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The Twentieth Wife Agate
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English "wenschel," 1 a: a girl,
maid, young woman; a female
child. Situated in Ohio, a free
territory before the Civil War,
Tawawa House is an idyllic
retreat for Southern white men
who vacation there every summer
with their enslaved black
mistresses. It's their open
secret. Lizzie, Reenie, and
Sweet are regulars at the
resort, building strong
friendships over the years. But
when Mawu, as fearless as she
is assured, comes along and
starts talking of running away,

things change. To run is to
leave everything behind, and for
some it also means escaping from
the emotional and psychological
bonds that bind them to their
masters. When a fire on the
resort sets off a string of
tragedies, the women of Tawawa
House soon learn that triumph
and dehumanization are
inseparable and that love exists
even in the most inhuman, brutal
of circumstances— all while they
bear witness to the end of an
era. An engaging, page-turning,
and wholly original novel, *Wench*
explores, with an unflinching
eye, the moral complexities of
slavery.

Breaking Up with Busy Birliinn

Make the time for what matters most by breaking up with busy Overbooking and under-sleeping have almost become status symbols, and having it all seems to be synonymous with doing it all, yet what do we really accomplish with so much busyness? Yvonne Tally wants to give you back your life by helping you break the busyness habit. She offers realistic, step-by-step, and even fun ways to get off the busyness hamster wheel and reclaim your time. Yvonne shows how the benefits of living a more balanced life can improve your longevity and spiritual well-being. She outlines ways to shift and calm your mind, learn how to say no, and create your own “ busy-busting solutions.” With fifty-two refreshers and reminders, *Breaking Up with Busy* provides incremental ways to change habits,

transform thinking, and reconnect with your unique, personal sense of play and pleasure.

Shadow Princess Bat Wing Press

Nicole-Marie Handy has loved all things French since she was a child. After the death of her best friend, determined to get out of her rut of ordinary living and experience something new, she goes to Paris, leaving behind work, ailing parents and a proposal from her married lover. While there, Nicole chances upon an old photo of her father--lovingly inscribed, in his hand, to a woman Nicole has never heard of. What starts as a vacation for Nicole quickly becomes an investigation into her relationship to this mystery woman. Moving back and forth in time between the sparkling Paris of today and the jazz-fueled city filled with expatriates in the 1950s, *PASSING LOVE* is the story of two women dealing with

love lost, secrets, and betrayal . . . and how the City of Lights may hold all of the answers.

Red River Penguin

The past and the present converge in this enthralling, serpentine tale of women connected by motherhood, slavery's legacy, and histories that span centuries. In 1850 in Massachusetts, Whittaker House stood as a stop on the Underground Railroad. It's where two freedom seekers, Little Annie and Clementine, hid and perished in a fire. Whittaker House still stands, and Little Annie and Clementine still linger, their dreams of freedom unfulfilled. Now a fashionably distressed vacation rental in the Berkshires, Whittaker House draws seekers of another kind: Black women who only appear to be free. Among them are

Dominique, a single mother following her grandmere's stories to Whittaker House in search of an ancestor; Michelle, Dominique's lover, who has journeyed to the Berkshire Mountains to heal her own traumas; and Kaye, Michelle's sister, a seer whose visions reveal the past and future secrets of the former safehouse--along with her own. For each of them, true liberation can come only from uncovering their connection to history--and to the spirits awaiting peace and redemption within the walls of Whittaker House.

Passing Love U of Nebraska Press

From the author of the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Maud's Line*, an epic novel that follows a web of complex family alliances and culture clashes in the Cherokee Nation during the aftermath of the Civil War, and the unforgettable woman at its center.

The Colfax Massacre New World Library
A wounded Confederate soldier treks across the ruins of America in this National Book Award – winning novel: “ A stirring Civil War tale told with epic sweep. ” —People
Sorely wounded and fatally disillusioned in the fighting at Petersburg, a Confederate soldier named Inman decides to walk back to his home in the Blue Ridge mountains to Ada, the woman he loves. His journey across the disintegrating South brings him into intimate and sometimes lethal converse with slaves and marauders, bounty hunters and witches, both helpful and malign. Meanwhile, the intrepid Ada is trying to revive her father ’ s derelict farm and learning to survive in a world where the old certainties have been swept away. As it

interweaves their stories, Cold Mountain asserts itself as an authentic odyssey, hugely powerful, majestically lovely, and keenly moving.

Steal Away Home Doubleday Books
From the author of The Water Dancers and Good Family, an exquisitely crafted novel, set in Ohio in the decades leading to the Civil War, that illuminates the immigrant experience, the injustice of slavery, and the debts human beings owe to one another, witnessed through the endeavors of one Irish-American family. Cheated out of their family estate in Northern Ireland after the Napoleonic Wars, the Givens family arrives in America in 1819. But in coming to this new land, they have lost nearly everything. Making their way west they settle in Cincinnati, a burgeoning town on the banks of the mighty Ohio River whose rise,

like the Givenses' own, will be fashioned by the colliding forces of Jacksonian populism, religious evangelism, industrial capitalism, and the struggle for emancipation. After losing their mother in childbirth and their father to a riverboat headed for New Orleans, James, Olivia, and Erasmus Givens must fend for themselves. Ambitious James eventually marries into a prosperous family, builds a successful business, and rises in Cincinnati society. Taken by the spirit and wanderlust, Erasmus becomes an itinerant preacher, finding passion and heartbreak as he seeks God. Independent-minded Olivia, seemingly destined for spinsterhood, enters into a surprising partnership and marriage with Silas Orpheus, a local doctor who spurns social mores. When her husband suddenly dies from an infection, Olivia travels to his family home in Kentucky, where she meets his estranged brother and encounters the horrors of slavery firsthand. After abetting the escape of one slave, Olivia is forced to confront the status of a young woman named Tilly, another slave owned by Olivia's brother-in-law. When her attempt to help Tilly ends in disaster, Olivia tracks down Erasmus, who has begun smuggling runaways across the river—the borderline between freedom and slavery. As the years pass, this family of immigrants initially indifferent to slavery will actively work for its end—performing courageous, often dangerous, occasionally foolhardy acts of moral rectitude that will reverberate through their lives for generations to come.

Wench Hachette+ORM
An early look by an agent of the U.S. government (Benjamin Hawkins) at the

lands, people and customs of the Native Americans encompassed in the Creek Confederacy. Primarily located in Georgia and Alabama, they were one of the many Native American groups or tribes that had to be treated with in order to advance the frontiers of the new nation of America.

The Space Between the Stars HarperCollins

Beneath the surface of Cane River, Texas, is a mystery that tangles the town like the vines that slither into yards and swallow up houses. Early in the town's history, a little girl disappeared; now she makes appearances with the vines, and Eugene Wheeler may be the only one who has the answer to the mystery. His son Bill Wheeler returns to Cane River following the death of his wife and unborn child. He is lonely, looking to reconnect with his crazy father and forget the pain of his loss. But strange occurrences surround him. Phantom breezes in his apartment, strange voices from empty

rooms, and a little girl who wants more from him than he knows all follow him and only his father seems to know why. Bill meets Sandy Duprie, but before their relationship can blossom, the strange little girl with the too-wide smile takes something precious from them both, leading him on a journey of terror into the heart of the Texas swamp that is Cane River.

Maud's Line Penguin

The tragic tale of a Montana family ripped apart by scandal and murder: “ a significant and elegant addition to the fiction of the American West ” (Washington Post). In the summer of 1948, twelve-year-old David Hayden witnessed and experienced a series of cataclysmic events that would forever change the way he saw his family. The Haydens had been pillars of their small Montana town: David ’ s father was the town sheriff; his uncle Frank was a war hero and respected doctor. But the family ’ s solid foundation was suddenly shattered by a bombshell revelation. The Hayden ’ s Sioux

housekeeper, Marie Little Soldier, tells them that Frank has been sexually assaulting his female Indian patients for years—and that she herself was his latest victim. As the tragic fallout unravels around David, he learns that truth is not what one believes it to be, that power is abused, and that sometimes one has to choose between loyalty and justice. Winner of the Milkweed National Fiction Prize

The Late Age of Print Hachette UK

The story of Mehrunnisa, the daughter of servants who became the empresses of the Mughal empire.

Cold Mountain Harper Collins

“ Breathtaking . . . Perhaps the best work of fiction ever done about the civil rights movement ” from the award-winning actress and activist (Newsday). When University of Michigan sophomore Celeste Tyree travels to Mississippi to volunteer her

efforts in the Freedom Summer of 1964, she ’ s assigned to help register voters in the small town of Pineyville, a place best known for a notorious lynching that occurred only a few years earlier. As the long, hot summer unfolds, Celeste befriends several members of the community, but there are also those who are threatened by her and the change that her presence in the South represents. Finding inner strength as she helps lift the veil of oppression and learns valuable lessons about race, social change, and violence, Celeste prepares her adult students for their showdown with the county registrar. All the while, she struggles with loneliness, a worried father in Detroit, and her burgeoning feelings for Ed Jolivette, a young man also in Mississippi for the summer. By

summer ' s end, Celeste learns there are no easy answers to the questions that preoccupy her—about violence and nonviolence, about race, identity, and color, and about the strength of love and family bonds. In *Freshwater Road*, Denise Nicholas has created an unforgettable story that—more than ten years after first appearing in print—continues to be one of the most cherished works of Civil Rights fiction. “ A bold new novel that explores the fault lines of class and race in 1964 Mississippi. ” —The Washington Post “ Hypnotic . . . [Nicholas] conjures an insidious mood of fear and writes with lyrical prose. ” —Entertainment Weekly
[Speak, So You Can Speak Again](#) Oxford University Press

Hailed as "powerful," "accomplished," and "spellbinding," Lalita Tademy's first novel *Cane River* was a New York Times bestseller and the 2001 Oprah Book Club Summer Selection. Now with her evocative, luminous style and painstaking research, she takes her family's story even further, back to a little-chronicled, deliberately-forgotten time...and the struggle of three extraordinary generations of African-American men to forge brutal injustice and shattered promise into a limitless future for their children... For the newly-freed black residents of Colfax, Louisiana, the beginning of Reconstruction promised them the right to vote, own property-and at last control their own lives. Tademy saw a chance to start a school for his children and neighbors.

His friend Israel Smith was determined to start a community business and gain economic freedom. But in the space of a day, marauding whites would "take back" Colfax in one of the deadliest cases of racial violence in the South. In the bitter aftermath, Sam and Israel's fight to recover and build their dreams will draw on the best they and their families have to give-and the worst they couldn't have foreseen. Sam's hidden resilience will make him an unexpected leader, even as it puts his conscience and life on the line. Israel finds ironic success-and the bitterest of betrayals. And their greatest challenge will be to pass on to their sons and grandsons a proud heritage never forgotten-and the strength to meet the demands of the past and future in

their own unique ways. An unforgettable achievement, a history brought to vibrant life through one of the most memorable families in fiction, *Red River* is about fathers and sons, husbands and wives-and the hopeful, heartbreaking choices we all must make to claim the legacy that is ours. *Creek Confederacy* and *A Sketch of the Creek Country* Hachette UK

Set among the plantations in deepest Louisiana, *CANE RIVER* follows the lives of five generations of women from the time of slavery in the early 1800s into the early years of the 20th century. From down-trodden, philosophical Suzette, who was born and died a slave, to educated, pale-skinned Emily, whose high ambitions born in freedom become her downfall, we are introduced to a remarkable cast of characters whose struggles reflect the

tragedy of slavery and, ultimately, the triumph of the spirit. This deeply personal saga - based entirely on the author's research into her own family history - ranks with the best African-American novels and introduces a major new writer.

Cherokee America Hachette+ORM

Winner of the Southern Book Prize for Literary Fiction Named a Best Book of 2017 by the Chicago Public Library and the American Library Association “ Wiley Cash reveals the dignity and humanity of people asking for a fair shot in an unfair world. ” - Christina Baker Kline, author of *A Piece of the World* and *Orphan Train* The New York Times bestselling author of the celebrated *A Land More Kind Than Home* and *This Dark Road to Mercy* returns with this eagerly awaited new novel, set in the Appalachian foothills of North

Carolina in 1929 and inspired by actual events. The chronicle of an ordinary woman ’ s struggle for dignity and her rights in a textile mill, *The Last Ballad* is a moving tale of courage in the face of oppression and injustice, with the emotional power of Ron Rash ’ s *Serena*, Dennis Lehane ’ s *The Given Day*, and the unforgettable films *Norma Rae* and *Silkwood*. Twelve times a week, twenty-eight-year-old Ella May Wiggins makes the two-mile trek to and from her job on the night shift at American Mill No. 2 in Bessemer City, North Carolina. The insular community considers the mill ’ s owners—the newly arrived Goldberg brothers—white but not American and expects them to pay Ella May and other workers less because they toil alongside African Americans like Violet, Ella May ’ s best friend. While the dirty, hazardous job at the mill earns Ella May a

paltry nine dollars for seventy-two hours of work each week, it's the only opportunity she has. Her no-good husband, John, has run off again, and she must keep her four young children alive with whatever work she can find. When the union leaflets begin circulating, Ella May has a taste of hope, a yearning for the better life the organizers promise. But the mill owners, backed by other nefarious forces, claim the union is nothing but a front for the Bolshevik menace sweeping across Europe. To maintain their control, the owners will use every means in their power, including bloodshed, to prevent workers from banding together. On the night of the county's biggest rally, Ella May, weighing the costs of her choice, makes up her mind to join the movement—a decision that will have lasting consequences for her children, her friends, her town—indeed all that she loves. Seventy-five years later, Ella May's daughter Lilly, now an elderly woman, tells her nephew about his grandmother and the events that transformed their family. Illuminating the most painful corners of their history, she reveals, for the first time, the tragedy that befell Ella May after that fateful union meeting in 1929. Intertwining myriad voices, Wiley Cash brings to life the heartbreak and bravery of the now forgotten struggle of the labor movement in early twentieth-century America—and pays tribute to the thousands of heroic women and men who risked their lives to win basic rights for all workers. Lyrical, heartbreaking, and haunting, this eloquent novel confirms Wiley Cash's place among our nation's finest writers.

Lost Boy Simon and Schuster
The untold story of the massacre of a Southern town's freedmen and a white lawyer's battle to bring the killers to justice: "Riveting." —The

New York Times Book Review Following the Civil War, Colfax, Louisiana, was a town, like many, where African Americans and whites mingled uneasily. But on April 13, 1873, a small army of white ex – Confederate soldiers, enraged after attempts by freedmen to assert their new rights, killed more than sixty African Americans who had occupied a courthouse. With skill and tenacity, the Washington Post ’ s Charles Lane transforms this nearly forgotten incident into a riveting historical saga. Seeking justice for the slain, one brave US attorney, James Beckwith, risked his life and career to investigate and punish the perpetrators—but they all went free. What followed was a series of courtroom dramas that culminated at the Supreme Court, where the justices ’ verdict compromised the victories of the Civil War and left Southern blacks at the mercy of violent whites for generations. The Day Freedom Died is an electrifying piece of historical detective work that captures a gallery of characters from presidents to townspeople, and re-

creates the bloody days of Reconstruction, when the often-brutal struggle for equality moved from the battlefield into communities across the nation.

“ Thoroughly readable, carefully documented. ”

—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“ Fascinating. ” —New Orleans Times-Picayune

“ An electrifying piece of historical reporting. ”

—Tucson Citizen

Freshwater Road Simon and Schuster

CD features interview excerpts and folk songs sung by Zora Neale Hurston.

Gods and Generals Mariner Books

The story of a mixed race (black and Native) child growing up on the reservation, how she finds a place for herself, and her eventual murder.

Searching for Tina Turner Columbia University Press

A Recommended Summer Read from The Verge and io9 A Recommended June Read

from Hello Giggles and Tor.com When the world ends, where will you go? In a breathtakingly vivid and emotionally gripping debut novel, one woman must confront the emptiness in the universe—and in her own heart—when a devastating virus reduces most of humanity to dust and memories. All Jamie Allenby ever wanted was space. Even though she wasn't forced to emigrate from Earth, she willingly left the overpopulated, claustrophobic planet. And when a long relationship devolved into silence and suffocating sadness, she found work on a frontier world on the edges of civilization. Then the virus hit... Now Jamie finds herself dreadfully alone, with all that's left of the dead. Until a garbled message from Earth gives her hope that

someone from her past might still be alive. Soon Jamie finds other survivors, and their ragtag group will travel through the vast reaches of space, drawn to the promise of a new beginning on Earth. But their dream will pit them against those desperately clinging to the old ways. And Jamie's own journey home will help her close the distance between who she has become and who she is meant to be...

My Last Days as Roy Rogers Macmillan "The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Toronto! stands out as an engaging and highly readable account of the lives of Black people in Toronto in the 1800s. Adrienne Shadd, Afua Cooper and Karolyn Smardz Frost offer many helpful points of entry for readers learning for the first time about Black history in Canada.

They also give surprising and detailed information to enrich the understanding of people already passionate about this neglected aspect of our own past." - Lawrence Hill, Writer
The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Toronto!, a richly illustrated book, examines the urban connection of the clandestine system of secret routes, safe houses and "conductors." Not only does it trace the story of the Underground Railroad itself and how people courageously made the trip north to Canada and freedom, but it also explores what happened to them after they arrived. And it does so using never-before-published information on the African-Canadian community of Toronto. Based entirely on new research carried out for the experiential theatre show "The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Freedom!" at the Royal Ontario Museum, this volume offers new insights into the rich heritage

of the Black people who made Toronto their home before the Civil War. It portrays life in the city during the nineteenth century in considerable detail. This exciting new book will be of interest to readers young and old who want to learn more about this unexplored chapter in Toronto ' s history.