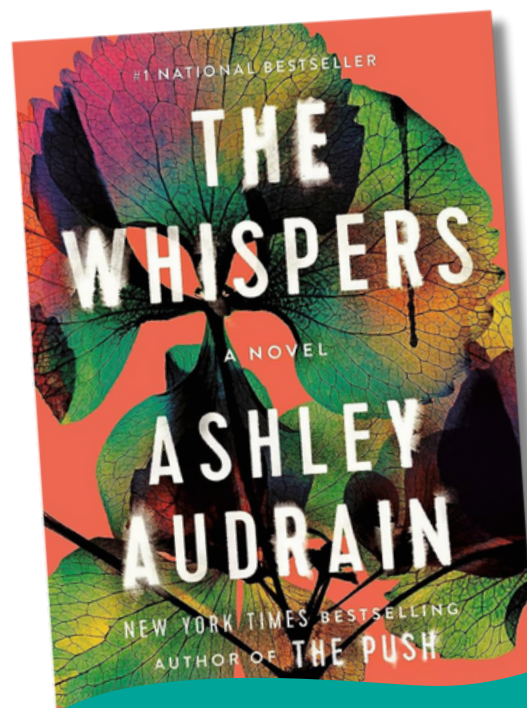


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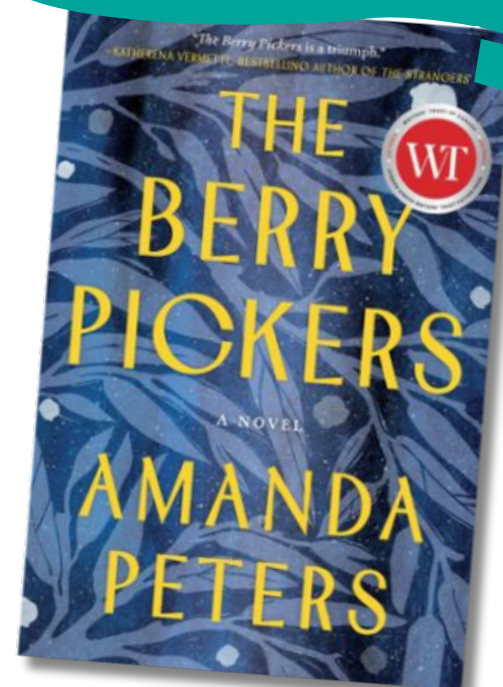


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## ***The Whispers*** Ashley Audrain

The Whispers opens with a barbeque at Whitney Lovely's house. Whitney is a married mother of three, she always looks put together, is successful in her career, and wants to project that flawless image to everyone at her party. Unfortunately, she loses her temper with her son, the partygoers all hear it, and her perfect façade is immediately shattered. When her son Xavier later has a terrible accident, questions begin to swirl about how it happened and Whitney's involvement. Audrain does an incredible job of capturing the details, complexities and emotions of motherhood. The story is never just a scandalous look at the goings-on in this neighbourhood, but more a deep dive into what being a woman and mother really entails.

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## ***The Berry Pickers*** Amanda Peters

The story opens with the disappearance of 4-year-old Ruthie, the youngest child in a Mi'kmaw family that has left Nova Scotia for their annual berry picking pilgrimage to Maine. No spoiler alert required here as we are introduced early on to another family in Maine... Lenore, Frank and their 4-year-old daughter Norma who is beset by dreams of being in another place with another family. This story follows the paths of these two seemingly unrelated families as they navigate their lives under the mantle of enormous grief and unbearable guilt but bolstered by the restorative power of love and family.

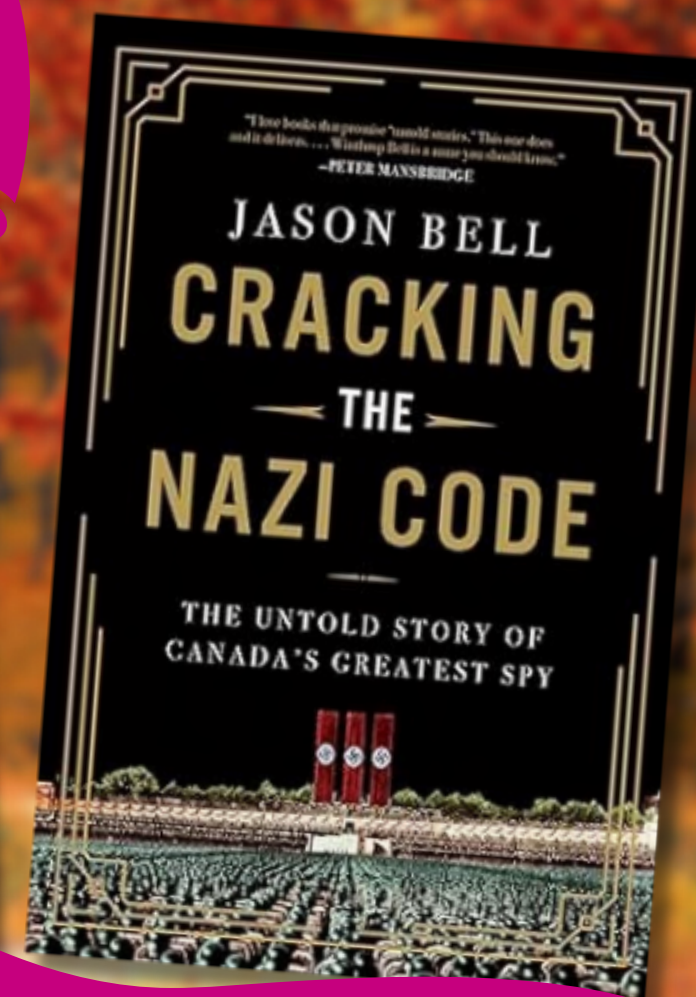
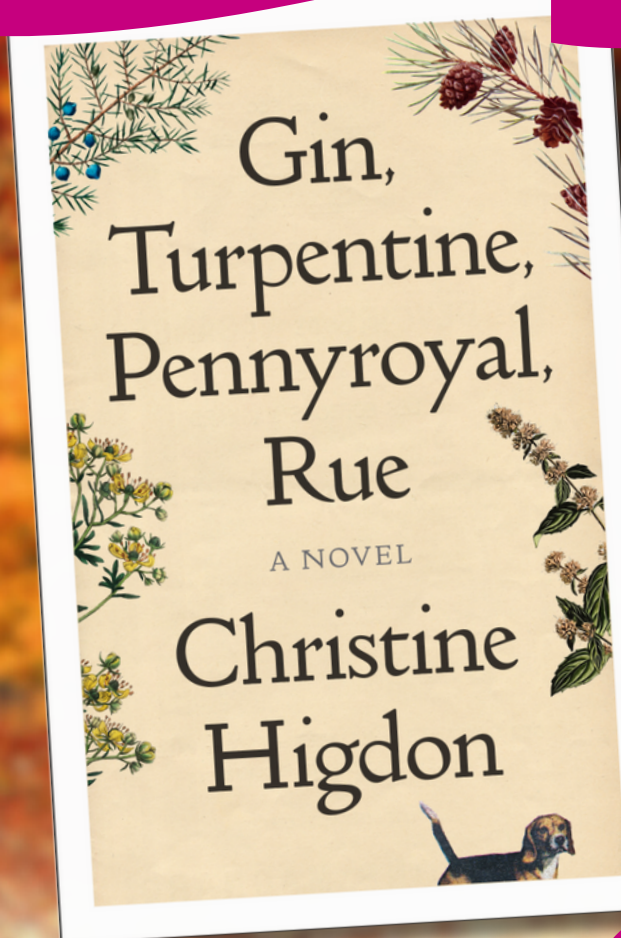
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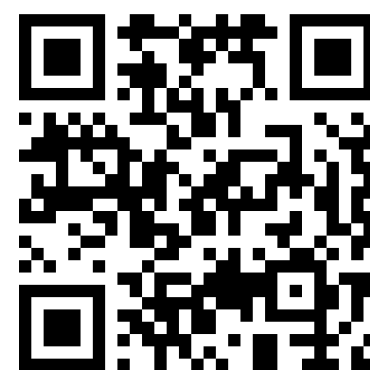
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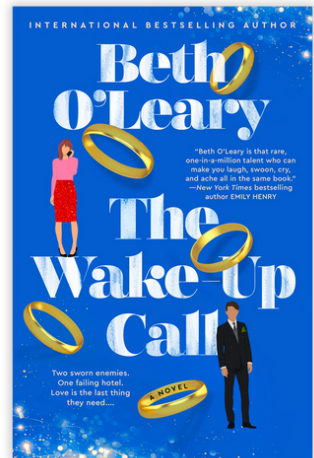


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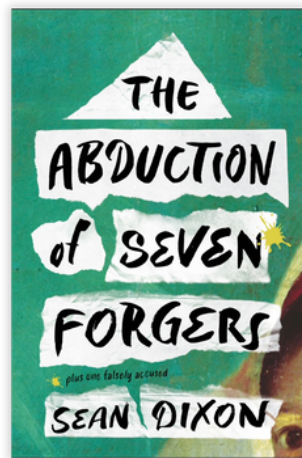
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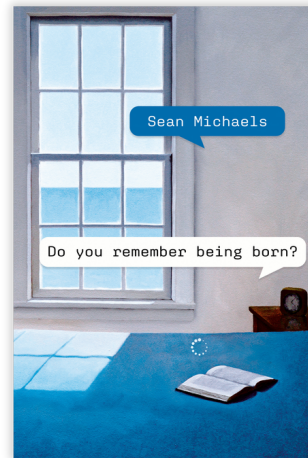
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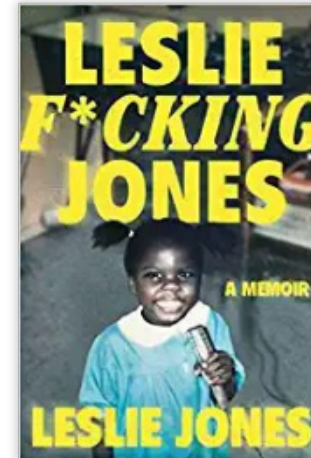
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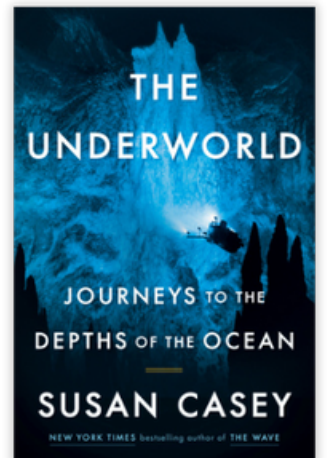
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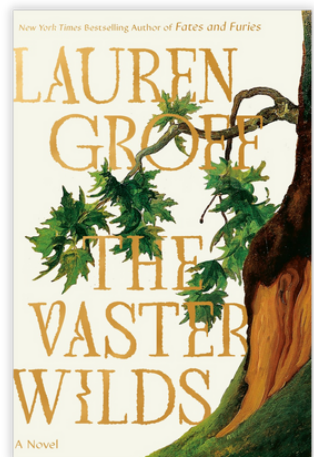
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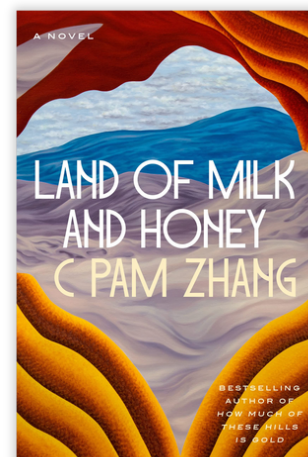
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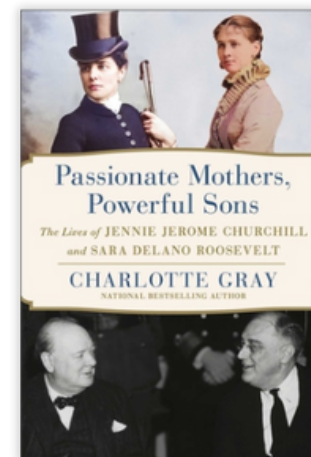
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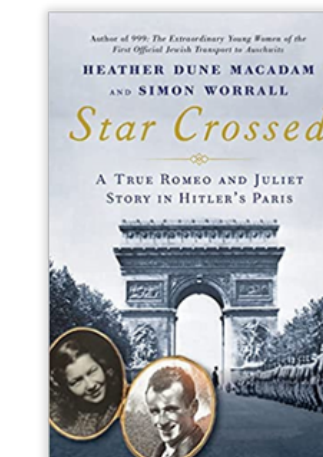
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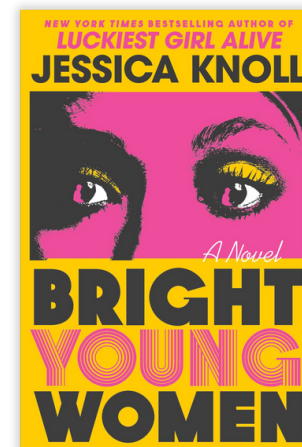


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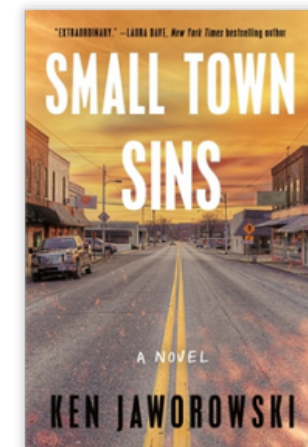


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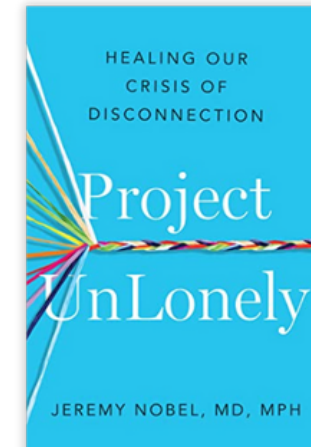
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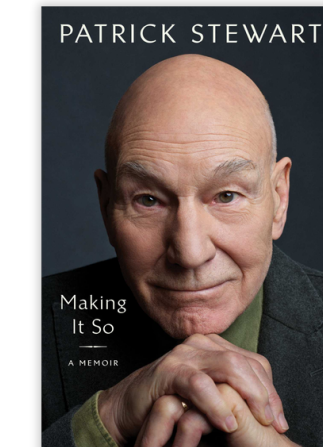
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