

# Featured Reviews



Reviewed by blogger Ikhlas H.

## ***Much Ado About Nada***

Uzma Jalaluddin

Jalaluddin's third novel is a slow-burn, second chance romance, based off of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. It features Nada and Baz, a pair who had a secret relationship, but broke up before either of their Indian Muslim families found out.

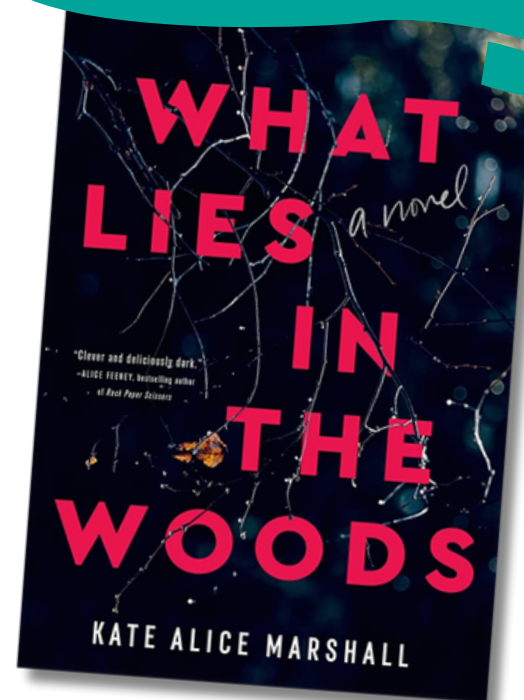
The alternating timelines reveal that Nada and Baz have a history of mistakes and heartbreak. But attraction between them still sizzles, pops, and leaps off the page when they meet after many years at an Islamic convention in downtown Toronto.

Jalaluddin discusses some taboo Muslim topics like divorce, secret relationships, disability and what it's like being Muslim in the GTA.

## ***What Lies in the Woods***

Kate Alice Marshall

There is a killer on the loose. The police have their suspicions, but lack enough evidence to make an arrest. That is until they discover a young girl still alive in the woods. Naomi was stabbed 17 times but survived. Everyone is relieved when Naomi identifies a man named Stahl as her attacker, and he is finally put behind bars. And so, justice is done. Except for one thing – Naomi lied on the witness stand. She never actually saw who stabbed her. Which means the real attacker is still out there and the truth may endanger them all.



Reviewed by blogger Lesley L.

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Awakening in the body of 'other Lou' but with none of her memories, the clone of a serial killer victim tries to solve the mystery of 'other Lou's' death. A sharp, creepy and satisfying murder mystery.

## **MY MURDER** *A Novel*

**KATIE WILLIAMS**

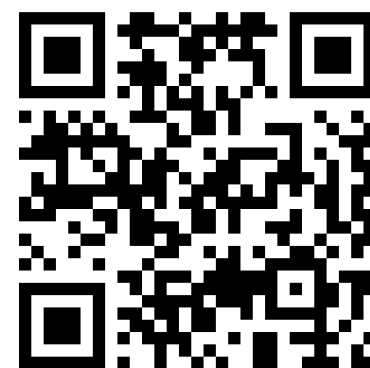
"Brilliantly executes a smart, speculative twist on domestic suspense."  
—ASHLEY AUDRAIN



## *How to Clean a Fish* *And Other Adventures in Portugal*

... Esmeralda Cabral ...

Languish in Cabral's deep dive into the culture of her birth country. Raised in Canada, she travels to explore her Portuguese identity while indulging in delicious food, conversation and experiences.



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# Featured Fiction



***Drowning***  
T.J. Newman



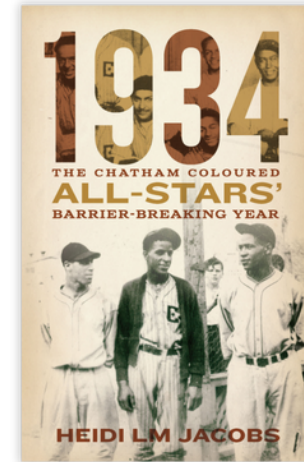
***The Seven Year Slip***  
Ashley Poston



***Atalanta***  
Jennifer Saint



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Moniquill Blackgoose



***1934***  
Heidi LM Jacobs



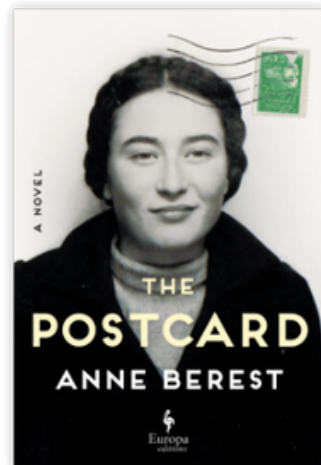
***Your Future Self***  
Hal Hershfield



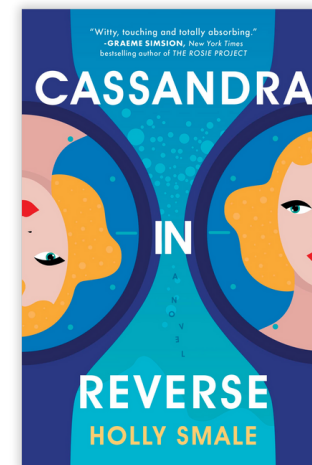
***The Talk***  
Darrin Bell



***When the Heavens Went on Sale***  
Ashlee Vance



***The Postcard***  
Anne Berest



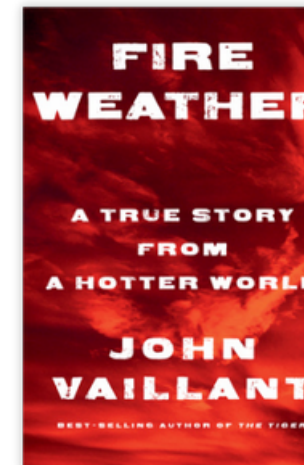
***Cassandra in Reverse***  
Holly Smale



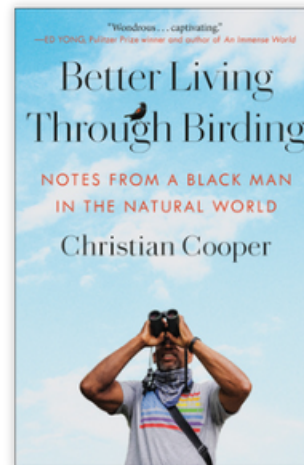
***The Ferryman***  
Justin Cronin



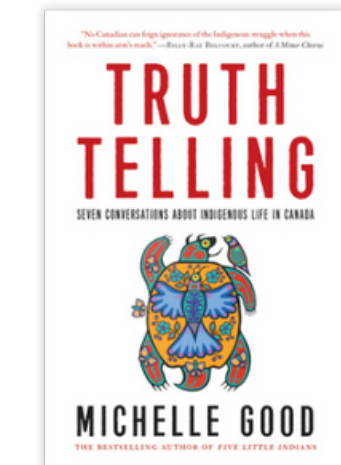
***The Secret Book of Flora Lea***  
Patti Callahan Henry



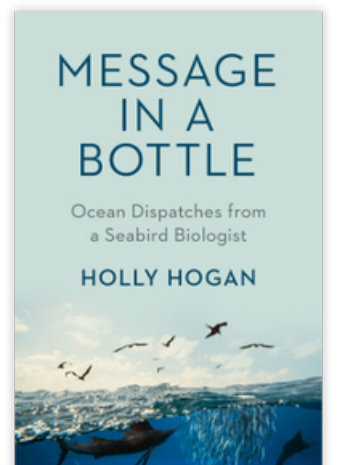
***Fire Weather***  
John Vaillant



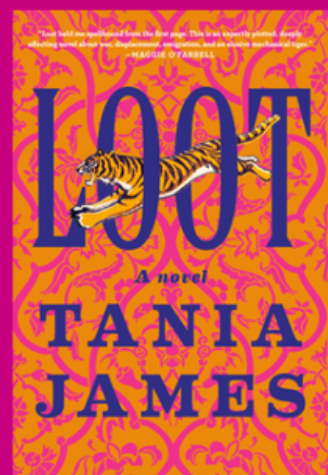
***Better Living Through Birding***  
Christian Cooper



***Truth Telling***  
Michelle Good

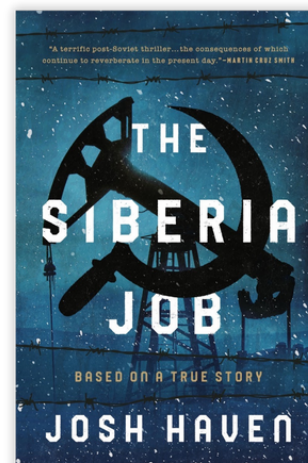


***Message in a Bottle***  
Holly Hogan



***Loot***  
Tania James

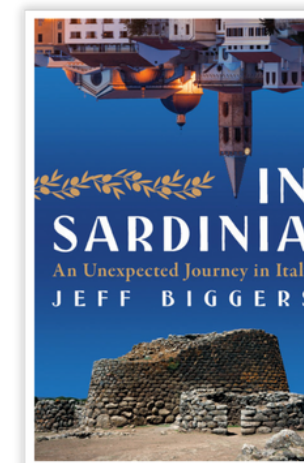
A revered woodcarver is swept from his hometown in India to France to create a tiger automaton, commissioned by the Sultan. History, art and the colonizing of people and things are cleverly paralleled in this rich historical fiction.



***The Siberia Job***  
Josh Haven



***The First Bright Thing***  
J.R. Dawson



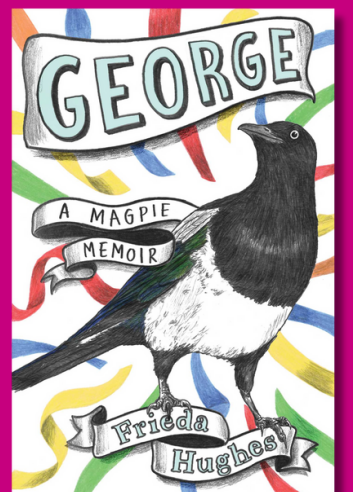
***In Sardinia***  
Jeff Biggers



***The Art Thief***  
Michael Finkel

***George***  
Frieda Hughes

Caring for a baby magpie, nursing it back to health and letting it fly, healed Frieda as much as the bird. Full of poetry, drawings, and heartwarming moments, this is a feel-good read for memoir and avian lovers alike.



# Featured Non-Fiction