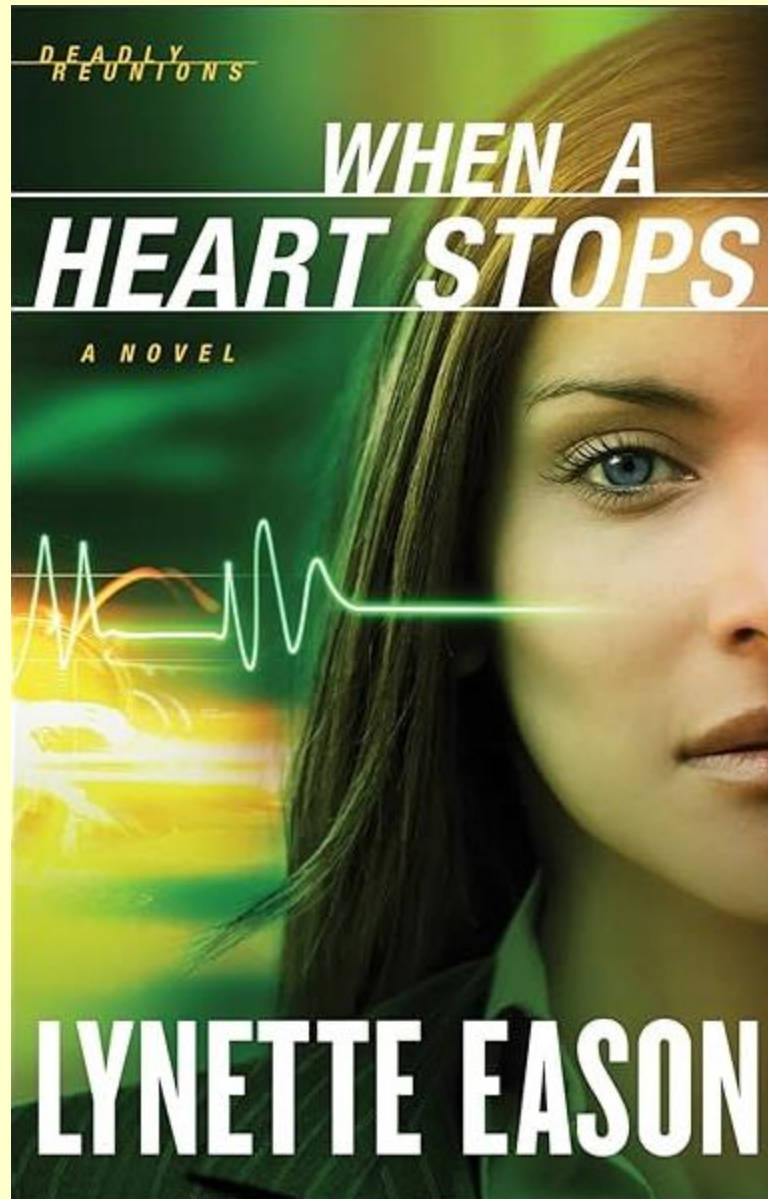
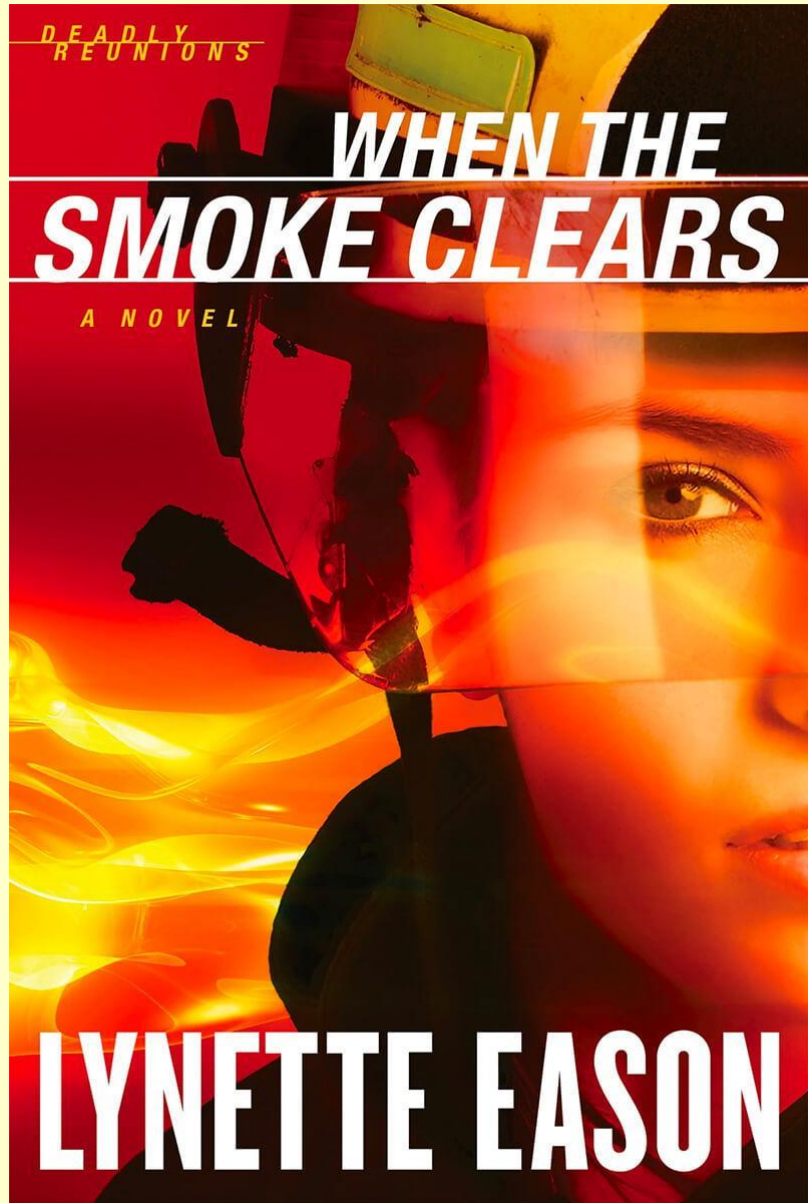
A rock band breaks out into a rowdy food fight in a family restaurant. To make amends the star of the band invites the waitress to be their guest at the upcoming concert. The two find they have many interests in common but must navigate the hassles that come with fame and the public eye. A stand-alone contemporary romance.

# Book 3 of Wyoming Sunrise Series



“This rousing conclusion...is an exhilarating blend of humor, romance, and adventure.”

Deadly Reunions Book Series



JERRY JENKINS PRESENTS

# Saving Grayson

*a novel*

Bestselling author of *War Room*

**Chris Fabry**

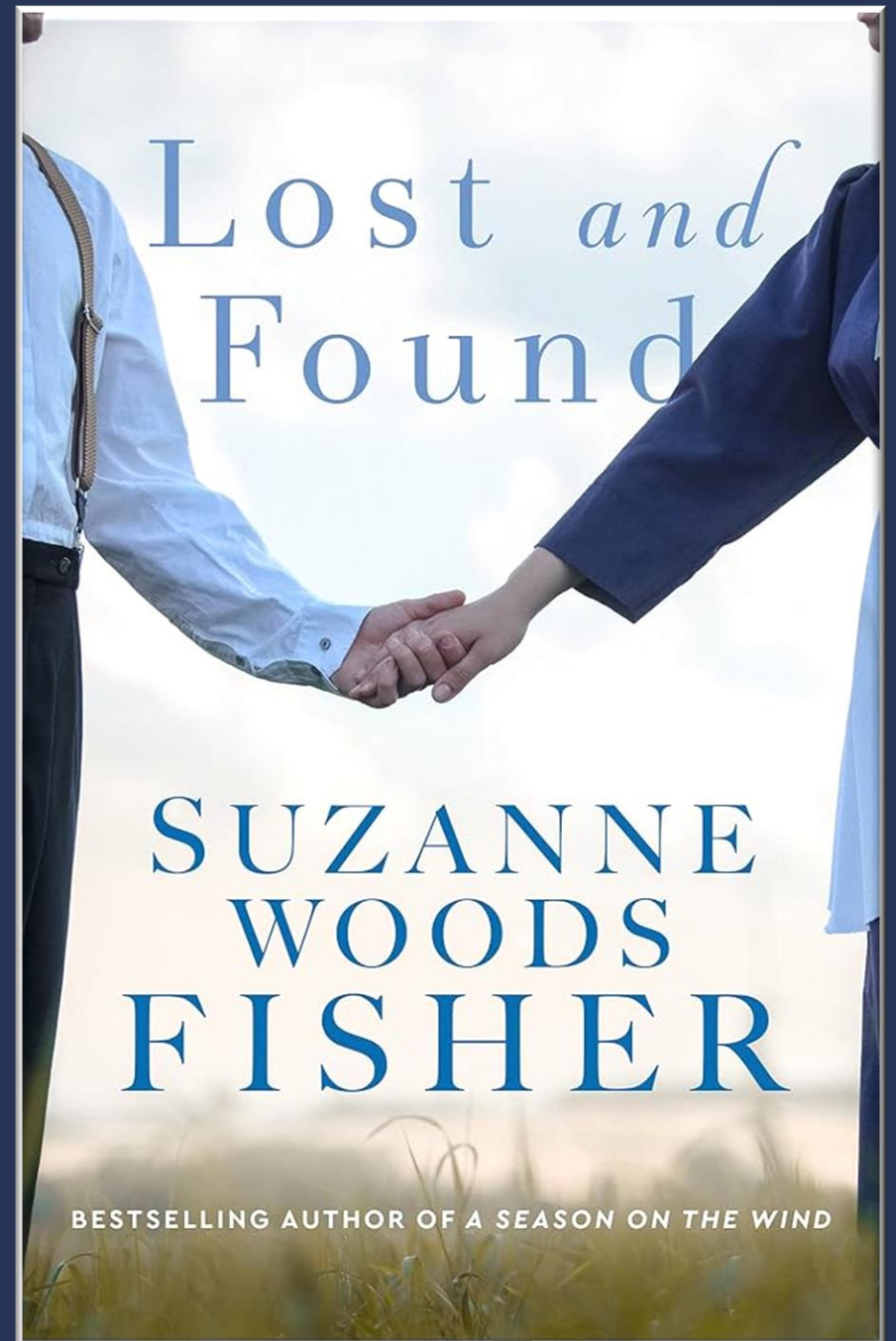
Battling Alzheimer's, a man tries to correct an injustice he has trouble remembering. He is anxious to take care of it before time runs out. An exploration of dealing with memory loss and finding forgiveness.

Trudy's interest in Micah goes beyond their common interest in birding.

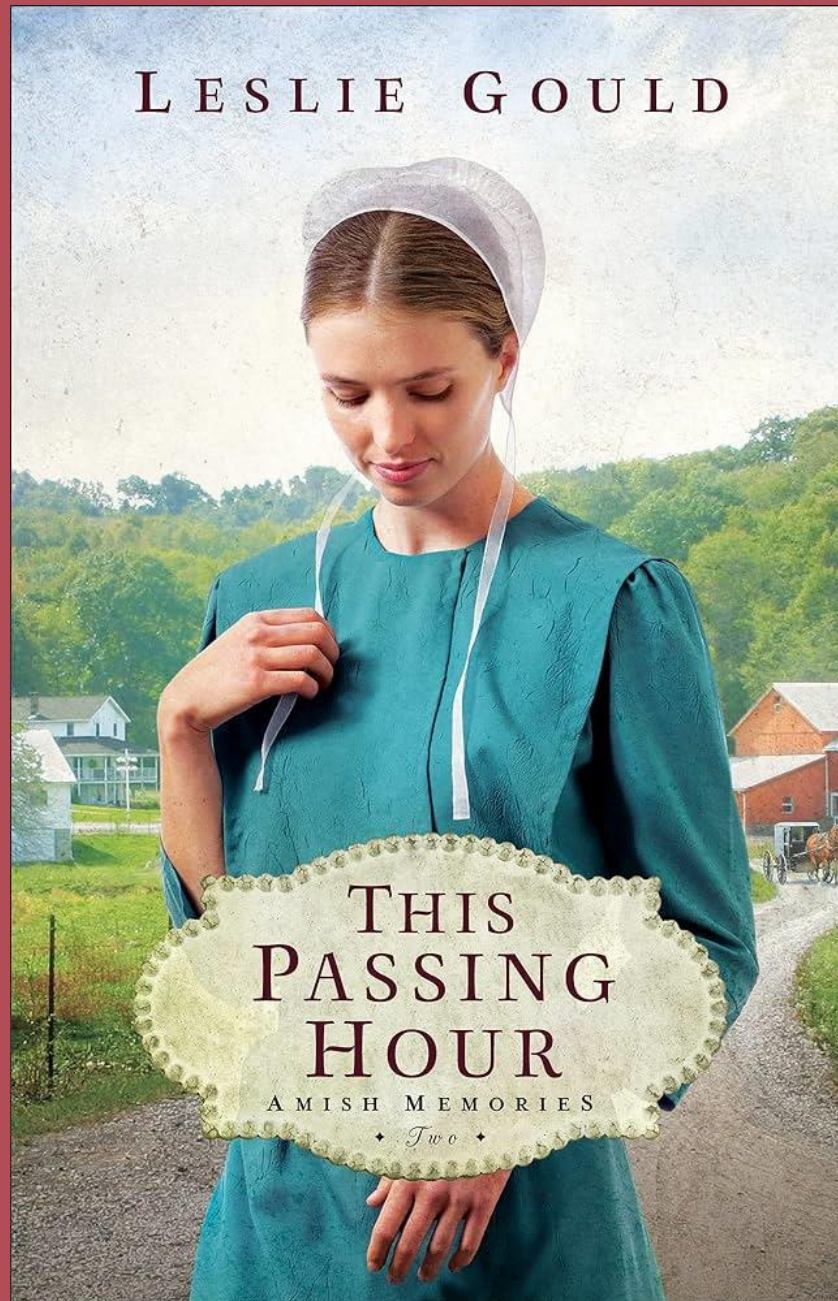
Trudy's older sister, Shelley, has run away to pursue a singing career in Nashville.

Micah, who once cared for Shelley, accepts an opportunity to travel to Tennessee in hopes of finding Shelley.

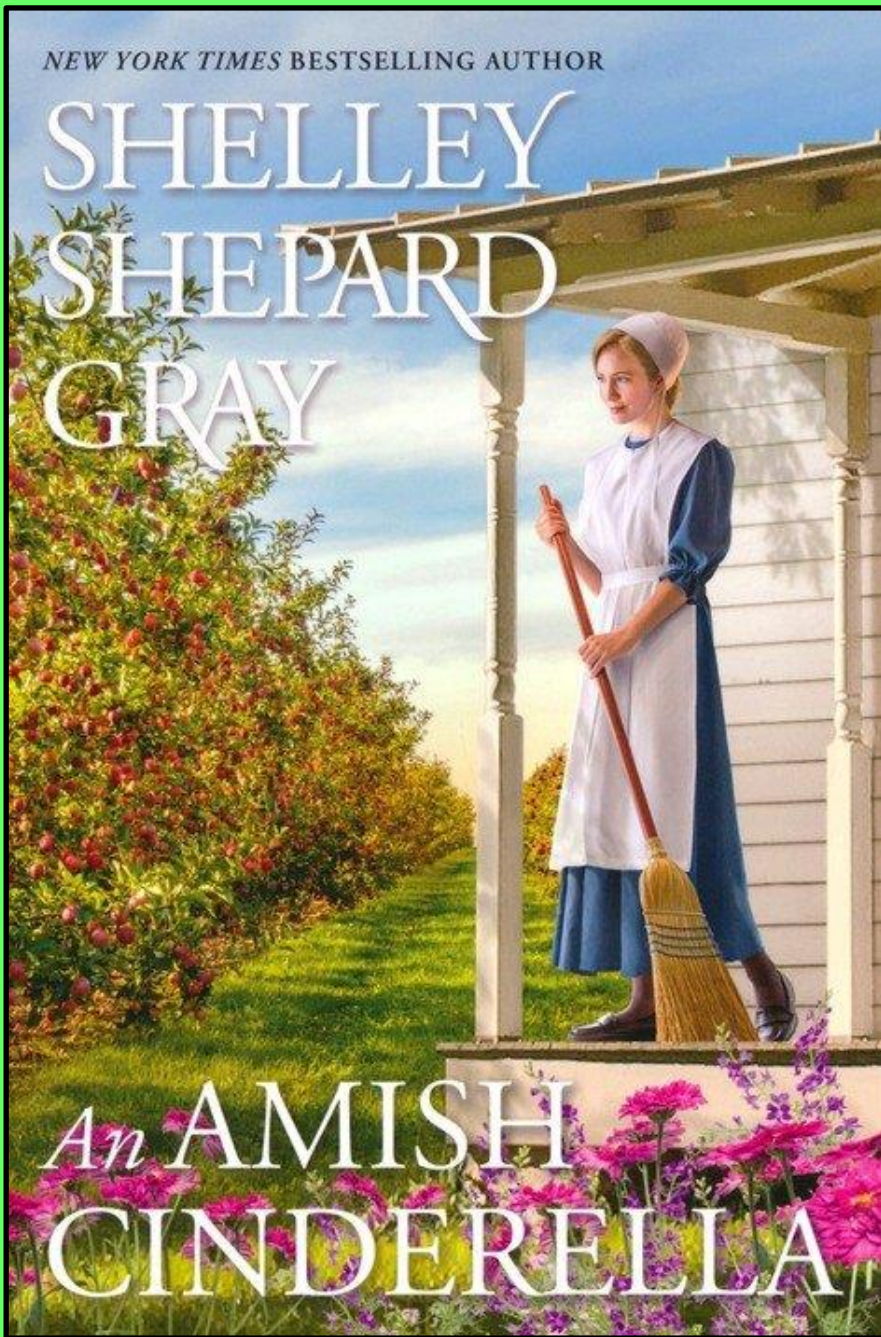
What Micah finds isn't what he expects and what he is looking for isn't necessarily what he finds.



A young woman moves to Lancaster county Pennsylvania to live with her grandparents after the death of her own parents. Rising above her own grief to reach out to another who is hurting she befriends a disabled veteran.



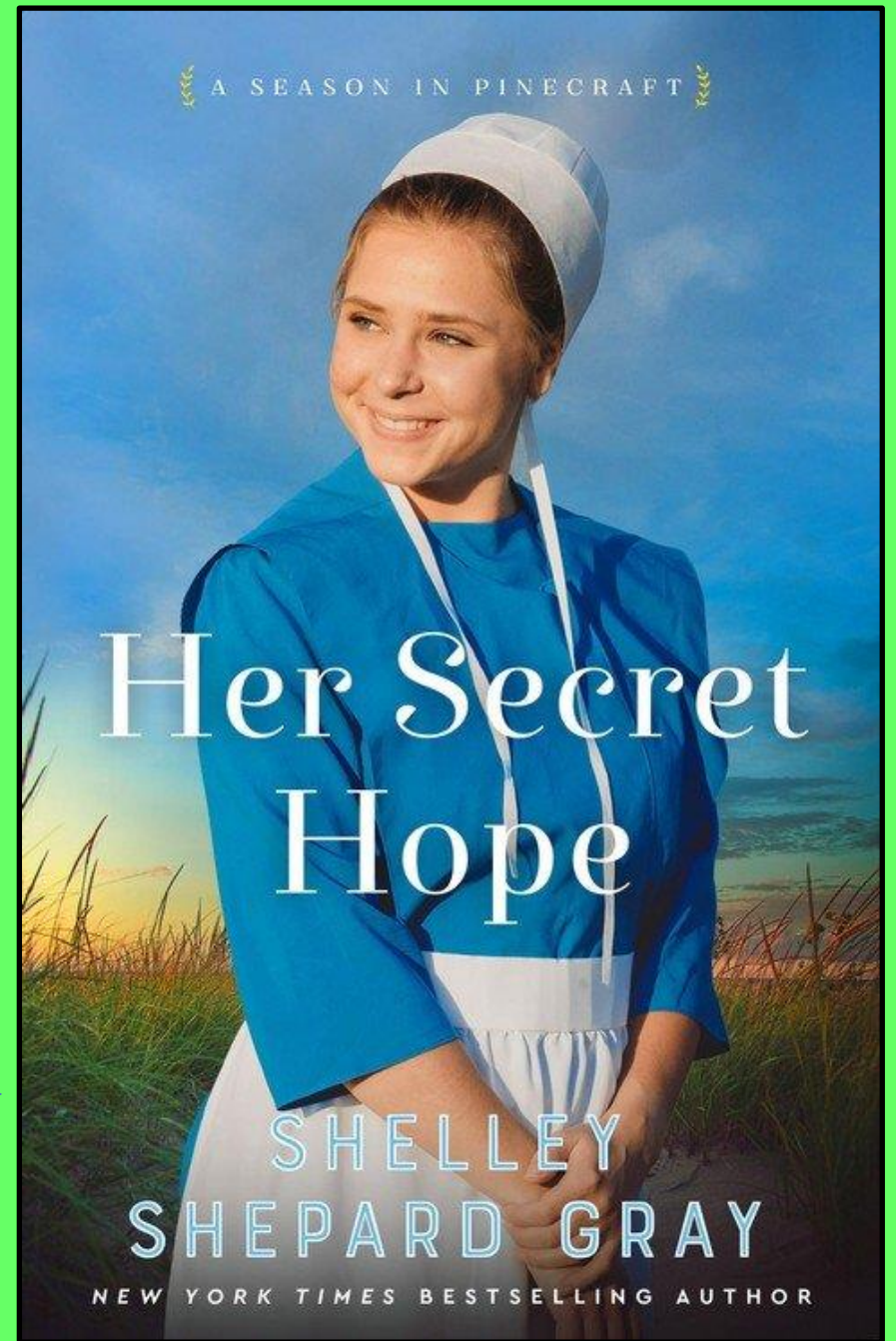
A distant relative served in the Red Cross during World War 2 and supervised POW's. This story from her history inspires her to pursue what is best in the current challenge she is facing. Book 2 of the series



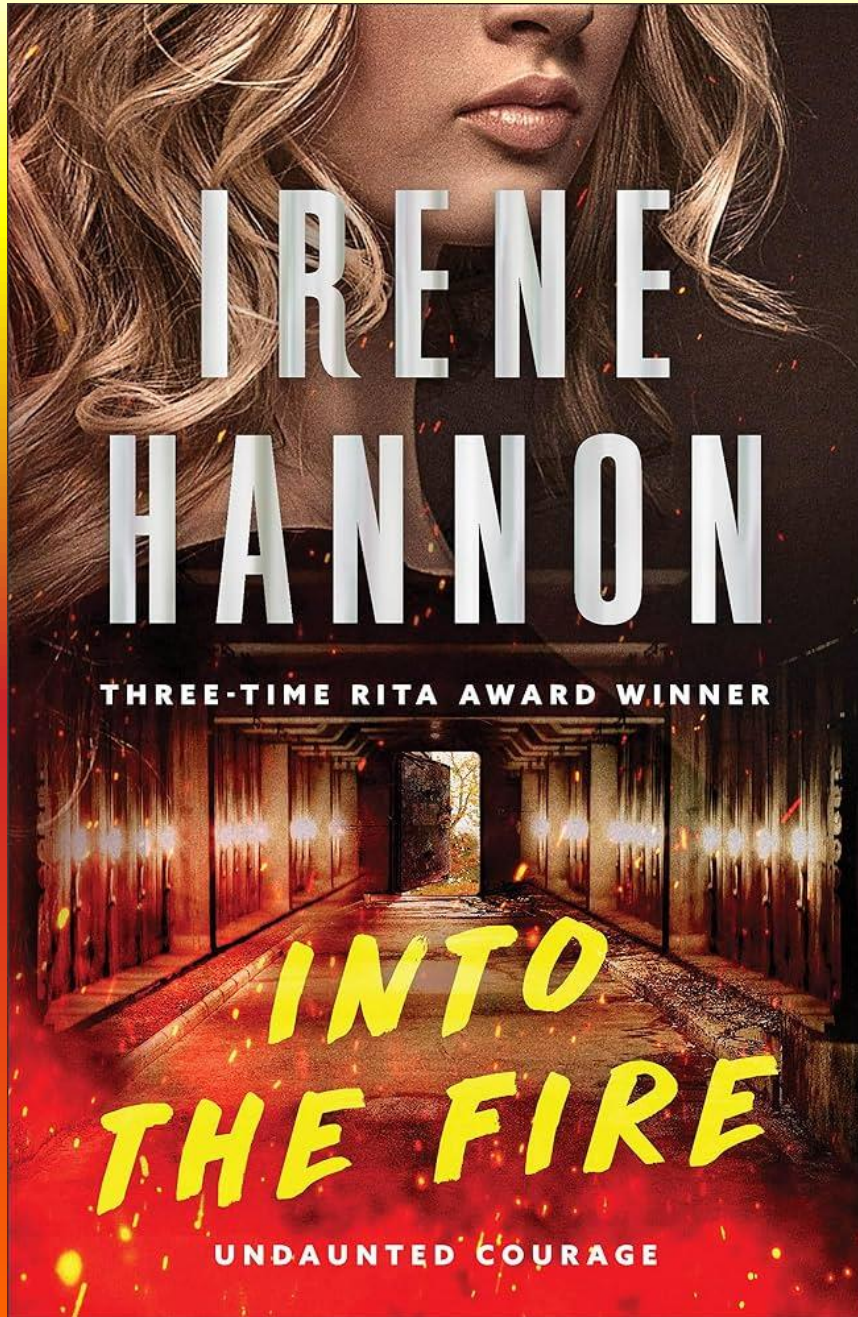
Two new titles from a popular author

← Book 3 of Amish of Apple Creek Series

→ Book 3 of A Season in Pinecraft Series







When a former coworker of an arson investigator is killed, she inherits a puzzle from him that seems to indicate his death was connected to the fires he was investigating. She must continue to find answers even in the face of danger.

A romantic suspense, the first in a new series.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

# KAREN KINGSBURY

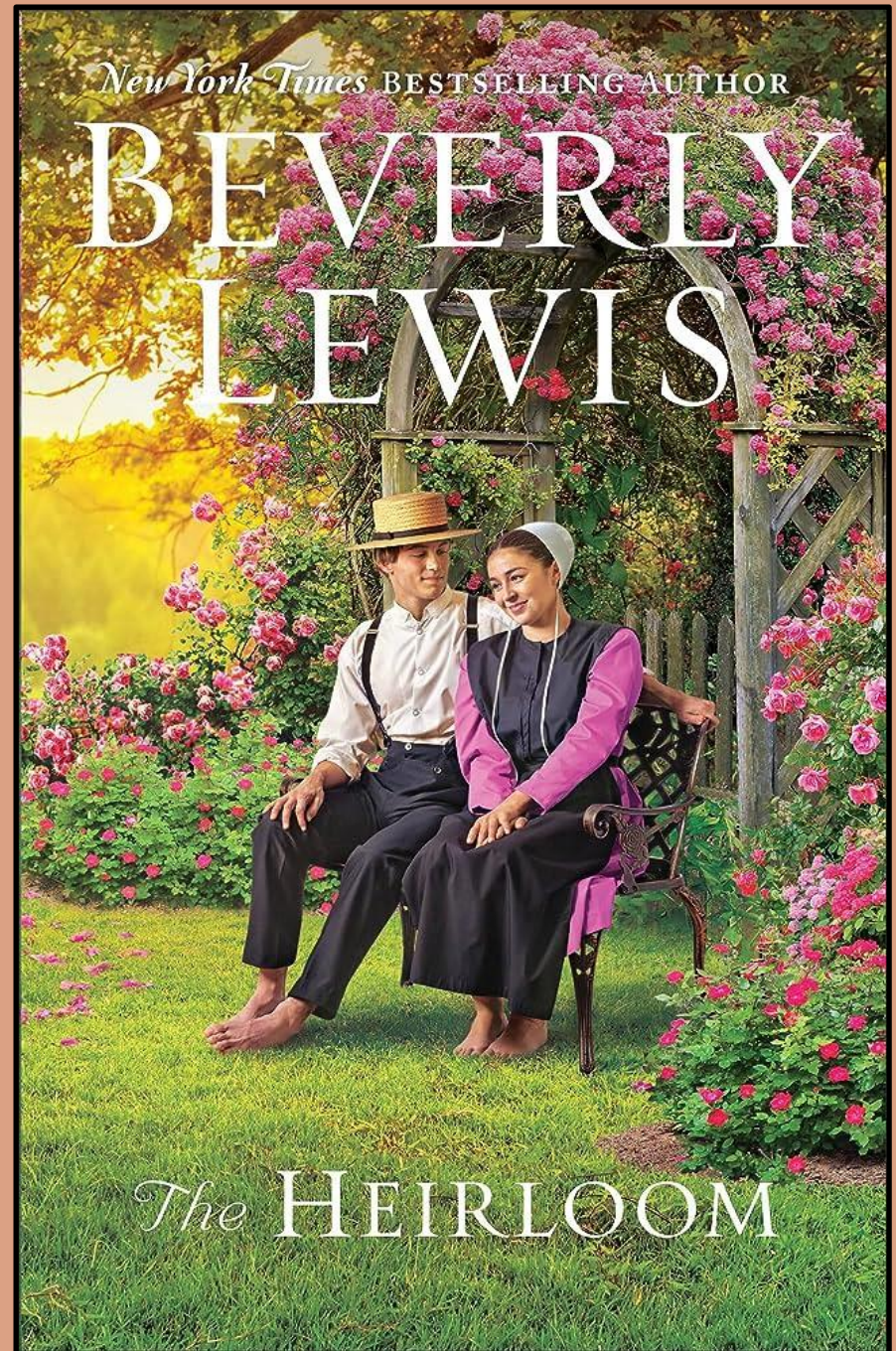
*A Love Story*

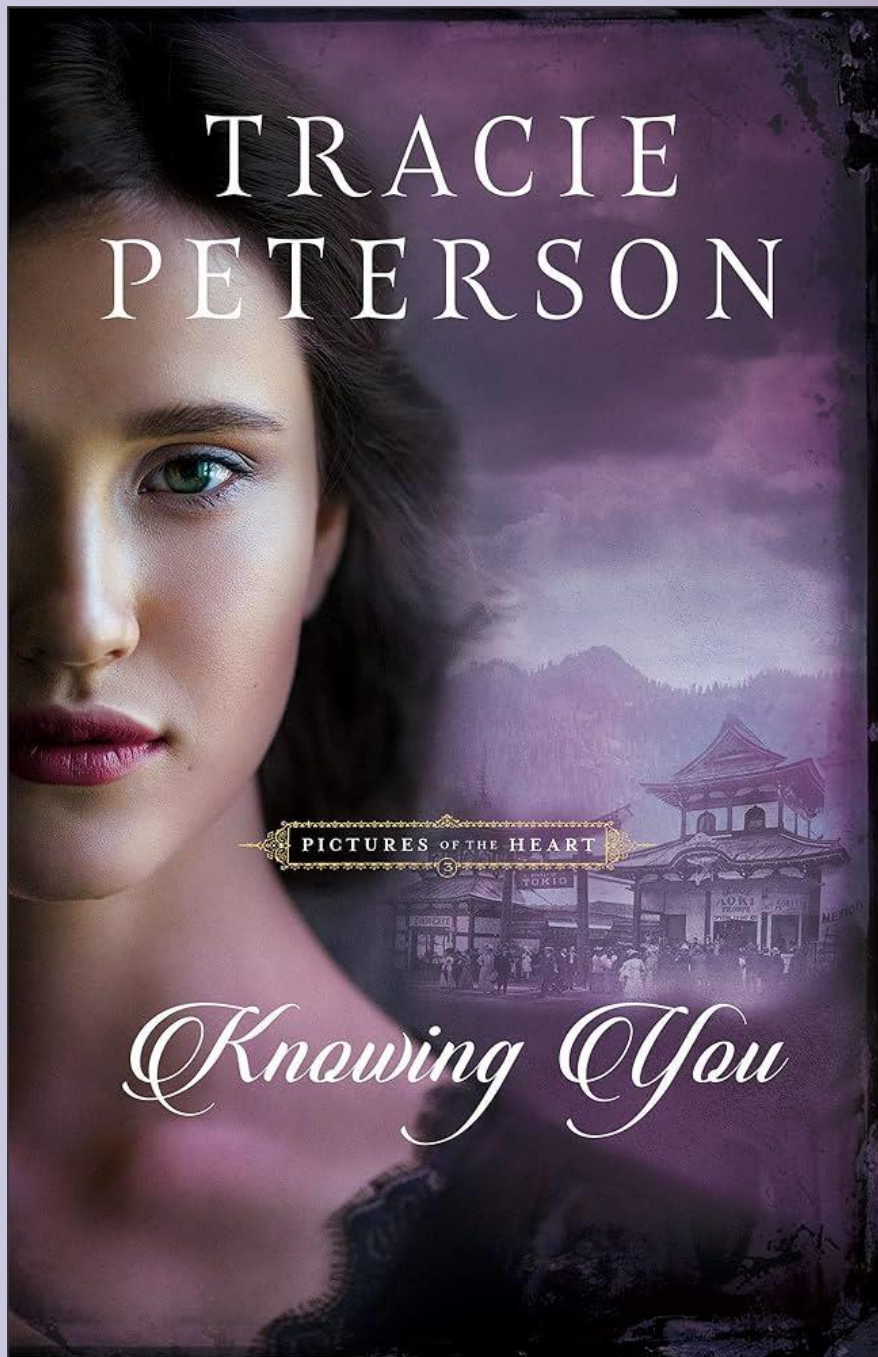
# JUST ONCE

A woman caught  
in a love triangle  
is asked to work  
as a spy and no  
one is to know.  
Set in WW 2 era  
Indiana.

A young woman visits her great-aunt as she tries to determine the direction of her future. The women form an understanding bond and work together to restore an heirloom quilt.

A prequel to “The Shunning”





TRACIE  
PETERSON

PICTURES OF THE HEART

*Knowing You*

A budding artist whose mother  
was from Japan

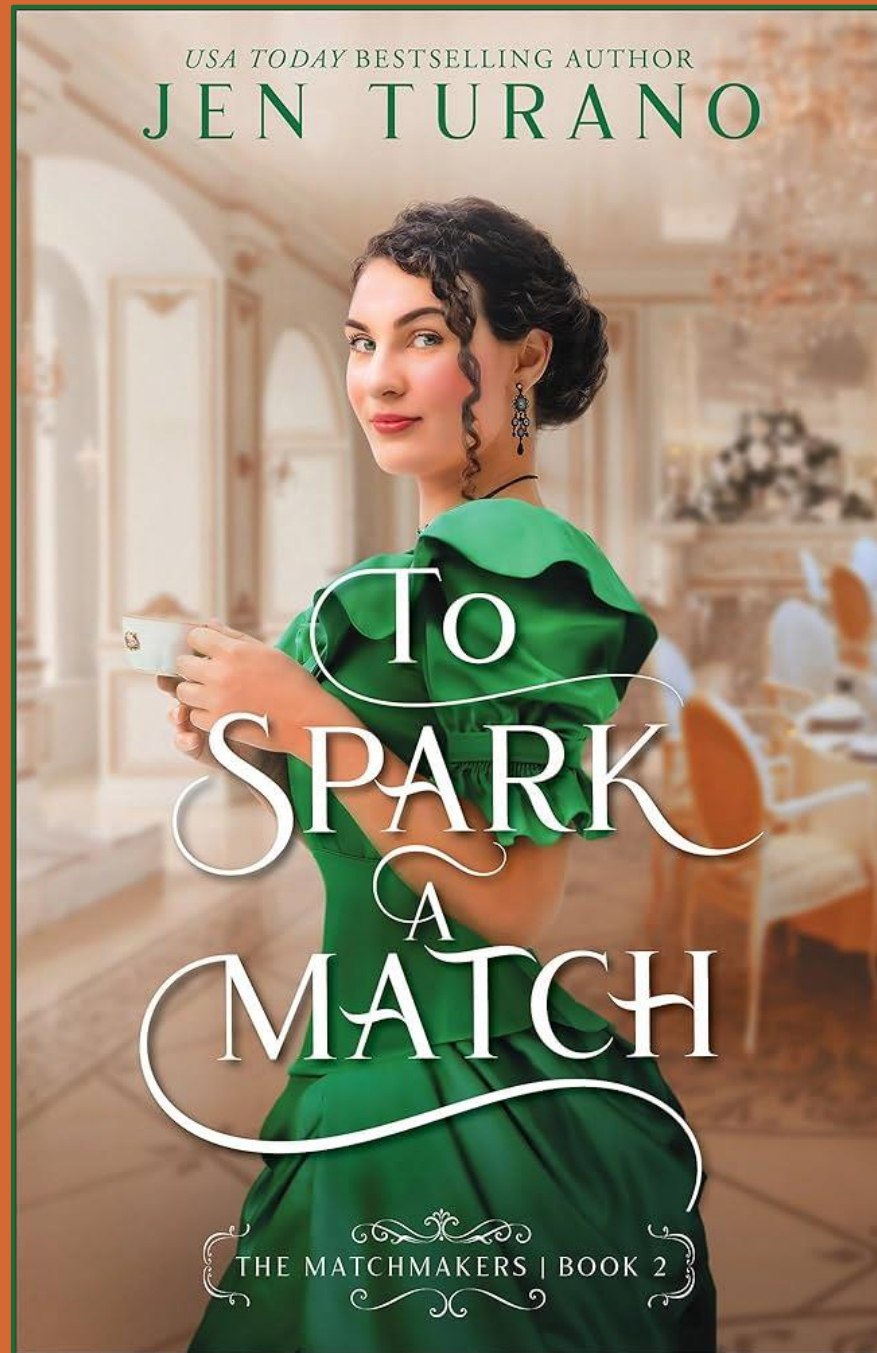
A Japanese art exhibit

An art heist

A reunion of childhood friends

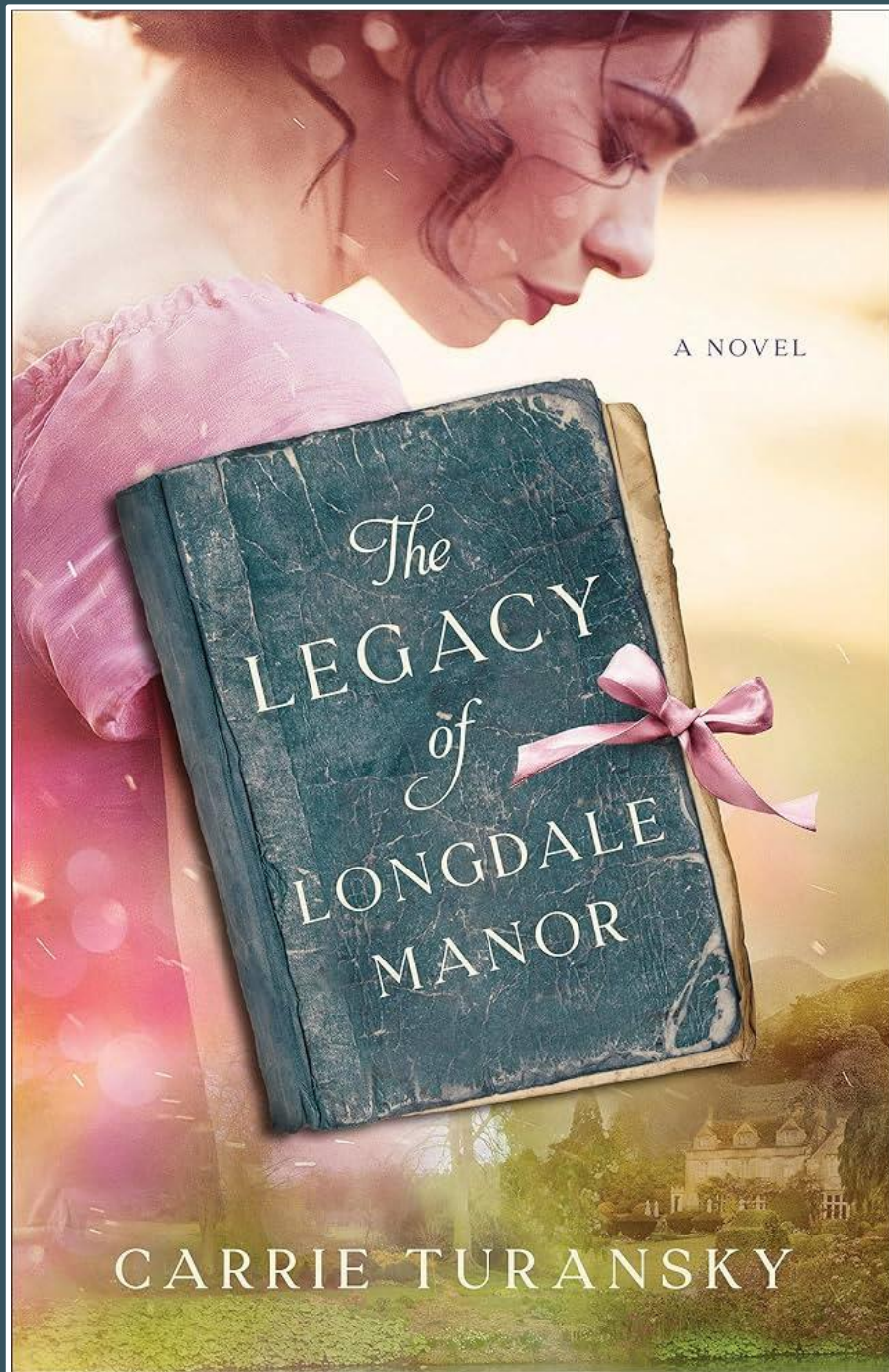
Book #3 in the Series

Expecting that she will become a spinster and find comfort in her books and her cats, a young woman stumbles into an intrigue that could threaten her life.



In an attempt to protect her, a former intelligence agent works to promote her as someone anyone who is fashionable should know

Book 2 in the series



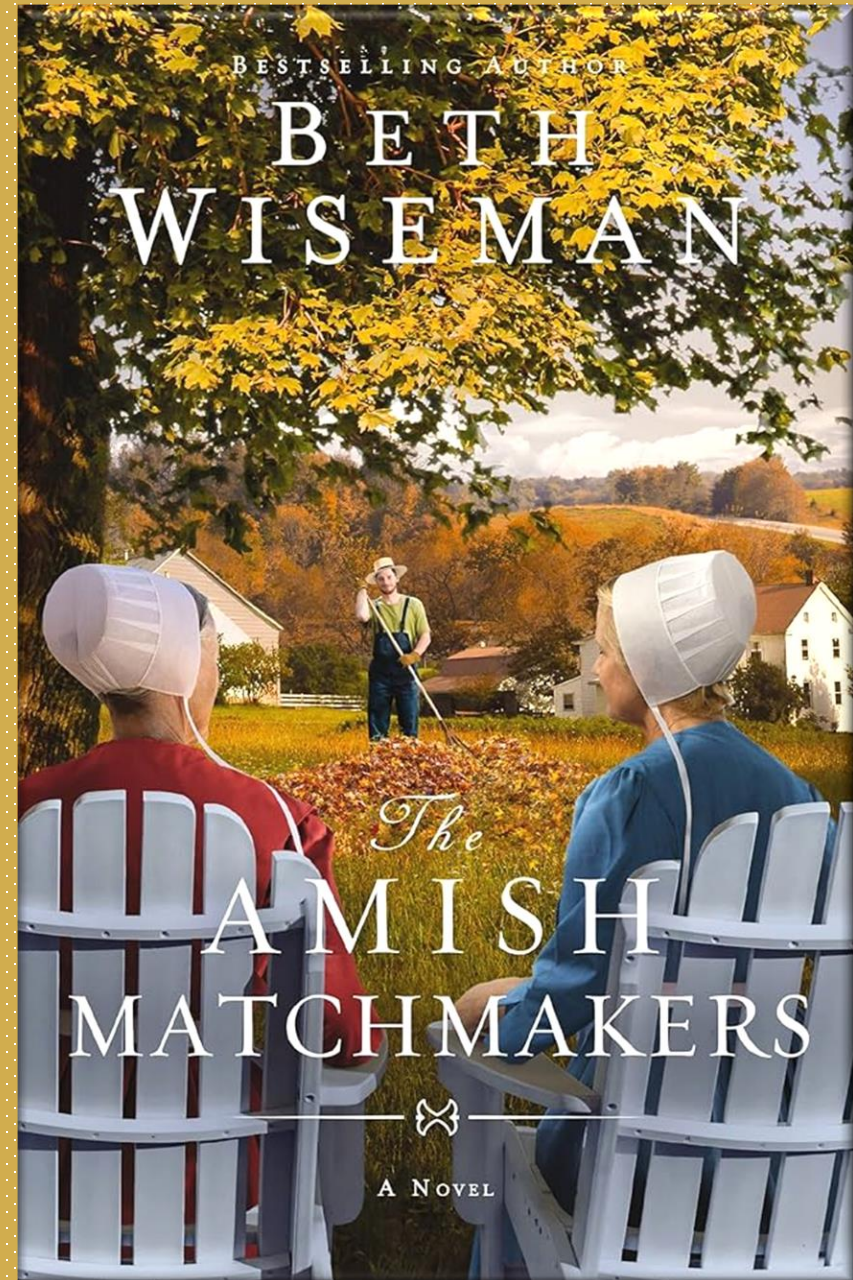
An art historian visits Longdale Manor to appraise the paintings and antiques so the owner can restore it into a luxury hotel. While there she discovers a century old diary containing a secret and a carved shepherd's staff similar to one she has seen in a photo of her parents.

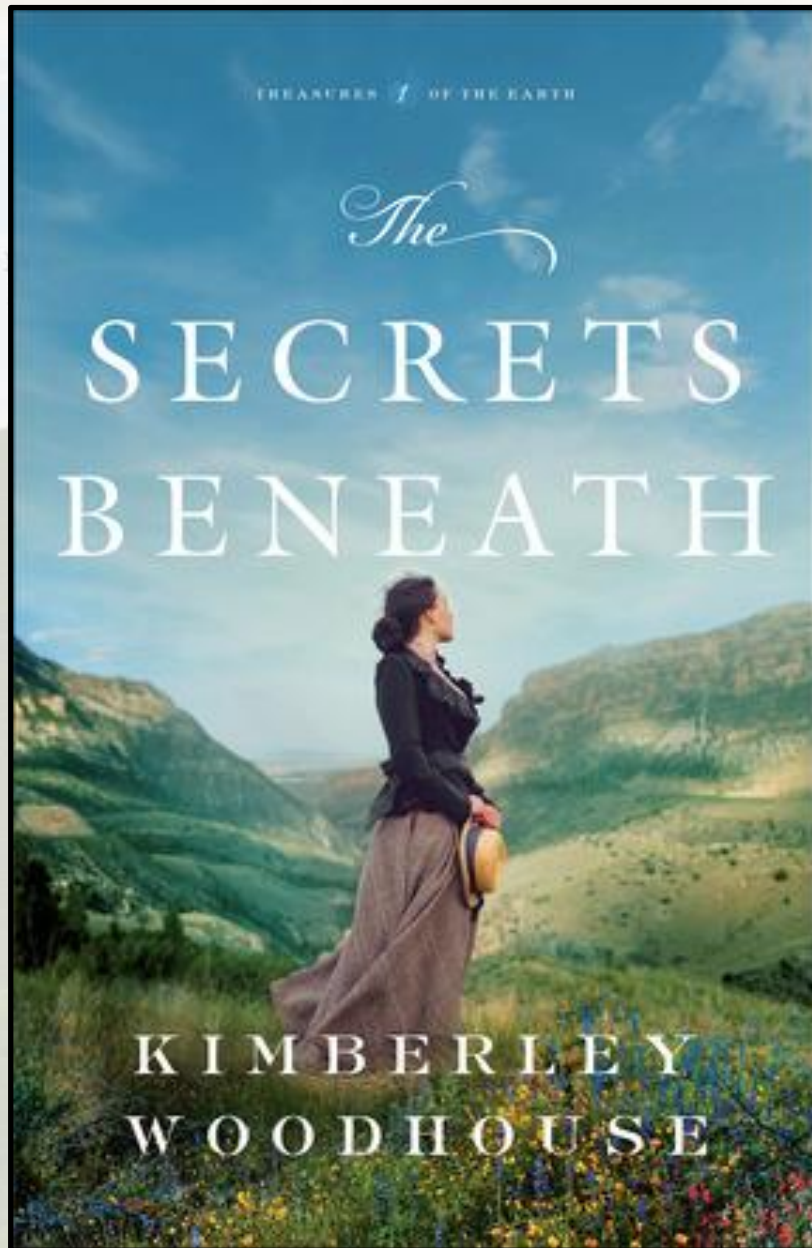


Two women, a century apart, find healing, faith, forgiveness and love.

Two widowed sisters are innkeepers and matchmakers in their community. When a retired dentist is a guest at their inn, it is possible one of them will find her own match. Meanwhile, the doctor's granddaughter moves to the area to be closer to her grandfather. Then things really start happening.

A standalone novel set in the world of the Amish Inn series.



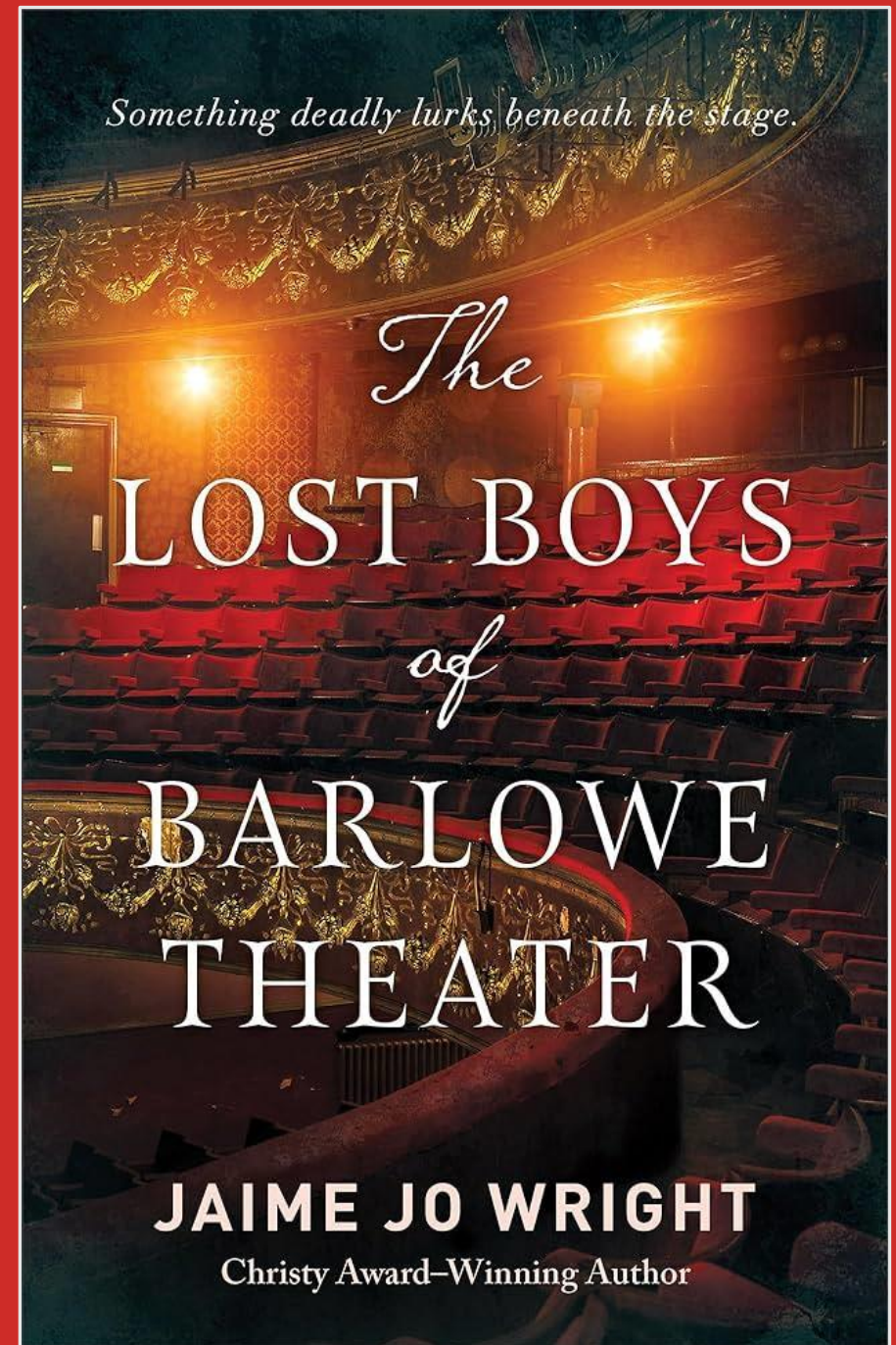


Anna has accompanied her father on his digs, making sketches as needed. When they discover dinosaur bones they are caught up in the whirl of the find. When her father is taken ill and a previous beau returns, Anna's world starts to unravel. Then the nephew of her old flame goes missing in the same way his sister had several years ago. As the situation grows tense, Anna finds that unearthing secrets can be a very dangerous task.



The theater has a history of deaths and disappearances. When Kit's friend vanishes during a ghost walk, a ghost hunting TV host visits the theater. Kit agrees to work with him to discover the secret behind the theater's history in the hopes of finding her friend.

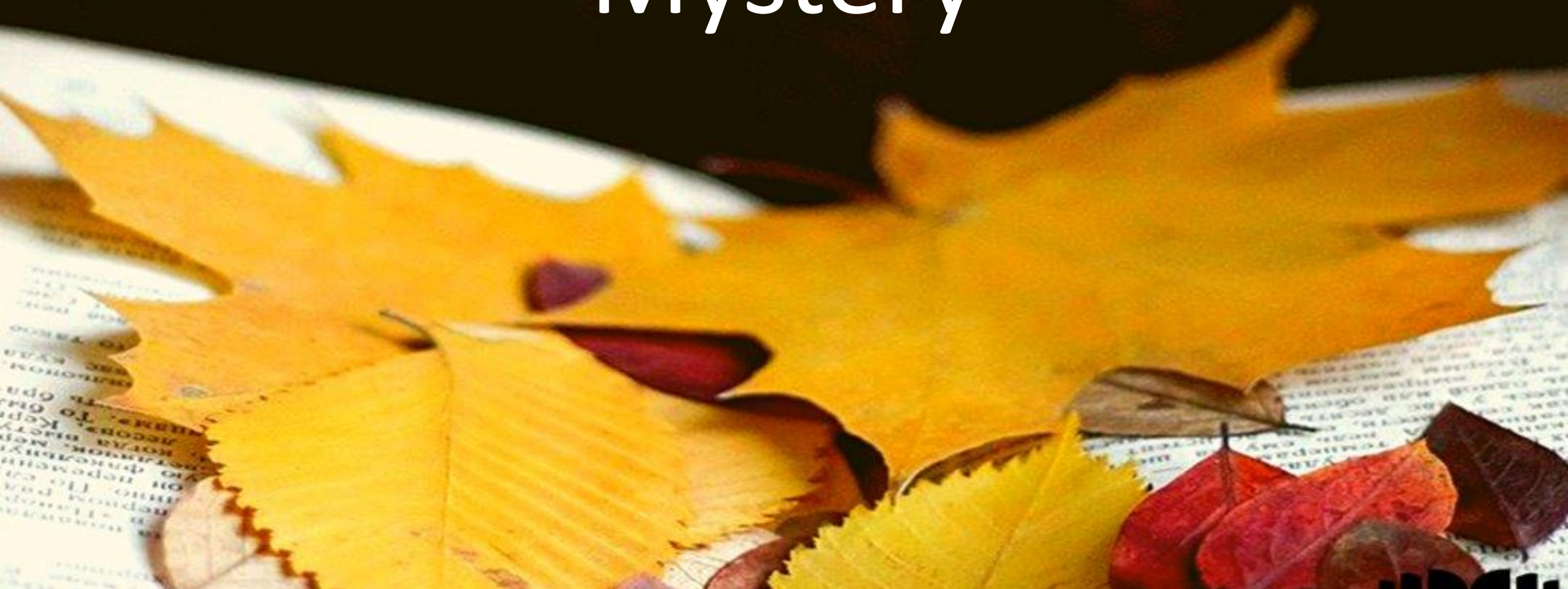
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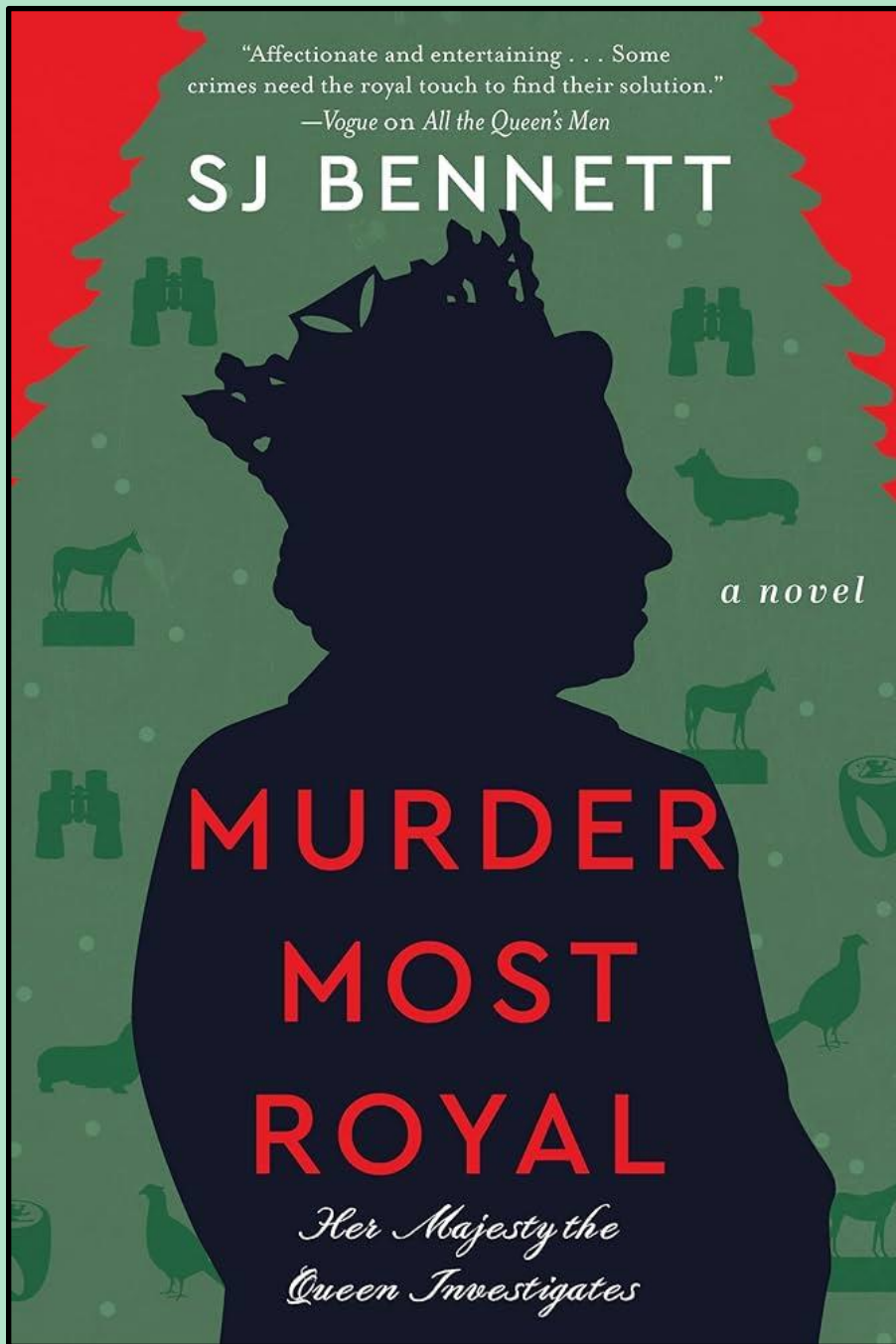


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Mystery

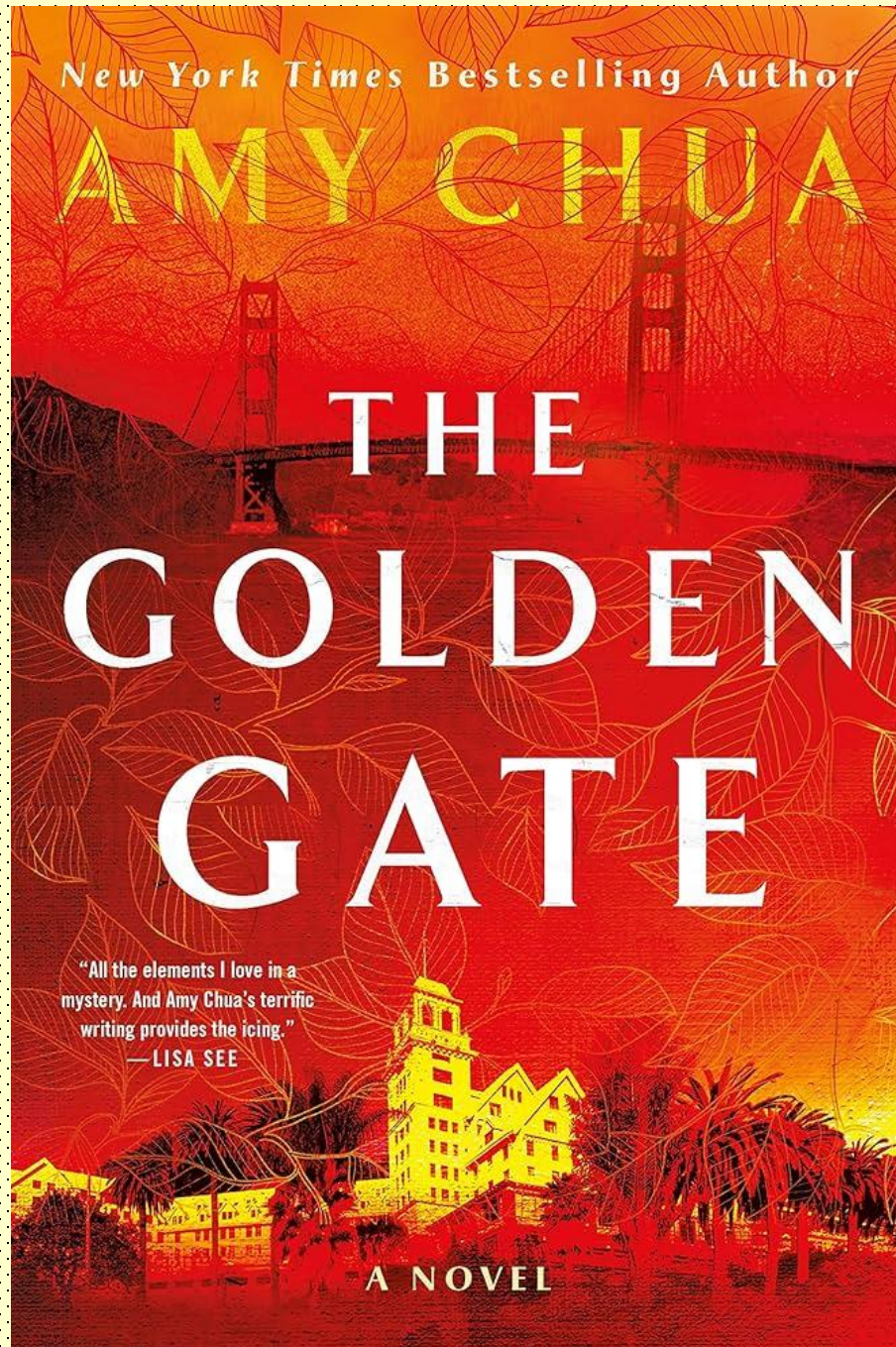




Queen Elizabeth is looking forward to spending Christmas with family when the holiday celebrations are interrupted by the discovery of a severed hand. On the hand is a signet ring, identifying it as belonging to a member of a nearby family who are old friends.

Book 3 of the series “Her Majesty the Queen Investigates”

Set in a California hotel in 1944, a detective researches a previous murder in connection with the one he is investigating, uncovering connections with wealth and power.



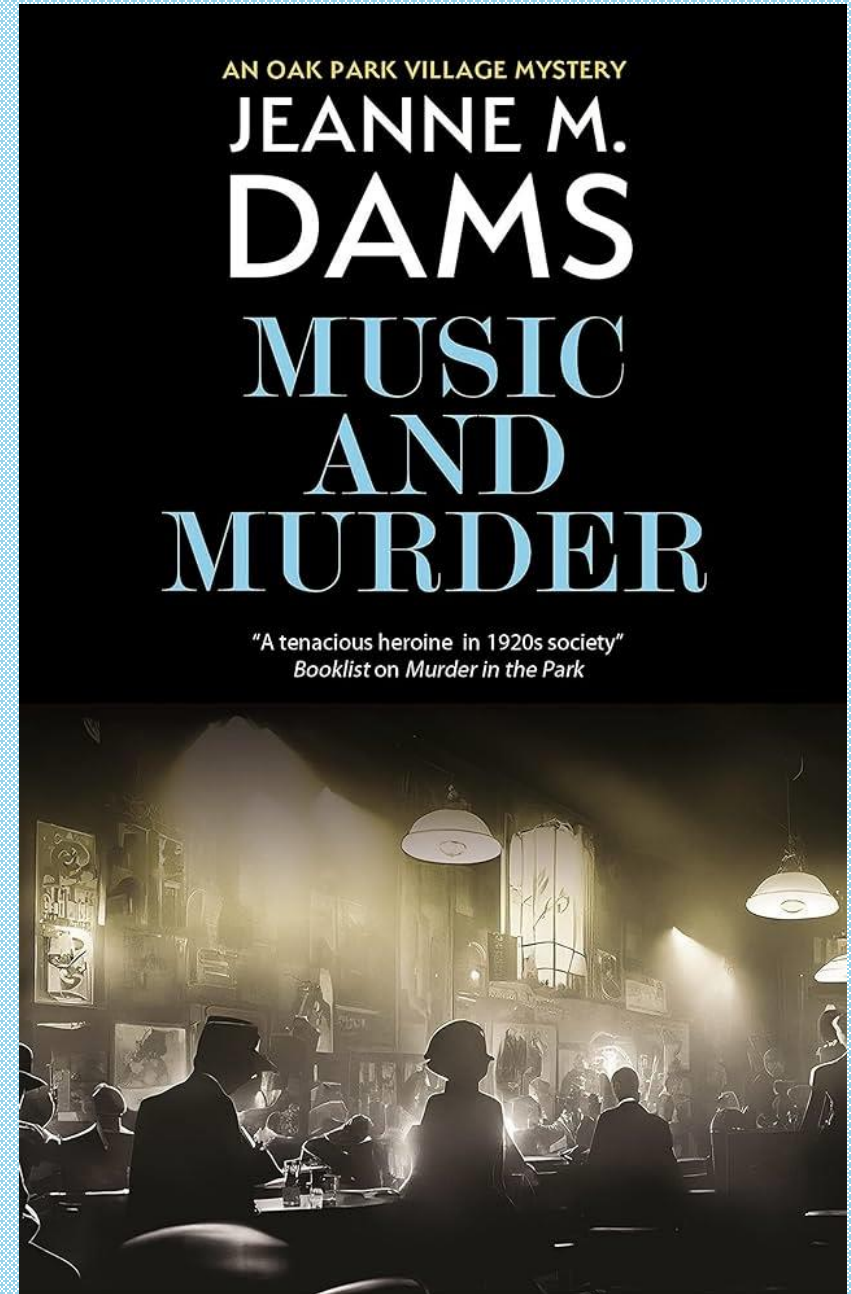
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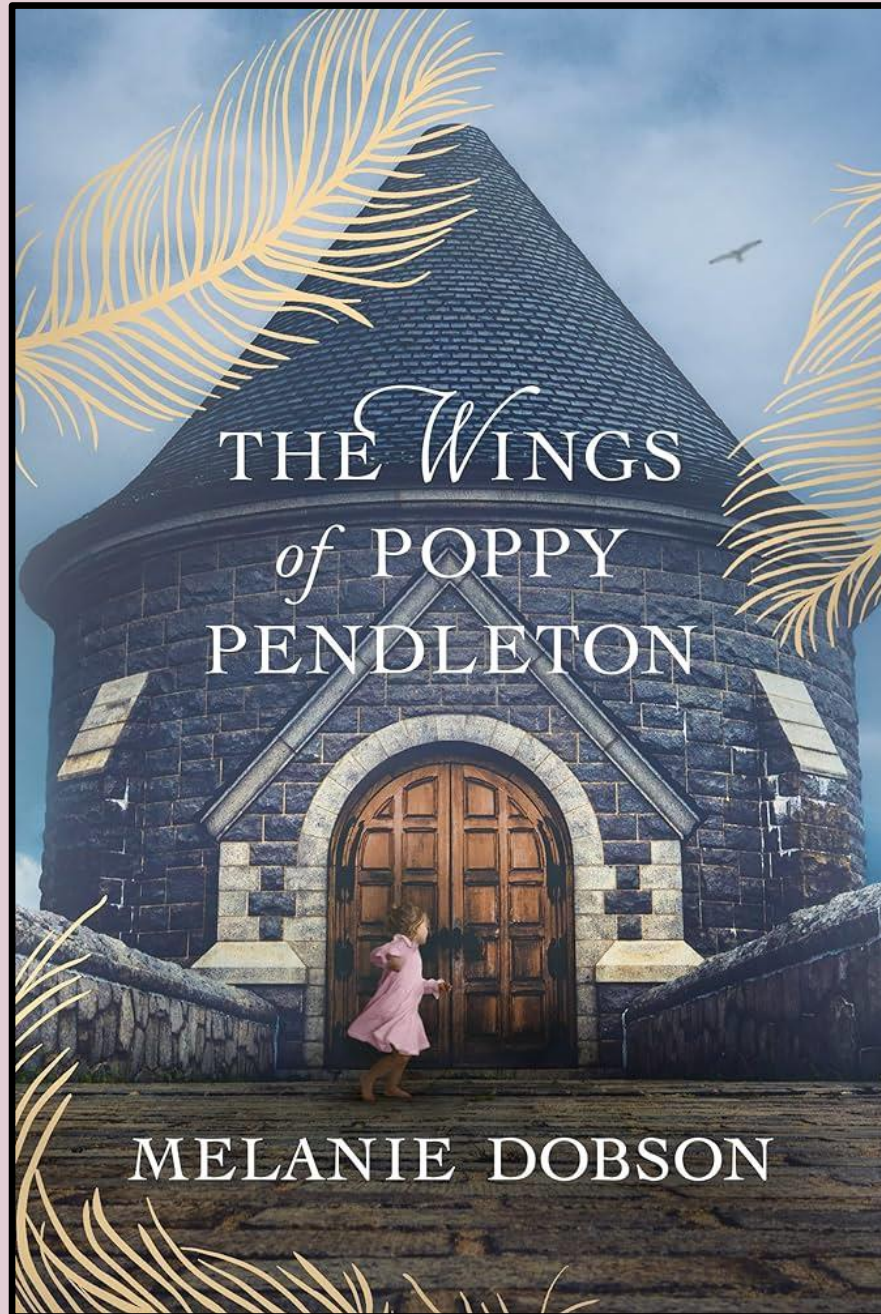
Starred by:

- Booklist
- Kirkus Reviews
- Library Journal

*“Spirited female sleuth Elizabeth Fairchild is drawn into Chicago’s growing jazz scene – and murder – in this compelling 1920s mystery.”*

*Book 2 in An Oak Park Village Mystery Series*





From 1907 to 1992

“In this compelling new time-slip mystery, a little girl goes missing from her family’s castle in the Thousand Islands of New York. Eighty-five years later, a journalist teams up with a woman living on Koster Isle to find out what happened to Poppy, once and for all.”

What they can discover might save a life.

Local  
Author

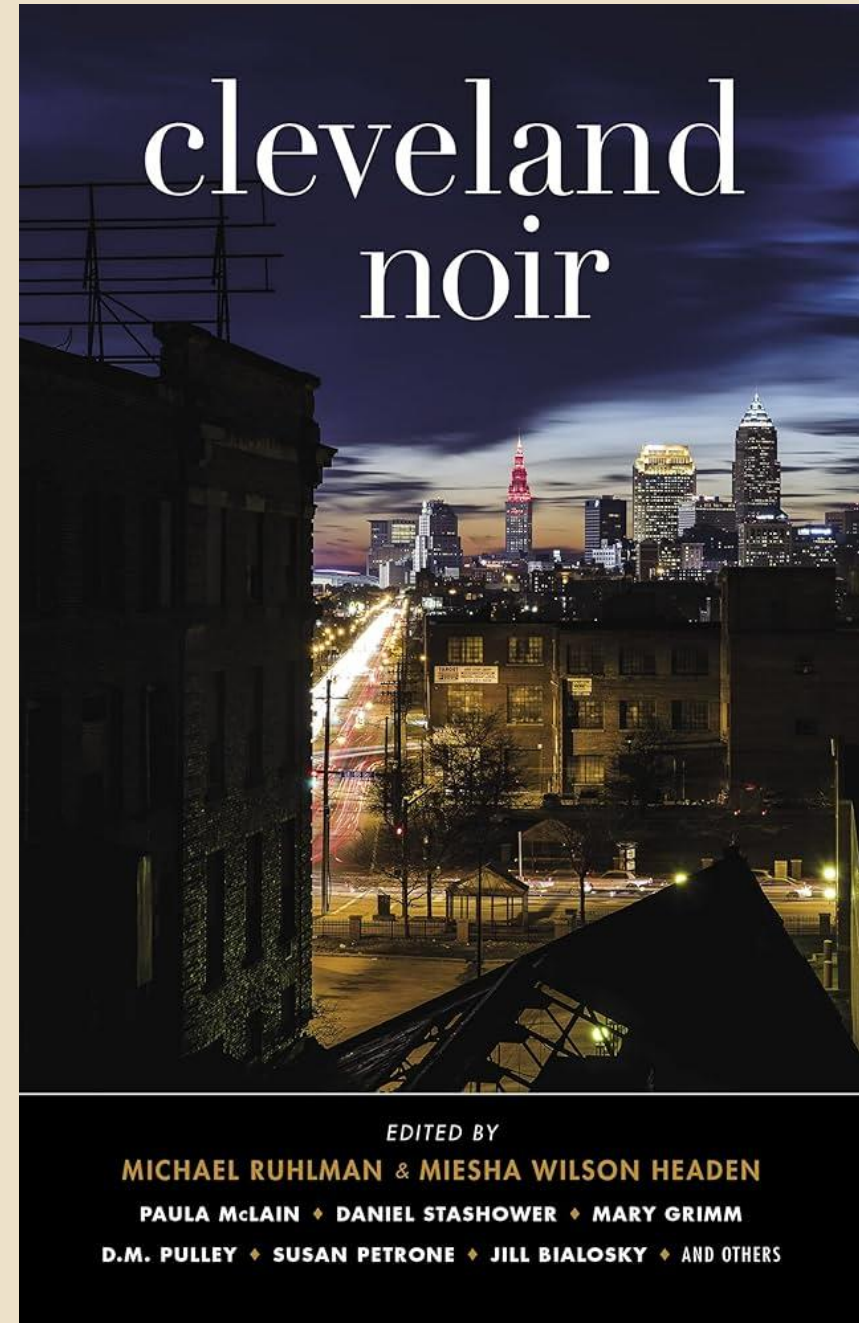
Book 2  
of  
An Emily  
Dickinson  
Mystery



Emily is excited to learn that Ralph Waldo Emerson will be visiting them. But when Emerson's secretary is found dead in the garden, Mr. Emerson wants some answers. Emily and maid Willa set out to find them for him.

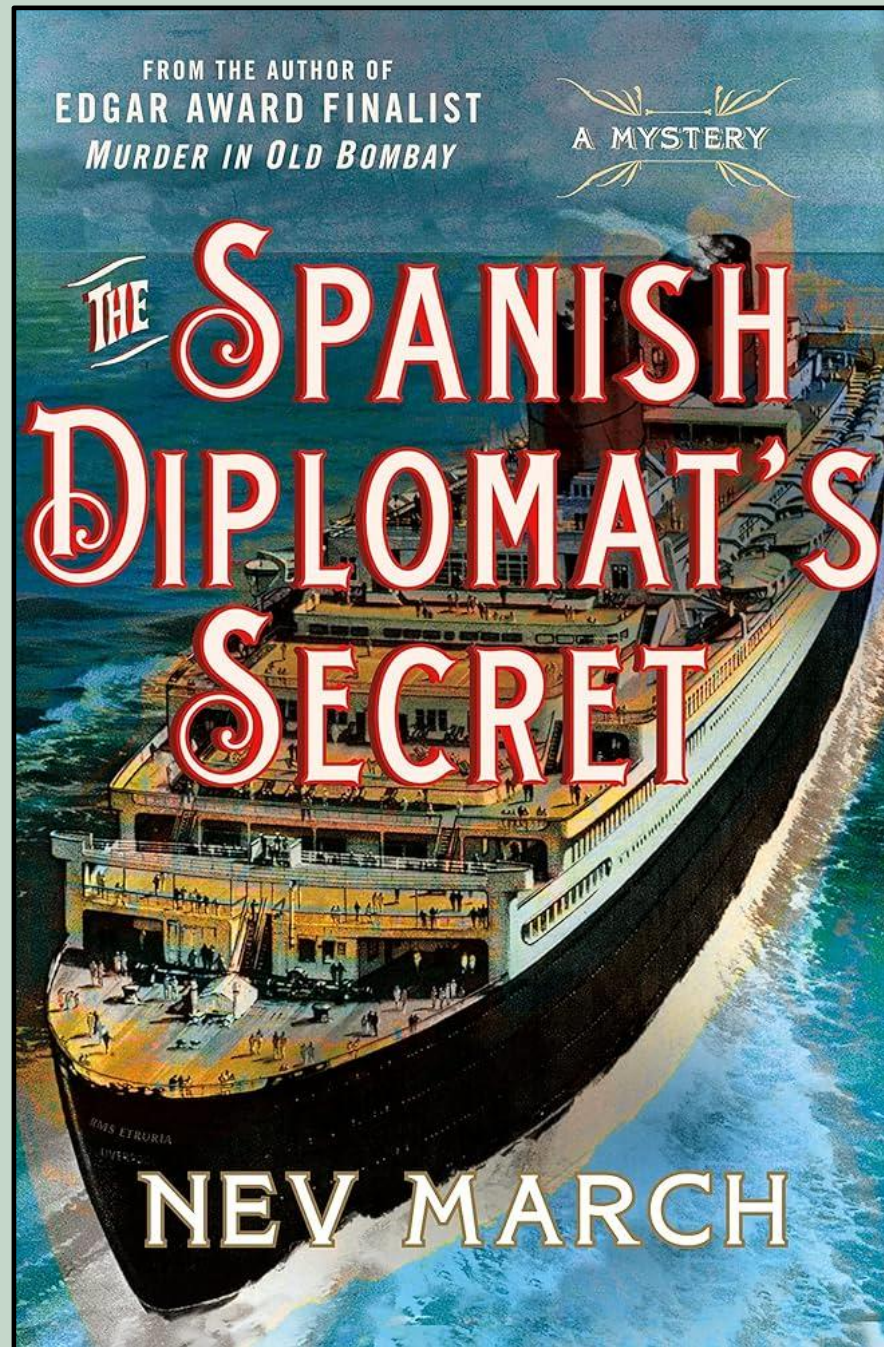
New stories from a wide range of authors reflect the macabre history of Cleveland, Ohio.

Part of a series featuring dark stories of well-known cities.





It is the 19<sup>th</sup> century and Captain Jim, with his wife Lady Diana, is crossing the Atlantic, enroute to Liverpool, England. On board, Jim finds a Spaniard who, like him, was a soldier, and they instantly enjoy good conversation. The next day the Spaniard is found murdered, and Jim must find the murderer before they reach their destination. Lady Diana proves a valuable fellow detective.



Book 3 of Captain  
Jim  
and  
Lady Diana  
Mysteries

“If historical fiction  
and mystery appeal  
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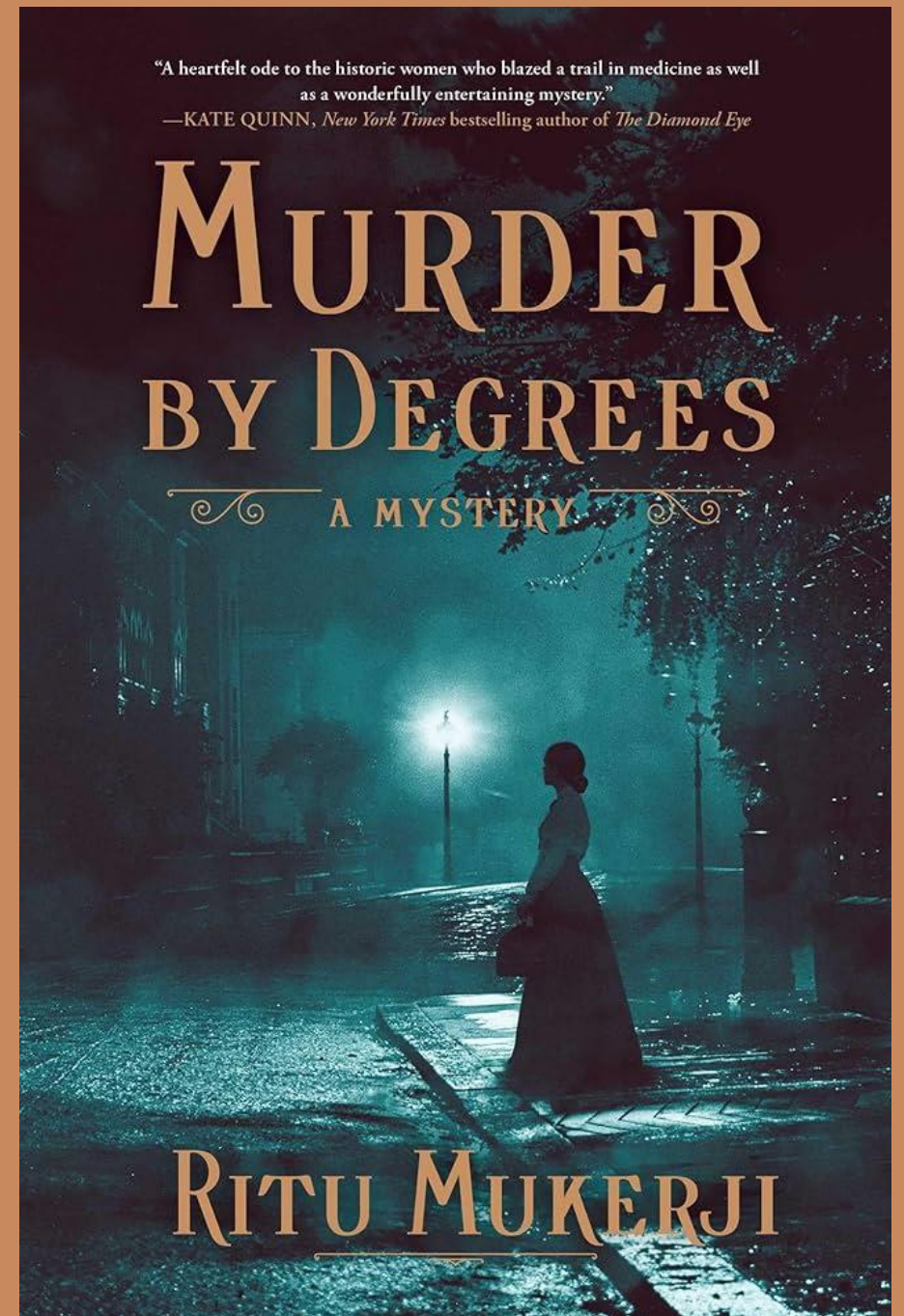
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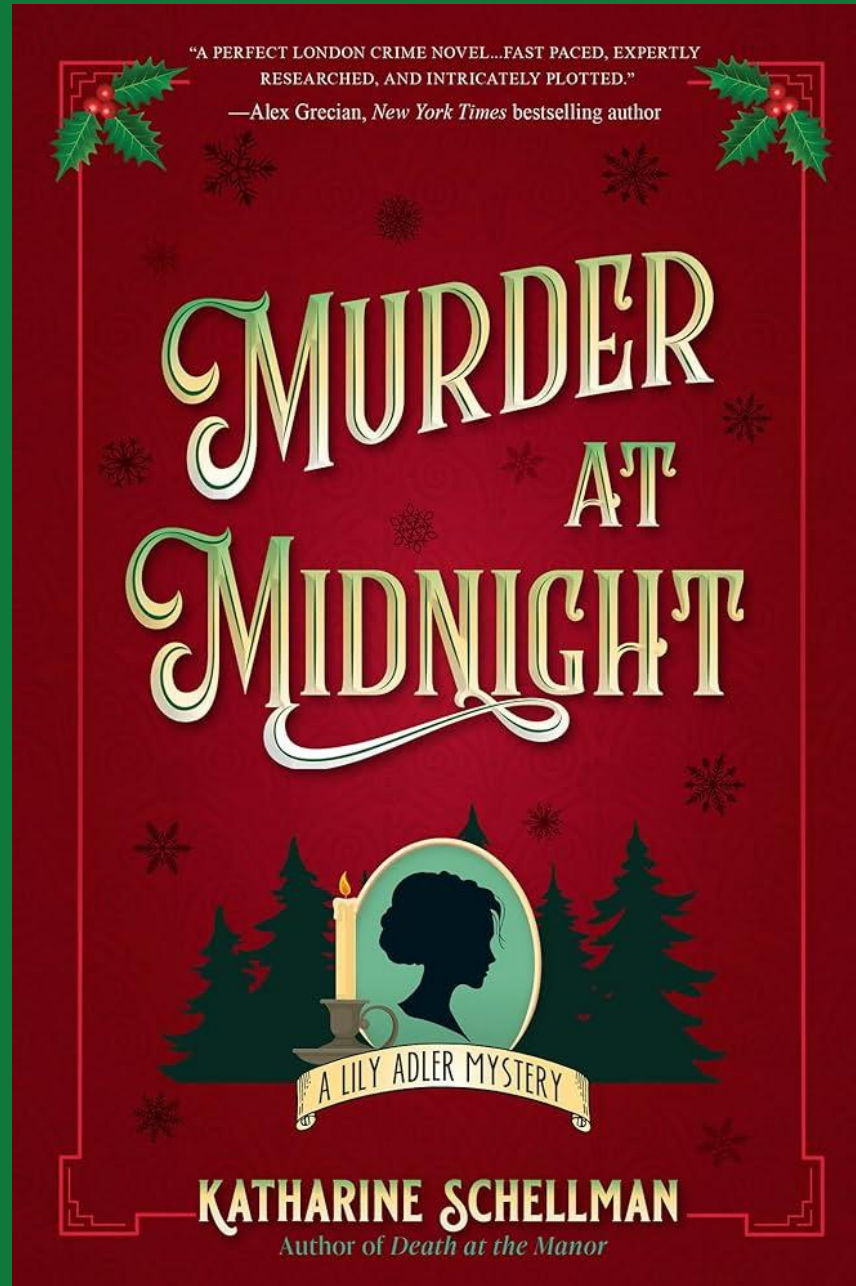
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