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Come Back for Me Random House  
Sixteen-year-old Meghan Powers' happy life in Massachusetts changes

drastically when her mother, one of the most prestigious senators in the country, becomes the front-runner in the race for United States President.

**The Tattooed Girl**  
Multnomah

In this remarkable and assured debut, Tova Mirvis tells the story of the close-knit,

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carefully structured world of the Orthodox community in Memphis, Tennessee, a world that unravels when Batsheva, newly widowed and a convert to Judaism, and her five-year-old daughter, Ayala, move in. Batsheva is free-spirited and artistic, and at first the women of the ladies auxiliary discover in her a passion for the traditions and rituals of Judaism which have become stale and routine to them. But when Batsheva becomes close with the restless high-

school girls she teaches who are eager to catch glimpses of the non-Kosher world outside, and befriends, maybe a little too intimately, the beloved Rabbi's only son, Yosef, feathers begin to ruffle. When events come to a head, and Batsheva's past is revealed, the women's allegiances begin to split over whether Batsheva should be forced out of the community. Batsheva is an unforgettable character, one who makes her claims on the reader's heart from the first page. The Ladies

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Auxiliary,  
beautifully and  
skillfully told,  
shows what happens  
when the outside  
world leans on a  
closed community so  
intent on keeping  
its children inside  
its tight walls  
that it cannot see  
it is losing them.

*Evensong* Anchor

Introducing an eloquent,  
sensual new Canadian voice  
that rings out in a first novel  
that is exquisitely rich and  
stunningly original. Roop is  
a sixteen-year-old village  
girl in the Punjab region of  
undivided India in 1937  
whose family is respectable  
but poor -- her father is deep  
in debt and her mother is  
dead. Innocent and lovely,  
yet afraid she may not marry  
well, she is elated when she  
learns she is to become the

second wife of a wealthy  
Sikh landowner, Sardarji,  
whose first wife, Satya, has  
failed to bear him any  
children. Roop trusts that the  
strong-willed Satya will treat  
her as a sister, but their  
relationship becomes far  
more ominous and  
complicated than expected.  
Roop's tale draws the reader  
immediately into her world,  
making the exotic familiar  
and the family's story  
startlingly universal, but  
What the Body Remembers  
is also very much Satya's  
story. She is mortified and  
angry when Sardarji takes  
Roop for a wife, a woman  
whose low status Satya takes  
as an affront to her position,  
and she adopts desperate  
measures to maintain her  
place in society and in her  
husband's heart. Yet it is also  
Sardarji's story, as the India  
he knows and understands --

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the temples, cities, villages and countryside, all so vividly evoked -- begins to change. The escalating tensions in his personal life reflect those between Hindu and Muslim that lead to the cleaving of India and trap the Sikhs in a horrifying middle ground. Deeply imbued with the languages, customs and layered history of colonial India, *What the Body Remembers* is an absolute triumph of storytelling. Never before has a novel of love and partition been told from the point of view of the Sikh minority, never before through Sikh women's eyes. This is a novel to read, treasure and admire that, like its two compelling heroines, resists all efforts to be put aside.

*The Ladies Auxiliary: A Novel* St. Martin's Press

Joshua Seigl, a celebrated but reclusive author, is forced for reasons of failing health to surrender his much-prized bachelor's independence.

Advertising for an assistant, he unwittingly embarks upon the most dangerous adventure of his privileged life. Alma Busch, a sensuous, physically attractive young woman with bizarre tattoos covering much of her body, stirs in Seigl a complex of emotions: pity? desire? responsibility? guilt? Unaware of her painful past and her troubled personality, Seigl hires her as his assistant. As the novel alternates between Seigl's and Alma's points of view, the naïve altruism of the one and the virulent anti-Semitism of the other

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clash in a tragedy of thwarted erotic desire. With her masterful balance of dark suspense and surprising tenderness, Joyce Carol Oates probes the contemporary tragedy of ethnic hatred and challenges our accepted limits of desire. *The Tattooed Girl* may be her most controversial novel. *A Seat At The Table* Seal Press

A bold new voice from Saudi Arabia spins a fascinating tale of four young women attempting to navigate the narrow straits between love, desire, fulfillment, and Islamic tradition as the hidden world of today's upper-class Saudi women is revealed by an insider.

*The Coffee Trader* Graywolf Press

Tzippy Goldman was born for marriage. She and her mother

had always assumed she'd graduate high school, be set up with the right boy, and have a beautiful wedding with white lace and pareve vanilla cream frosting. But at twenty-two, Tzippy's fast approaching spinsterhood. She dreams of escape; instead, she leaves for a year in Jerusalem. There she meets – re-meets – Baruch, the son of her mother's college roommate. When Tzippy last saw him, his name was Bryan and he wore a Yankees-logo yarmulke. Now he has adopted the black hat of the ultra-orthodox, the tradition in which Tzippy was raised. Twelve weeks later, they're engaged...and discovering that desire and tradition, devotion and individuality aren't the easiest balance. Hilarious, compassionate, and tremendously insightful, *The Outside World* illuminates an insular community, marvelously depicting that complicated blend of faith, love, and family

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otherwise known as life in a modern world.

**Falling Out of Time** Simon and Schuster

Loss, trauma, memory, and, above all, the ties of family and being Jewish are the elements that weave together this panoramic story. **Come Back for Me** travels through time and place only to bring us, ultimately, to the connections between generations. **Artur Mandelkorn** is a young Hungarian Holocaust survivor whose desperate quest to find his sister takes him to post-war Israel. **Intersecting** Artur's tale is that of **Suzy Kohn**, a Toronto teenager whose seemingly tranquil life is shattered when her uncle's sudden death tears her family apart. Their stories eventually come together in Israel following the Six-Day War, where love and understanding become the threads that bind the two narratives together. Like **Sarah's Key**, **Come Back for Me** deals

evocatively with the scars left by tragedy and the possibilities for healing.

**Second Generation** Penguin

A moving and revealing exploration of ultra-Orthodox Judaism and one man's loss of faith **Shulem Deen** was raised to believe that questions are dangerous. As a member of the **Skverers**, one of the most insular Hasidic sects in the US, he knows little about the outside world—only that it is to be shunned. His marriage at eighteen is arranged and several children soon follow. Deen's first transgression—turning on the radio—is small, but his curiosity leads him to the library, and later the Internet. Soon he begins a feverish inquiry into the tenets of his religious beliefs, until, several years later, his faith unravels entirely. Now a heretic, he fears being discovered and ostracized from the only world he knows. His relationship with his family at stake, he is forced into a life

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of deception, and begins a long struggle to hold on to those he loves most: his five children. In *All Who Go Do Not Return*, Deen bravely traces his harrowing loss of faith, while offering an illuminating look at a highly secretive world.

The Bishop's Wife

Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

In *Falling Out of Time*, David Grossman has created a genre-defying drama - part play, part prose, pure poetry - to tell the story of bereaved parents setting out to reach their lost children. It begins in a small village, in a kitchen, where a man announces to his wife that he is leaving, embarking on a journey in search of their dead son. The man - called simply the 'Walking Man' - paces in ever-widening circles around the town. One after another, all manner of townsfolk fall into step with him (the Net

Mender, the Midwife, the Elderly Maths Teacher, even the Duke), each enduring his or her own loss. The walkers raise questions of grief and bereavement: Can death be overcome by an intensity of speech or memory? Is it possible, even for a fleeting moment, to call to the dead and free them from their death? Grossman's answer to such questions is a hymn to these characters, who ultimately find solace and hope in their communal act of breaching death's hermetic separateness. For the reader, the solace is in their clamorous vitality, and in the gift of Grossman's storytelling - a realm where loss is not merely an absence, but a life force of its own.

Hand Me Down  
Purdue University Press

From the bestselling author of

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The Swallows of Kabul comes this timely and haunting novel that powerfully illuminates the devastating human costs of terrorism. Dr. Amin Jaafari is an Arab-Israeli surgeon at a hospital in Tel Aviv. As an admired and respected member of his community, he has carved a space for himself and his wife, Sihem, at the crossroads of two troubled societies. Jaafari's world is abruptly shattered when Sihem is killed in a suicide bombing. As evidence mounts that Sihem could have been responsible for the catastrophic bombing, Jaafari begins a tortured search for answers. Faced with the ultimate betrayal, he must find a way to reconcile his cherished memories of his wife with the growing realization that she may have had another life, one that was entirely removed from the comfortable, modern existence that they shared.

We Are Watching Eliza Bright  
Harper Collins

The powerful coming-of-age story of an ultra-Orthodox child who was born to become a rabbinic leader and instead became a woman Abby Stein was raised in a Hasidic Jewish community in Brooklyn, isolated in a culture that lives according to the laws and practices of eighteenth-century Eastern Europe, speaking only Yiddish and Hebrew and shunning modern life. Stein was born as the first son in a dynastic rabbinical family, poised to become a leader of the next generation of Hasidic Jews. But Abby felt certain at a young age that she was a girl. She suppressed her desire for a new body while looking for answers wherever she could find them, from forbidden religious texts to smuggled secular examinations of faith. Finally, she orchestrated a personal exodus from ultra-Orthodox manhood to mainstream femininity—a radical choice that forced her to leave her home, her family, her way of life. Powerful in the truths it reveals about biology, culture, faith, and identity, *Becoming Eve* poses the enduring question: How far will you go to become the person you



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were meant to be?

## Unfinalized Moments

Sourcebooks, Inc.

From the best-selling author of "The Ladies Auxiliary, a hilarious new novel about two Orthodox Jewish families brought together by the marriage of their children. Tzippy Goldman's mother has been planning her wedding since before she was born. Her four younger sisters want her to marry the crown prince of Boro Park. But Tzippy, approaching spinsterhood at the age of twenty-two, has other ideas. Tzippy has been on one too many blind dates in the lobby of the Brooklyn Marriott. She is hungry for experience and longs to escape the suffocating expectations of religious stricture and romantic obligation. Bryan Miller's family lives in a liberal New Jersey

community. Like Orthodox Jews anywhere in the world, they spend Saturdays in synagogue. And like suburbanites anywhere in the world, they wake up on Sundays and take their kids to Little League games and stop for pizza on the way home. But to Bryan, this middle road looks more and more like hypocrisy. He longs for conviction, for the relief of absolutes. To his parents' bewilderment and horror, he trades in his beloved Yankees cap for the black fedora of the ultra-Orthodox. In the courtship of Bryan and Tzippy, and in the progress of their highly freighted love affair and marriage, Tova Mirvis illuminates an insular world, where ancient and modern collide. With warmth, originality, and remarkable insight, she considers isolation and

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assimilation; the fervor of the zealot, the doubt of the truly faithful; the hunger for freedom, the hunger for God; and the retreat into traditionalism that has become a worldwide phenomenon among young people of all religions. "The Outside World is a marvelous evocation of family and community, and of the struggle to be religious in a modern world.

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Aviva Kagan was just a teenager when she left her Hasidic Jewish life in Brooklyn for a fling with a smiling college boy from Florida and then disappeared. Twenty-three years later, the child she walked away from is a NYC tabloid reporter named Rebekah Roberts. And Rebekah isn't sure she wants her mother back in her life. But when a man from the ultra-Orthodox enclave of Roseville, N.Y. contacts Rebekah about his young wife's mysterious death, she is drawn back into Aviva's world.

Pessie Goldin's body was found in her bathtub, and while her parents want to believe it was an accident, her husband is certain she was murdered. Once she starts poking around, Rebekah encounters a whole society of people who have wandered "off the path" of ultra-Orthodox Judaism—just like her mother. But some went with dark secrets, and rage at the insular community they left behind. In the sequel to her Edgar Award finalist *Invisible City*, Julia Dahl has created a taut mystery that is both a window into a secretive culture and an exploration of the demons we inherit.

*Foreskin's Lament* Vintage  
A New York Times Notable Book, and a “chaotic, laugh riot” (San Francisco Chronicle) of a memoir.  
Shalom Auslander was raised with a terrified respect for God. Even as he grew up and was estranged from his community, his religion and its traditions, he could not find the path to a life where he didn't struggle daily with the fear of God's

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formidable wrath. Foreskin ' s Lament reveals Auslander ' s " painfully, cripplingly, incurably, miserably religious " youth in a strict, socially isolated Orthodox Jewish community, and recounts his rebellion and efforts to make a new life apart from it. His combination of unrelenting humor and anger renders a rich and fascinating portrait of a man grappling with his faith and family.

### The Attack Knopf

Amsterdam, 1659: On the world ' s first commodities exchange, fortunes are won and lost in an instant. Miguel Lienzo, a sharp-witted trader in the city ' s close-knit community of Portuguese Jews, knows this only too well. Once among the city ' s most envied merchants, Miguel has suddenly lost everything. Now, impoverished and humiliated, living in his younger brother ' s canal-

flooded basement, Miguel must find a way to restore his wealth and reputation. Miguel enters into a partnership with a seductive Dutchwoman who offers him one last chance at success—a daring plot to corner the market of an astonishing new commodity called " coffee. " To succeed, Miguel must risk everything he values and face a powerful enemy who will stop at nothing to see him ruined. Miguel will learn that among Amsterdam ' s ruthless businessmen, betrayal lurks everywhere, and even friends hide secret agendas.

The President's Daughter  
Riverhead Books

"For a real bargain, while you're making a living, you should make also a life." --Aaron Bronson

In 1920, in small-town America, the ubiquitous dry goods store--suits and coats, shoes and hats, work clothes and school clothes, yard goods

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and notions--was usually owned by Jews and often referred to as "the Jew store." That's how Stella Suberman's father's store, Bronson's Low-Priced Store, in Concordia, Tennessee, was known locally. The Bronsons were the first Jews to ever live in that tiny town (1920 population: 5,318) of one main street, one bank, one drugstore, one picture show, one feed and seed, one hardware, one barber shop, one beauty parlor, one blacksmith, and many Christian churches. Aaron Bronson moved his family all the way from New York City to that remote corner of northwest Tennessee to prove himself a born salesman--and much more. Told by Aaron's youngest child, *The Jew Store* is that rare thing--an intimate family story that sheds new light on a piece of American history. Here is *One Man's Family* with a twist--a Jew, born into poverty in prerevolutionary Russia and orphaned from birth, finds his way to America, finds a trade, finds a wife, and sets out to find his fortune in a place where Jews are unwelcome. With a novelist's sense of scene, suspense, and above all, characterization, Stella Suberman turns the clock back to a time when rural America was more peaceful but no less prejudiced, when educated liberals were suspect, and when the Klan was threatening to outsiders. In that setting, she brings to life her remarkable father, a man whose own brand of success proves that intelligence, empathy, liberality, and decency can build a home anywhere. *The Jew Store* is a heartwarming--even inspiring--story.

[The Speed of Light](#) Penguin  
[She'll Risk Her Freedom to Find Freedom](#) "A novel of satisfying depth and breadth, written in good, clean, forceful prose." -Chicago Tribune  
[Desperate for independence and scornful of](#)

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the hypocrisy of the upper class, Barbara Lavette returns to her family home in San Francisco following her first year of college determined to make her own way in the world. After abandoning her privileged life to disguise herself as a poor volunteer down on the wharf, Barbara journeys to France to report on the onset of Nazi terror and the coming of World War II. But when tragedy strikes deep at the heart of the life Barbara has built for herself in Europe, she is forced to return to San Francisco heartbroken and alone where she must face the family she ran away from. The second book in master storyteller Howard Fast's epic family saga, *Second Generation* vividly depicts the lives of the Lavette family as they struggle to persevere in America during the chaos of

the Depression and World War II.

The Ladies Auxiliary W. W. Norton & Company CNA Sally Cox is about as happy to be at Walnut Hills Nursing Center as the patients are. But it's work or starve, now that her husband has found a younger companion. Sally's new crowd skews toward the elderly—ninety-year-old Elsie Rigsby, for instance, whose dementia comes and goes with her gold-digging son and grandson's visits. Elsie's not going to tell those vultures where she stashed her money. Still, she's not getting any younger, and someone besides her needs to know. Three deaths later, is anyone watching Sally? The love of money... Poor Mrs. Rigsby gets so confused. But she's Sally Cox's favorite patient

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at Walnut Hills Nursing Center . It ' s too bad her only relatives are her insensitive son, Harry, who ' s always badgering her about money, and a charming but unreliable grandson. ...is a root... Harry Rigsby is retired, but these years aren ' t exactly golden for him. He ' s been reduced to eating ketchup sandwiches when his Social Security check doesn ' t stretch to cover the whole month. It just isn ' t fair. He has long suspected his mother of ratholing money, but she won ' t admit it. Trouble is, if he doesn ' t find out before her mind goes, he ' ll never see a penny of it. ...of all kinds of evil. Sally Cox is drowning in debt and resentful that her job at the nursing home doesn ' t pay enough. When Mrs. Rigsby tells her and a coworker that she ' s hidden money from her greedy son, the coworker devises the perfect scheme to end Sally ' s financial woes—and opens a door to something evil! Poor Mrs. Rigsby explores the pitfalls of financial worry, the wages of greed, and the God who has promised to be a refuge from both. Story Behind the Book I ' ve been dismayed by the financial abuse of people in power—corporate CEOs, trusted religious leaders, and even heads of households—whose mismanagement and greed have inflicted hardship on many a victim. But I wrote Poor Mrs. Rigsby to show what can happen when victims justify using dishonest means in an effort to regain control of their financial ture. It ' s my hope that this story will challenge believers to take an honest look at where they

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draw the line between their own striving for financial purity—and trusting God to provide what they need.

Solar Storms Vintage The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio introduces Evelyn Ryan, an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay with wit, poetry, and perfect prose during the "contest era" of the 1950s and 1960s. Stepping back into a time when fledgling advertising agencies were active partners with consumers, and everyday people saw possibility in every coupon, Terry Ryan tells how her mother kept the family afloat by writing jingles and contest entries. Mom's winning ways defied the Church, her alcoholic husband, and antiquated views of housewives. To her, flouting convention was a small price to pay when it

came to securing a happy home for her six sons and four daughters. Evelyn, who would surely be a Madison Avenue executive if she were working today, composed her jingles not in the boardroom, but at the ironing board. By entering contests wherever she found them -- TV, radio, newspapers, direct-mail ads -- Evelyn Ryan was able to win every appliance her family ever owned, not to mention cars, television sets, bicycles, watches, a jukebox, and even trips to New York, Dallas, and Switzerland. But it wasn't just the winning that was miraculous; it was the timing. If a toaster died, one was sure to arrive in the mail from a forgotten contest. Days after the bank called in the second mortgage on the house, a call came from the Dr Pepper company: Evelyn was the grand-prize winner in its

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national contest -- and had won enough to pay the bank. Graced with a rare appreciation for life's inherent hilarity, Evelyn turned every financial challenge into an opportunity for fun and profit. From her frenetic supermarket shopping spree -- worth \$3,000 today -- to her clever entries worthy of Erma Bombeck, Dorothy Parker, and Ogden Nash, the story of this irrepressible woman whose talents reached far beyond her formidable verbal skills is told in *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* with an infectious joy that shows how a winning spirit will triumph over the poverty of circumstance.

[Hiding in Plain Sight](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Named a Best Book of 2021 by NPR • Harper's Bazaar • CrimeReads • Electric Literature • Autostraddle •

*The Globe and Mail* In this thrilling story of survival and anger, a woman has her whole life turned upside down after speaking out against workplace hostility – and inadvertently becomes the leader of a cultural movement. Eliza Bright was living the dream as an elite video game coder at Fancy Dog Games when her private life suddenly became public. But is Eliza Bright a brilliant, self-taught coder bravely calling out the toxic masculinity and chauvinism that pervades her workplace and industry? Or, is Eliza Bright a woman who needs to be destroyed to protect "the sanctity of gaming culture"? It depends on who you ask... When Eliza reports an incident of workplace harassment that is quickly dismissed, she's forced to take her frustrations to a journalist who blasts her story across the Internet. She's fired and doxxed, and becomes a rallying figure for women across America. But she's also enraged



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the beast that is male gamers on 4Chan and Reddit, whose collective, unreliable voice narrates our story. Soon Eliza is in the cross-hairs of the gaming community, threatened and stalked as they monitor her every move online and across New York City. As the violent power of an angry male collective descends upon everyone in Eliza's life, it becomes increasingly difficult to know who to trust, even when she's eventually taken in and protected by an under-the-radar Collective known as the Sixsterhood. The violence moves from cyberspace to the real world, as a vicious male super-fan known only as The Inspectre is determined to exact his revenge on behalf of men everywhere. We watch alongside the Sixsterhood and subreddit incels as this dramatic cat-and-mouse game plays out to reach its violent and inevitable conclusion. This is an extraordinary, unputdownable

novel that explores the dark recesses of the Internet and male rage, and the fragile line between the online world and real life. It's a thrilling story of female resilience and survival, packed with a powerful feminist message.