

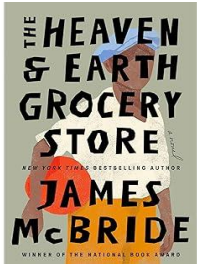
Absolution by Alice McDermott

“Absolution ... transports McDermott’s signature characters to Vietnam, circa 1963. It’s futile to predict where a great writer’s boundless imagination will take us and, as *Absolution* affirms, McDermott is a great writer.”

-Maureen Corrigan, NPR

“All the complications of power, control, and self-control; who does and doesn’t get what they want; the crimes committed in service of ‘helping’ people—what a brilliant way to tell a story about Vietnam. This transporting, piercing, profound novel is McDermott’s masterpiece.”

-Kirkus Reviews



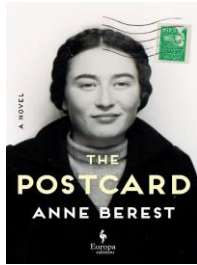
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

“National Book Award winner McBride ... tells a vibrant tale of ... a working-class neighborhood of Jewish, Black, and European immigrant families in Pottstown, Pa., where the 1972 discovery of a human skeleton unearths events that took place several decades earlier ... This endlessly rich saga highlights the different ways in which people look out for one another.”

-Publishers Weekly

“The novel is at once a thriller, a cultural history, a love story and an ensemble comedy with a Dickensian cast of characters, all made unforgettable by James McBride’s swinging prose and uncanny knack for blending social realism and nimble storytelling ... *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* is a storytelling symphony and another clear triumph from perhaps the finest American maestro working today.”

-Ed Tarkington, Chapter 16



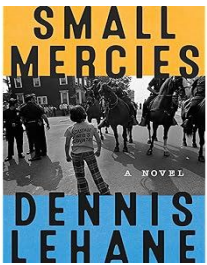
The Postcard by Anne Berest

“Vivid scenes unfold in flashback as we follow the fluctuating fortunes and narrow escapes of the Rabinovitch clan: from Moscow in 1918, to Latvia, across Eastern Europe and the Black Sea to Palestine, on to their final adopted homeland in France, only to end in Auschwitz.”

-Leslie Camhi, The New Yorker

“Not only a significant contribution to our understanding of the Holocaust but a moving reflection on loss, memory, and the past, in equal measures heartwarming and heartrending. Highly recommended.”

-Edward B. Cone, Library Journal



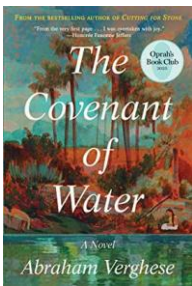
Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane

“At once a crime novel, a deep, unflinching look at racism, and a heart-wrenching story about a mother who has lost everything, this narrative delves into life in the projects at a time when the city of Boston struggled with the desegregation of its public school system — and a lot of residents were showing their worst side.”

-Gabino Iglesias, NPR

“Dennis Lehane’s excellent and unflinching new novel ... has all the hallmarks of Lehane at his best: a propulsive plot, a perfectly drawn cast of working-class Boston Irish characters, razor-sharp wit and a pervasive darkness through which occasional glimmers of hope peek out like snowdrops in early spring.”

-J. Courtney Sullivan, The New York Times



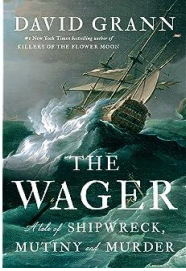
The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

“Set in the Kerala state of India, *Covenant* reads like a lavish smorgasbord of genealogy, medicine and love affairs, tracing a family’s evolution from 1900 through the 1970s ... What binds and drives this vast, intricate history as it patiently unspools are vibrant characters, sensuous detail and an intimate tour of cultures, landscapes and mores across eras ... *Covenant* is a magnificent feat.”

-Joan Frank, The Washington Post

"*The Covenant of Water* is a rousing good story, full of joy and tragedy and humor and beauty and ugliness — sometimes all at once. There are artists and lepers, preachers and political radicals, and one delightfully friendly elephant ... Somehow, a book this long feels too short.”

-Gail Pennington, The St. Louis Post Dispatch



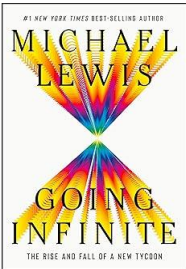
The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann

“David Grann tells a classic sea yarn in a new way, overthrowing an old colonial story ... He fixes his spyglass on the ravages of empire, of racism, of bureaucratic indifference and raw greed. In doing so, he frees himself to acknowledge the valor, the curiosity and the sheer adventure of the age ... *The Wager* is one of the finest nonfiction books I’ve ever read.”

-Matthew Teague, *The Guardian*

“Bestseller Grann (*Killers of the Flower Moon*) delivers a concise and riveting account of the HMS *Wager*, a British man-of-war that ran aground on a barren island off the Chilean coast of Patagonia in 1741 ... Grann packs the narrative with fascinating details about life at sea—from scurvy-induced delirium to the mechanics of loading and firing a cannon ... Armchair adventurers will be enthralled.”

-Publishers Weekly



Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon by Michael Lewis

“This extraordinary book is the tale of ... the steps by which Bankman-Fried, the wild-haired maths(*sic*) prodigy, made a fortune of tens of billions of dollars in his 20s and lost it all in a long weekend, financially ruining employees and investors.”

-Tim Adams, *The Guardian*

“The book is not, as it turns out, a hagiography ... Lewis isn’t sympathetic, exactly, but he is defiantly open to evidence of Bankman-Fried’s innocence ... *Going Infinite* is a stupefyingly pleasurable book to read. It’s perfectly paced, extremely funny, and fills in many gaps in a story that has been subjected to an unholy amount of reporting.”

-Gideon Lewis-Kraus, *The New Yorker*



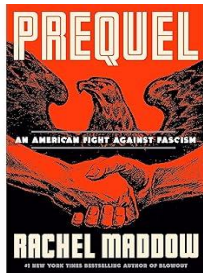
The Culling of the American Mind by Greg Lukianoff and Rikki Schlott

“Lukianoff and Schlott describe a phenomenon that has become commonplace ... Say something with which someone disagrees, and ... you’ll be punished for having a divergent opinion ... A reasonable case for attempting to bridge disagreements in a civil manner rather than via civil war.”

-Kirkus Reviews

“A lucid and comprehensive look at where we are and how we got here ... The authors do not merely analyze; they are in the fray ... their description of the scale of the problem is nothing short of galvanizing.”

-The Wall Street Journal



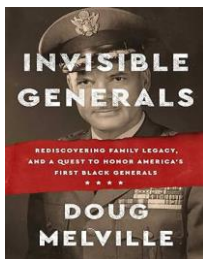
Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism by Rachel Maddow

“*Prequel* is a vivid, urgent, smart history of the years before and during World War II, when German agents, Nazi sympathizers, theocrats and others attempted to steer the United States away from fighting Germany ... Maddow makes clear that the crisis we face today is not new and that this realization should give us hope — because previous generations have faced this threat and overcome it.”

-Kathleen Belew, *The Washington Post*

“Politicians espousing civil war. Radio hosts howling about the liberal domination of culture. Militias training to hunt down Jews, leftists, and Democrats ... As MSNBC host Maddow demonstrates in this sharp-edged history, the fascist strain in America runs deep ... America beat fascism once. Maddow’s timely study of enemies on the homefront urges that we can do so again.”

-Kirkus Reviews



Invisible Generals by Doug Melville

“A descendant of the first two Black generals in U.S. military history traces the difficult course of their careers ... Moreover, he recounts his own efforts to be sure they are properly recognized and honored ... A thoughtful, highly readable blend of family and military history.”

-Kirkus Reviews

“Documenting unsparingly the opposition they had to overcome due solely to the color of their skin, Melville recounts (his family’s) stories with deep emotion, sympathetic with their struggles and angry with the system that made these humans invisible.”

-Booklist

