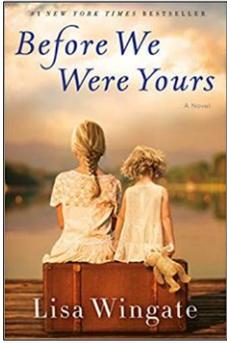
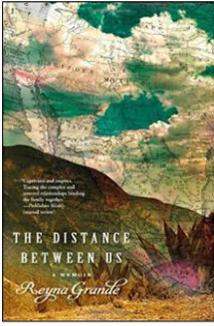
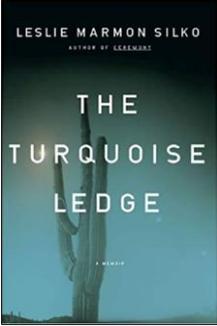
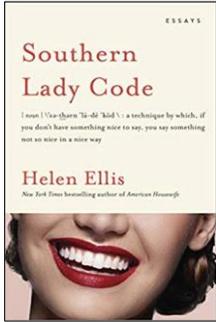
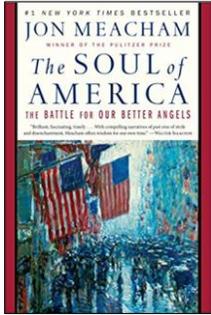
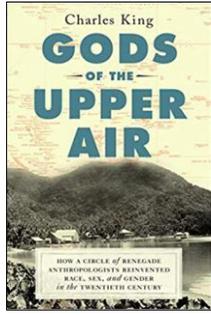
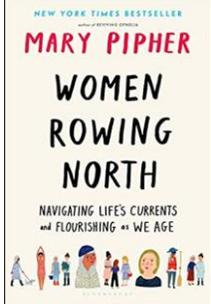


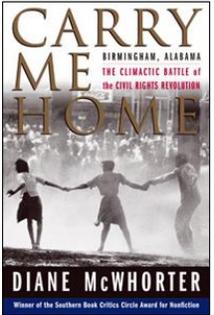
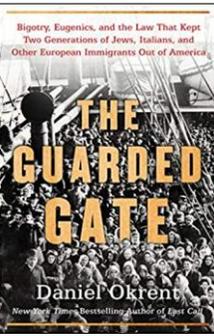
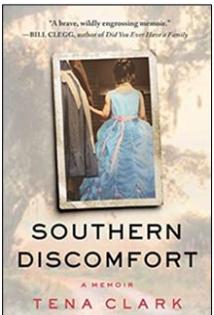
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| September   |   |
|    | <p><b><i>Before We Were Yours</i> by Lisa Wingate</b></p> <p>Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. Fiction 2017 All formats <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0425284681</p>  |
| October   |   |
|    | <p><b><i>The Distance Between Us: A Memoir</i> by Reyna Grande</b></p> <p>In this memoir, Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years of a childhood spent torn between two parents and two countries. As her parents make the dangerous trek across the Mexican border to "El Otro Lado" (The Other Side) in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced into the already overburdened household of their stern grandmother. When their mother at last returns, Reyna prepares for her own journey to "El Otro Lado" to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years, her long-absent father. Non-Fiction 2012 All formats <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-1451661781</p>   |
| November  |   |
|  | <p><b><i>The Turquoise Ledge</i> by Leslie Marmon Silko</b></p> <p>Leslie Marmon Silko's new book, her first in ten years, combines memoir with family history and reflections on the creatures and beings that command her attention and inform her vision of the world, taking readers along on her daily walks through the arroyos and ledges of the Sonoran desert in Arizona. Silko weaves tales from her family's past into her observations, using the turquoise stones she finds on the walks to unite the strands of her stories, while the beauty and symbolism of the landscape around her, and of the snakes, birds, dogs, and other animals that share her life and form part of her family, figure prominently in her memories. Strongly influenced by Native American storytelling traditions, <i>The Turquoise Ledge</i> becomes a moving and deeply personal contemplation of the enormous spiritual power of the natural world-of what these creatures and landscapes can communicate to us, and how they are all linked. Non-Fiction 2010 All formats <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0670022113</p> |

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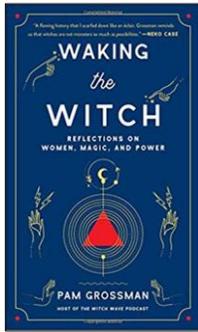
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| December  |   |
|    | <p><b><i>Southern Lady Code by Helen Ellis</i></b></p> <p>Helen Ellis has a mantra: "If you don't have something nice to say, say something not-so-nice in a nice way." In these twenty-three raucous essays Ellis transforms herself into a dominatrix Donna Reed to save her marriage, inadvertently steals a \$795 Burberry trench coat, witnesses a man fake his own death at a party, avoids a neck lift, and finds a black-tie gown that gives her the confidence of a drag queen. While she may have left her home in Alabama, married a New Yorker, forgotten how to drive, and abandoned the puffy headbands of her youth, Helen Ellis is clinging to her Southern accent like mayonnaise to white bread, and offering readers a hilarious, completely singular view on womanhood for both sides of the Mason-Dixon. 2019 All formats except paperback</p> <p><b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0385543897</p> |
| January   |   |
|   | <p><b><i>The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham</i></b></p> <p>Jon Meacham helps us understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear. While the American story has not always - or even often - been heroic, we have been sustained by a belief in progress even in the gloomiest of times. In this inspiring book, Meacham reassures us, "The good news is that we have come through such darkness before" - as, time and again, Lincoln's better angels have found a way to prevail. 2018 All formats <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0399589812</p>   |
| February  |   |
|  | <p><b><i>Gods of the Upper Air: How a Circle of Renegade Anthropologists Reinvented Race, Sex, and Gender in the Twentieth Century by Charles King</i></b></p> <p>A dazzling group portrait of Franz Boas, the founder of cultural anthropology, and his circle of women scientists, who upended American notions of race, gender, and sexuality in the 1920s and 1930s—a sweeping chronicle of how our society began to question the basic ways we understand other cultures and ourselves. 2019 Hardcover and Kindle only <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0385542197</p>  |
| March   |   |
|  | <p><b><i>Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing As We Age by Mary Pipher</i></b></p> <p>Women growing older contend with ageism, misogyny, and loss. Yet, as Mary Pipher shows, most older women are deeply happy and filled with gratitude for the gifts of life. Their struggles help them grow into the authentic, empathetic, and wise people they have always wanted to be. In Women Rowing North, Pipher offers a timely examination of the cultural and developmental issues women face as they age. 2019 All formats <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-1632869609</p>   |

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| <p>April</p>   | <p>Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama: The Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution by Diane McWhorter</p> <p>"The Year of Birmingham," 1963, was a cataclysmic turning point in America's long civil rights struggle. Child demonstrators faced down police dogs and fire hoses in huge nonviolent marches against segregation. Ku Klux Klansmen retaliated by bombing the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, killing four young black girls. Diane McWhorter, daughter of a prominent Birmingham family, weaves together police and FBI records, archival documents, interviews with black activists and Klansmen, and personal memories into an extraordinary narrative of the personalities and events that brought about America's second emancipation. 2010 All formats except audio book</p> <p><b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-1476709512</p>  |
| <p>May</p>    | <p><b><i>The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics and the Law That Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America</i> by Daniel Okrent</b></p> <p>A forgotten, dark chapter of American history with implications for the current day, <i>The Guarded Gate</i> tells the story of the scientists who argued that certain nationalities were inherently inferior, providing the intellectual justification for the harshest immigration law in American history. Brandished by the upper class Bostonians and New Yorkers—many of them progressives—who led the anti-immigration movement, the eugenic arguments helped keep hundreds of thousands of Jews, Italians, and other unwanted groups out of the US for more than 40 years. Whoopi Goldberg called this book "fascinating" and says it is at the top of her list this summer. 2019 All formats <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-1476798035</p>   |
| <p>June</p>  | <p><b><i>Southern Discomfort</i> by Tena Clark</b></p> <p>Tena Clark was born in 1953 in a tiny Mississippi town close to the Alabama border, where the legacy of slavery and racial injustice still permeated every aspect of life. On the outside, Tena's childhood looked like a fairytale. Her father was one of the richest men in the state; her mother was a regal beauty. The family lived on a sprawling farm and had the only swimming pool in town; Tena was given her first car—a royal blue Camaro—at twelve. But behind closed doors, Tena's life was deeply lonely, and chaotic. By the time she was three, her parents' marriage had dissolved into a swamp of alcohol, rampant infidelity, and guns. Adding to the turmoil, Tena understood from a very young age that she was different from her three older sisters, all of whom had been beauty queens and majorettes. Combining the spirit of poignant coming-of-age memoirs such as <i>The Glass Castle</i> and vivid, evocative Southern fiction like <i>Fried Green Tomatoes</i>, <i>Southern Discomfort</i> is about the people and places that shape who we are—and is destined to become a new classic. 2018 All formats</p> <p><b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-1501167942</p> |

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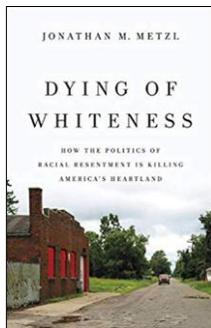
July



***Waking the Witch: Reflections on Women, Magic, and Power* by Pam Grossman**

When you think of a witch, what do you picture? Pointy black hat, maybe a broomstick. But witches in various guises have been with us for millennia. In *Waking the Witch*, Pam Grossman explores the cultural and historical impact of the world's most magical icon. From the idea of the femme fatale in league with the devil in early modern Europe and Salem, to the bewitching pop culture archetypes in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, and *Harry Potter*; from the spooky ladies in fairy tales and horror films to the rise of feminist covens and contemporary witchcraft, witches reflect the power and potential of women. 2019 All formats **ISBN-13:** 978-1982100704

August



***Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment Is Killing America's Heartland* by Jonathan M. Metz**

Malcolm X began by adoring whiteness, grew to hate white people and, ultimately, despised the false concept of white superiority — a killer of people of color. And not only them: low- and middle-income white people too, as Metz's timely book shows, with its look at Trump-era policies that have unraveled the Affordable Care Act and contributed to rising gun suicide rates and lowered life expectancies. 2019 All formats except paperback **ISBN-13:** 978-1541644984