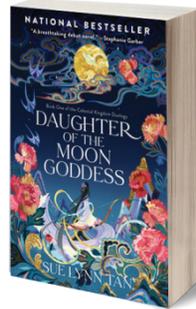


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–Briana Fields, Left Bank Books, St. Louis, MO

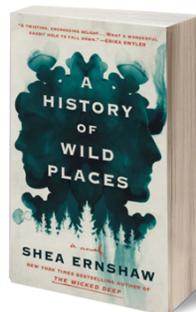


**Fault Lines: A Novel**

By Emily Itami

(Mariner Books, 9780063099814, \$17.99, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"Emily Itami has given us an incredibly engaging, hilarious, and relatable narrator in Mizuki as she navigates the fault lines in her marriage, in her past, and within herself."  
–Danielle Raub, Itinerant Literate Books, Charleston, SC

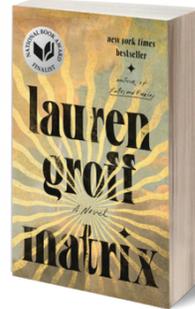


**A History of Wild Places: A Novel**

By Shea Ershaw

(Atria Books, 9781982164812, \$17.99, Aug. 30, Thriller)

"This twisty thriller gave me similar vibes to *The Village* and absolutely kept me on my toes! Shea Ershaw really hit it out of the park with this brilliant adult debut."  
–Kassie Weeks, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL

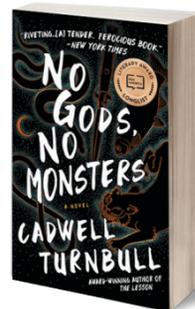


**Matrix: A Novel**

By Lauren Groff

(Riverhead Books, 9781594634505, \$18, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"Lauren Groff has created an incredibly powerful portrait of the compelling Marie de France, banished to 12th-century England to live in a failing abbey. I fell in love with Marie and the sisters she lives with."  
–Rosanna Nissen, Barrett Bookstore, Darien, CT

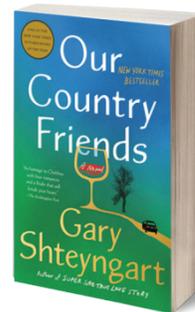


**No Gods, No Monsters: A Novel**

By Cadwell Turnbull

(Blackstone Publishing, 9798200834419, \$18.99, Sept. 6, Fantasy)

"Cadwell Turnbull weaves fantasy with current events to reveal how difficult it is to hold onto your humanity when society denies your existence or, worse, systematically erases you."  
–Nicole A. Johnson, Baltimore Read Aloud, Baltimore, MD

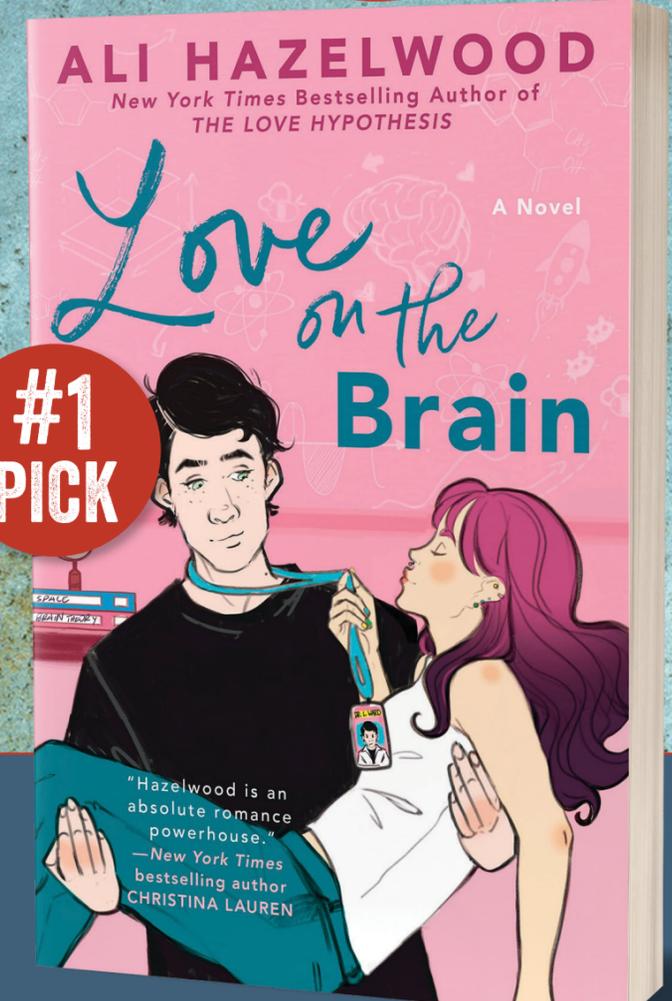


**Our Country Friends: A Novel**

By Gary Shteyngart

(Random House Trade Paperbacks, 9781984855145, \$18.99, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"Extraordinary. I love every word Shteyngart's ever written, and this is his best novel by an upstate country mile. I said I never wanted to read a 2020 pandemic novel, but I was wrong. I needed to read one – this one."  
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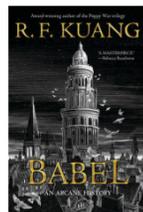
**Carrie Soto Is Back: A Novel**

By Taylor Jenkins Reid  
 (Ballantine Books, 9780593158685, \$28, Aug. 30, Fiction)

"This might be Reid's best yet! Carrie Soto was so fierce. It was fun to see her cope with aging and realize there is more to life than

winning. Reid delivers yet another strong, unconventional female lead. Just like Carrie, this is a winner!"

—Kathy Clemmons, Sundog Books, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

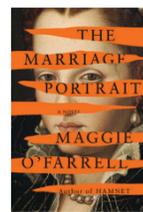


**Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution**

By R. F. Kuang  
 (Harper Voyager, 9780063021426, \$27.99, Aug. 23, Fantasy)

"Finishing a book like this is equal parts pleasure and pain: pleasure in reading something so striking and beautiful juxtaposed by the pain of it ending. Few books have brought tears to my eyes; Kuang's *Babel* is now numbered among them."

—Maxwell Leaning, Paragraphs Bookstore, Mount Vernon, OH



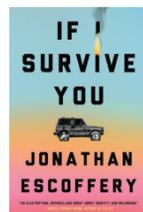
**The Marriage Portrait: A Novel**

By Maggie O'Farrell  
 (Knopf, 9780593320624, \$28, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"Lucrezia de' Medici's brief spark of a life is granted lush, compassionate detail in *The Marriage Portrait*. The frills and

deceits of medieval court society come alive as our dear protagonist fights to survive them. An outstanding read!"

—Celina Muñoz, Brick & Mortar Books, Redmond, WA



**If I Survive You**

By Jonathan Escoffery  
 (MCD, 9780374605988, \$27, Sept. 6, Short Stories)

"A story collection that reads like a loose novel; Escoffery is a literary master. Images from this book have come unbidden to me long after reading, as though these are

people who told me their stories themselves. This is a knockout debut!"

—Julie Wernersbach, P&T Knitwear Bookstore, New York, NY

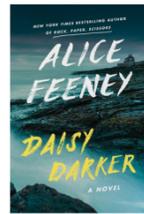


**Nona the Ninth: The Locked Tomb Series #3**

By Tamsyn Muir  
 (TorDotCom, 9781250854117, \$28.99, Sept. 13, Science Fiction)

"Every book in this series somehow surpasses the last in writing, plot, character development, and sheer off-the-wall entertainment. Without spoilers, I'll just say that you are going to love Nona as much as Nona loves you (and Noodle)."

—Brooke Williams, Bookends & Beginnings, Evanston, IL



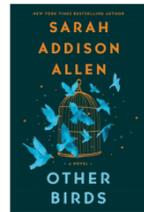
**Daisy Darker: A Novel**

By Alice Feeney  
 (Flatiron Books, 9781250843937, \$28.99, Aug. 30, Thriller)

"*Daisy Darker* headed in a direction I didn't expect, and I was torn between rereading all I just read or going forward to see what was next! A dark and twisty tale — from

the moment we arrive at Seaglass with the waves pounding until the very end."

—Nona Camuel, CoffeeTree Books, Morehead, KY



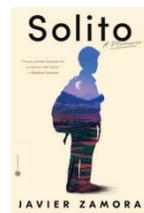
**Other Birds: A Novel**

By Sarah Addison Allen  
 (St. Martin's Press, 9781250019868, \$27.99, Aug. 30, Fiction)

"It has been over a week since I finished *Other Birds* and I am still enchanted. A beautiful story with an eclectic bunch of characters in a dreamy southern town with a

touch of mystery, love, and loss."

—Elisa McIntosh, The Bookstore Plus Music & Art, Lake Placid, NY



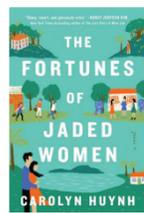
**Solito: A Memoir**

By Javier Zamora  
 (Hogarth, 9780593498064, \$28, Sept. 6, Memoir)

"Man, what a brave and brilliant memoir. It's hard to imagine what Javiercito endured in his quest to be reunited with his parents, not to mention the mental and physical

journey north to La USA. I'll be putting this in readers' hands for a long time. Essential."

—Javier Ramirez, Exile in Bookville, Chicago, IL

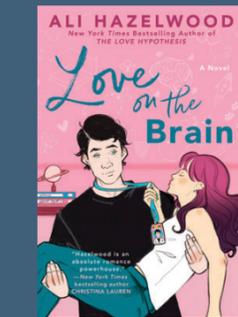


**The Fortunes of Jaded Women: A Novel**

By Carolyn Huynh  
 (Atria Books, 9781982188733, \$27, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"A story about the pushes and pulls of first-generation Americans, of grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and daughters. There is love, accomplishment, community, and it's laugh out loud funny. Give yourself the gift of reading this book."

—Holly Hendricks, Sunriver Books & Music, Sunriver, OR

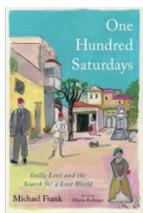


**Love on the Brain: A Novel**

By Ali Hazelwood  
 (Berkley, 9780593336847, \$17, paperback, Aug. 23, Romance)

"Ali Hazelwood has done it again! This is NOT a novel that you can read a few pages here, a few pages there — it demands one sitting. With expert pacing, witty humor, and lovable characters, *Love on the Brain* is this fall's hot romantic comedy!"

—Stefanie Lynn, The Kennett Bookhouse, Kennett Square, PA

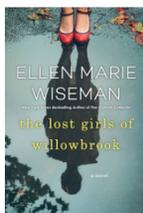


**One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World**

By Michael Frank, Maira Kalman (illus.)  
 (Avid Reader Press/Simon & Schuster, 9781982167226, \$28, Sept. 6, Biography)

"Saturday after Saturday, Stella Levi's story forms the lively, tragic tale that is *One Hundred Saturdays*. This is the best book I've read all year, and with Maira Kalman's brilliant illustrations it may be the best book of the decade."

—Angie Tally, The Country Bookshop, Southern Pines, NC



**The Lost Girls of Willowbrook: A Novel**

By Ellen Marie Wiseman  
 (Kensington, 9781496715883, \$16.95, paperback, Aug. 30, Historical Fiction)

"Based on the horrible truth of the Willowbrook State School, Wiseman tells a powerful story of sisters and the true strength of family. An emotional ride that speaks to real historic events and the cruelty in institutions like Willowbrook."

—Mia D'Alessandro, Thunder Road Books, Spring Lake, NJ



**The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches: A Novel**

By Sangu Mandanna  
 (Berkley, 9780593439357, \$17, paperback, Aug. 23, Fantasy)

"I chose this book because of the wonderful title. I stayed through the end because of Mika Moon, our ridiculously charming reluctant heroine. We should all have a friend like Mika. Magic, family, romance, home — this book has it all!"

—Lisa Reid, Lucy's Books, Astoria, OR



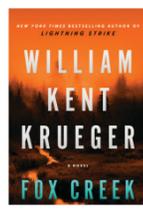
**A Taste of Gold and Iron**

By Alexandra Rowland  
 (TorDotCom, 9781250800381, \$27.99, Aug. 30, Fantasy)

"A sizzling romance that had me on the edge of my seat! Kadou and Everem are compelling and their world is full of delightful intrigue."

Themes of fealty, forgiveness, and the true value of things make this an unforgettable adventure."

—Katie Elms, Bookbug, Kalamazoo, MI



**Fox Creek: A Novel in the Cork O'Connor Mystery Series #19**

By William Kent Krueger  
 (Atria Books, 9781982128715, \$28, Aug. 23, Mystery)

"*Fox Creek* continues the saga of Cork O'Connor who is now a licensed private investigator. Krueger's concern for the Native people of Northern Minnesota is very evident in this tense and dramatic mystery with many unexpected twists."

—Carolyn Statler, Three Sisters Books & Gifts, Shelbyville, IN



**Didn't Nobody Give a Shit What Happened to Carlotta: A Novel**

By James Hannaham  
 (Little, Brown and Company, 9780316285278, \$28, Aug. 30, Fiction)

"Carlotta, a trans woman, is released home to Brooklyn after 22 years in a male prison. As she adjusts to life outside, she faces one injustice after another. Through so many inequities, Carlotta maintains her optimism, humor, and hope."

—Mary Kay Burnett, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Cohasset, MA



**People Person: A Novel**

By Candice Carty-Williams  
 (Gallery/Scout Press, 9781501196041, \$27.99, Sept. 13, Fiction)

"Meet the Penningtons: Five siblings from four mothers, raised in London with no support from their father and with vastly different

backgrounds. Somehow, they mesh. *People Person* makes their growing bond a hilarious triumph of family."

—Myles Mickle, Village Square Booksellers, Bellows Falls, VT



**The American Roommate Experiment: A Novel**

By Elena Armas  
 (Atria Books, 9781668002773, \$18, paperback, Sept. 6, Romance)

"*The American Roommate Experiment* is a fun friends-to-lovers, forced-proximity,

fake-dating romance! Read it as a stand-alone or an exciting follow up to *The Spanish Love Deception* with guest appearances of its beloved characters."

—Katie Harveson, Rediscovered Books, Boise, ID



**The Two Lives of Sara: A Novel**

By Catherine Adel West  
 (Park Row, 978077833227, \$27.99, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"A beautifully written, complex story of motherhood, found family, grief, reinvention, and redemption. West captures the challenges of

fleeing a difficult past and explores profound questions about racial justice in the Jim Crow South."

—Alyssa Raymond, Copper Dog Books, Beverly, MA



**Witches: A Novel**

By Brenda Lozano, Heather Cleary (Transl.)  
 (Catapult, 9781646220687, \$26, Aug. 16, Fiction)

"*Witches* features the most distinctive voice I've come across in fiction this year. Felician's life as an indigenous healer — or

curandera — is hypnotic. Her story combines with Zoe's to highlight women striving to find their own voices."

—Jude Burke-Lewis, Square Books, Oxford, MS

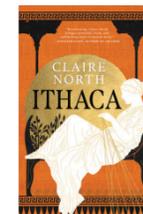


**Bliss Montage: Stories**

By Ling Ma  
 (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 9780374293512, \$26, Sept. 13, Short Stories)

"A stunning, haunting collection. In these stories, the mundane meets the fantastic in a web of intrigue, walking the line between thriller and horror in a genre of Ma's own. A must read for fans of dystopian sci-fi and magical realism."

—Meghana Kandlur, Seminary Co-Op Bookstores, Chicago, IL



**Ithaca**

By Claire North  
 (Redhook, 9780316422963, \$28, Sept. 6, Historical Fiction)

"Rich with detail and compelling characters, this gorgeously written novel left me brimming with warmth and courage. The often-misunderstood Hera

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—Julie Goodrich, Beaverdale Books, Des Moines, IA



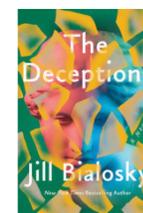
**Run Time: A Novel**

By Catherine Ryan Howard  
 (Blackstone Publishing, 9781982694685, \$25.99, Aug. 16, Thriller)

"Now THIS is what I love about Catherine Ryan Howard — plots that defy trends, characters

dangling over the abyss. *Run Time* had me exactly where I love to be: teetering on a high wire, completely off balance, and loving every minute of it."

—Tarin Paradise, Naughty Dog Books, Nashville, TN



**The Deceptions: A Novel**

By Jill Bialosky  
 (Counterpoint, 9781640090248, \$26, Sept. 6, Fiction)

"*The Deceptions* is a wonder. A story of love, family, aspiration, and betrayal through a kaleidoscope of history and myth,

we follow a middle-aged poet among the statues of the Met. Bialosky packs an impactful story in a dreamlike package."

—Luisa Smith, Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA



**The Ski Jumpers: A Novel**

By Peter Geye  
 (University of Minnesota Press, 9781517913496, \$25.95, Sept. 13, Fiction)

"This book is about so much more than ski jumping. A stunning story of family, trauma, secrets, and forgiveness, of finding peace as we grow older. You will grow attached to every single character in this storytelling masterpiece."

—Kristen Sandstrom, Apostle Islands Booksellers, Bayfield, WI