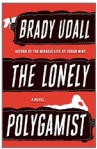




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A Novel, by Emily St. John Mandel (Unbridled Books, \$24.95, 9781936071647)
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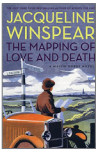
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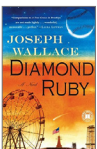
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A Novel, by Jean Kwok (Riverhead, \$25.95, 9781594487569)
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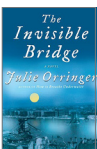
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Tomorrow River

A Novel, by Lesley Kagen (Dutton, \$25.95, 9780525951544)
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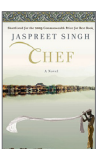
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A Novel, by Julie Orringer (Knopf, \$26.95, 9781400041169)
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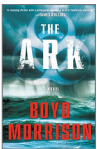
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A Novel, by Robin Oliveira (Viking, \$26.95, 9780670021673)
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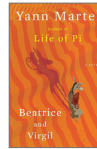
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A Novel, by Brunonia Barry (Morrow, \$25.99, 9780061624780)
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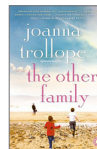
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A Novel, by Willy Vlautin (Harper Perennial, \$13.99 paper, 9780061456534)
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A Novel, by Joanna Trollope (Touchstone, \$15, paper, 9781439129838)
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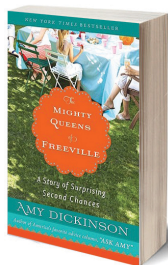
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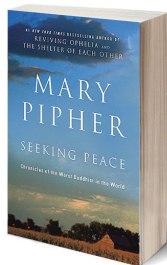
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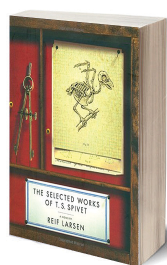
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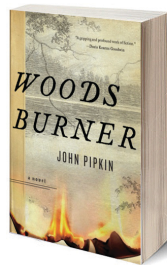
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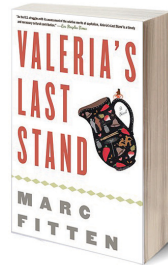
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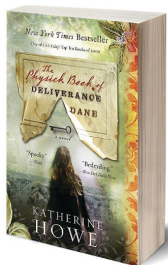
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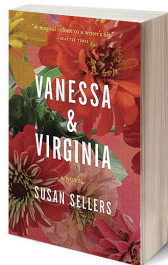
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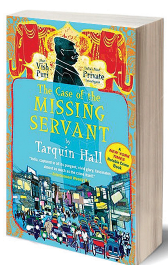
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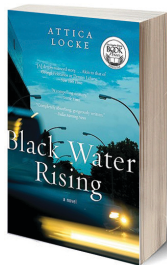
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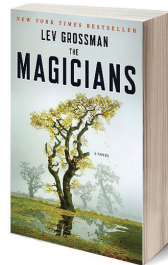
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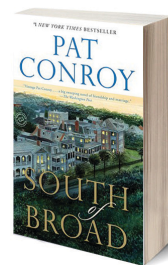
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