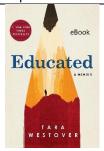
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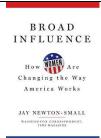
### September



## Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Tara Westover wasn't your garden variety college student. When the Holocaust was mentioned in a history class, she didn't know what it was (no, really). That's because she didn't see the inside of a classroom until the age of seventeen. Public education was one of the many things her religious fanatic father was dubious of, believing it a means for the government to brainwash its gullible citizens, and her mother wasn't diligent on the homeschooling front. If it wasn't for a brother who managed to extricate himself from their isolated—and often dangerous--world, Westover might still be in rural Idaho, trying to survive her survivalist upbringing. It's a miraculous story she tells in her memoir *Educated*. (2018) ISBN-13: 978-0399590504, multiple formats available

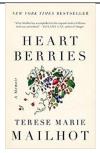
### October



## Broad Influence: How Women Are Changing the Way America Works by Jay Newton-Small

When women reach between 20 percent and 30 percent of any organization—whether it's the legislature, a Navy ship or a corporate board—they begin to change how things are done. America is finally reaching that critical mass, let by the women of Washington. In this insightfully reported exploration of the workplace inside the Beltway and beyond, Newton-Small reveals how an influx of women in an organization not only makes it a more receptive place for its female members but fundamentally changes how it operates. Such groups are typically better at collaborating, listening and getting things done. In ways large and small, they become more successful—and well work emulating. (2016) ISBN-13: 978-1-61893-155-9, Kindle and hardcover

#### November



### Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot

Heart Berries is a powerful, poetic memoir of a woman's coming of age on the Seabird Island Band in the Pacific Northwest. Having survived a profoundly dysfunctional upbringing only to find herself hospitalized and facing a dual diagnosis of post traumatic stress disorder and bipolar II disorder; Terese Marie Mailhot is given a notebook and begins to write her way out of trauma. The triumphant result is Heart Berries, a memorial for Mailhot's mother, a social worker and activist who had a thing for prisoners; a story of reconciliation with her father—an abusive drunk and a brilliant artist—who was murdered under mysterious circumstances; and an elegy on how difficult it is to love someone while dragging the long shadows of shame. (2018) **ISBN-13:** 978-1619023345, multiple formats available

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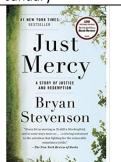
### December



## Enchanted Evening Barbie and the Second Coming by Rheta Grimsley Johnson

National syndicated columnist Rheta Grimsley Johnson, winner of the Ernie Pyle Award for human interest reporting, turns her sharp eye on herself in the frank, exhilarating, wise, poignant, and brave memoir. Her territory ranges from childhood memories of ritual pre-interstate trips in the family station wagon to visit foot-washing Baptist relatives to young-girl fixations on the Barbie dolls of the title, from the simultaneous exuberance and proto-feminist doubts of young marriage to the aches of loves lost through divorce and death. She also shares adventures and insights from a memorable journalism career, which began on her college newspaper (at Auburn) and rural weeklies and moved on to prestigious big-city dailies (Atlanta Journal-Constitution). Throughout, her work has been punctuated by her distinctive writing voice and an unerring knack for revealing her much-loved South through uncommon stories about its common people. (2010) ISBN-13: 978-1-58838-250-4, Kindle and Hardcover (Alabama author)

### January



## Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Just Mercy is one of the many works exposing the enormous injustice and racial inequity in our justice system. Written as a memoir, the book offers a unique and personal account of Stevenson's life and work as an activist lawyer, addressing injustice through the defense of individuals on death row.

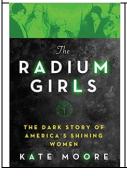
(2015) ISBN-13: 978-0812984965, multiple formats available (Alabama author)

**February** 



Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me Condoleezza Rice has excelled as a diplomat, political scientist, and concert pianist. Her achievements run the gamut from helping to oversee the collapse of communism in Europe and the decline of the Soviet Union, to working to protect the country in the aftermath of 9-11, to becoming only the second woman--and the first black woman ever--to serve as Secretary of State. (2011) ISBN-13: 978-0385738804, multiple formats (Alabama author)

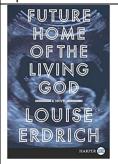
### March



## The Radium Girls: A Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore

The Curies' newly discovered element of radium makes gleaming headlines across the nation as the fresh face of beauty, and wonder drug of the medical community. From body lotion to tonic water, the popular new element shines bright in the otherwise dark years of the First World War. (2017) ISBN-13: 978-1492649359, 496 pp. multiple formats available

### April



## Future Home of the Living God by Louise Erdrich

Evolution stops as mysteriously as it began. Pregnancy and childbearing quickly become issues of state security. Twenty-six-year-old Cedar, the adopted daughter of idealistic Minneapolis liberals, is as disturbed and uncertain as the rest of America. But for Cedar, this change is profound and deeply personal. She is four months pregnant. As Cedar travels north to find her Ojibwe family, ordinary life begins to disintegrate. Swelling panic creates warring government, corporate, and religious factions. In a mall parking lot, Cedar witnesses a pregnant woman wrenched from her family under a new law. As she evades capture, Cedar also experiences a fraught love with her baby's father, who tries to hide her. An unexpected dystopian thriller from a writer of startling originality. Future Home of the Living God is also a moving meditation on female agency, love, self-determination, biology, and natural rights. (2017) ISBN-13: 978-0-06-269405-8, multiple formats available

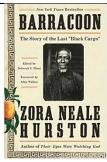
### May



## The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. (2017) ISBN-13: 978-0062498533, multiple formats available

### June



## **Barracoon** by Zora Neale Hurston

In 1927, Zora Neale Hurston traveled to Plateau, Alabama, to visit eighty-six-year-old Cudjo Lewis, a survivor of the *Clotilda*, the last slaver known to have made the transatlantic journey. Illegally brought to the United States, Cudjo was enslaved fifty years *after* the slave trade was outlawed. In the spring of 1931, Zora Neale Hurston finished her first book, a 117-page manuscript titled "Barracoon." It told the true story of Cudjo Lewis. Publishers were unimpressed. One offered to buy it if she rewrote it "in language rather than dialect," Hurston wrote in a letter to one of her benefactors. She refused, and "Barracoon" was never published. (2018) ISBN-13: 978-0062748201, multiple formats available (Alabama author)

## July

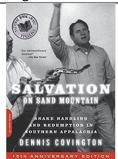


### Four Spirits by Sena Jeter Naslund

Weaving together the lives of blacks and whites, racists and civil rights advocates, and the events of peaceful protest and violent repression, Sena Jeter Naslund creates a tapestry of American social transformation at once intimate and epic. In Birmingham, Alabama, twenty-year-old Stella Silver, an idealistic white college student, is sent reeling off her measured path by events of 1963. Combining political activism with single parenting and night-school teaching, African American Christine Taylor discovers she must heal her own bruised heart to actualize meaningful social change. (2009) ISBN-13: 978-0060936693, multiple formats available (Alabama author)

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# Salvation on Sand Mountain: Snake-Handling and Redemption in Southern Appalacia by Dennis Covington

A haunting exploration of faith, from a preacher convicted of attempted murder to a first-hand account of holiness serpent handling--"One of the best books on American religion from the last 25 years." (1995) ISBN-13: 978-0306818363, multiple formats available (Alabama author)