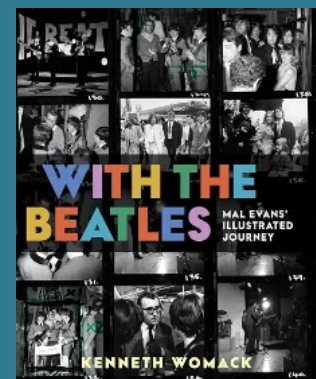
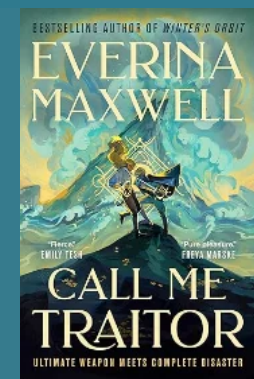
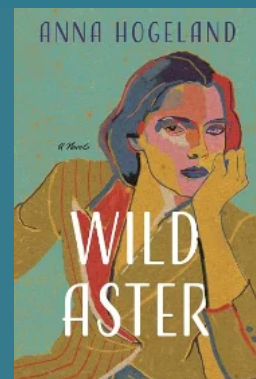
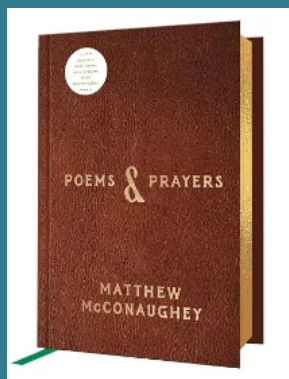
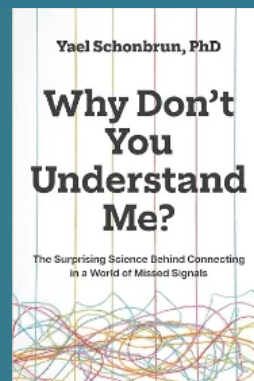
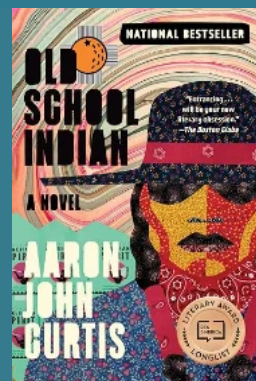
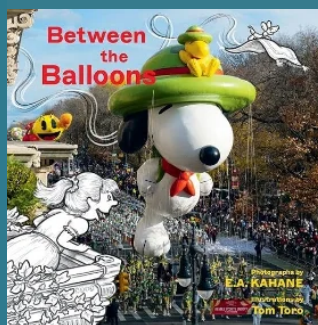
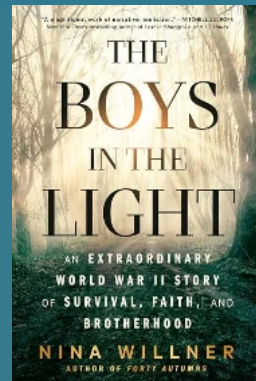
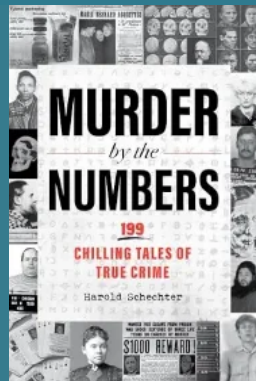
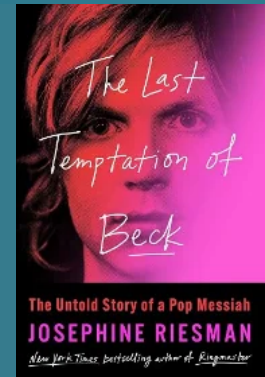
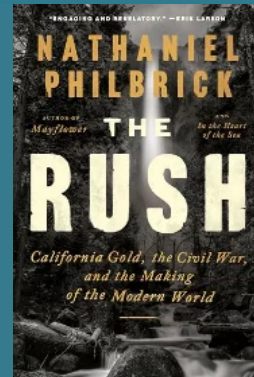


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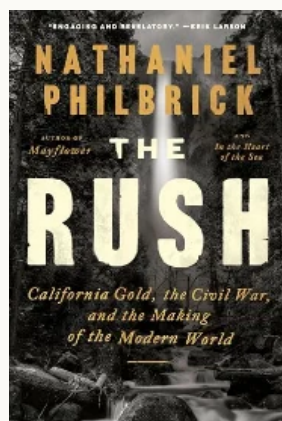
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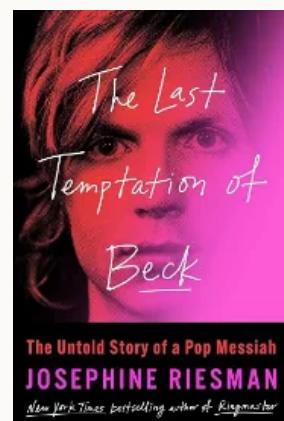
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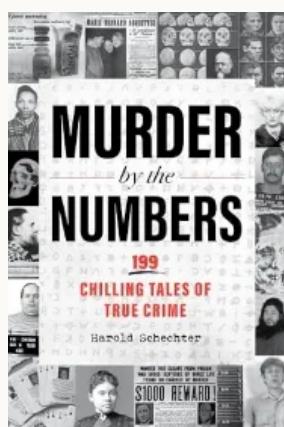
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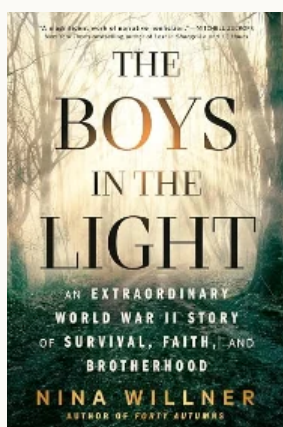
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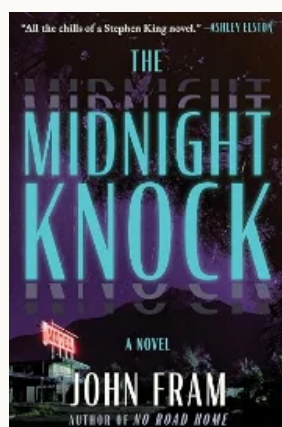
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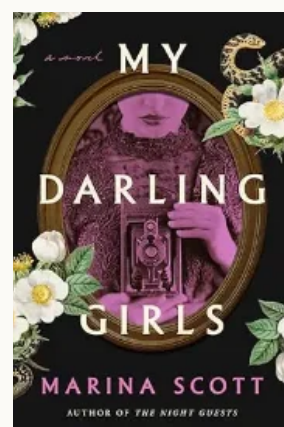
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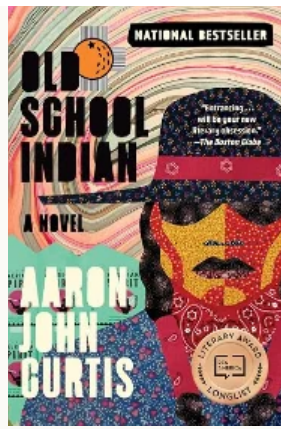
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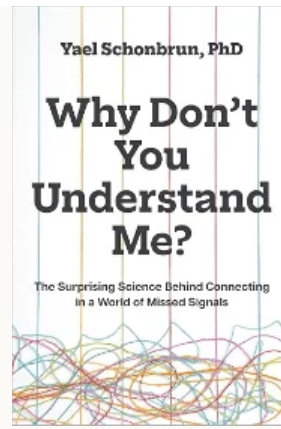
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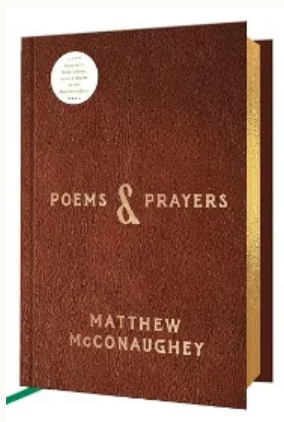
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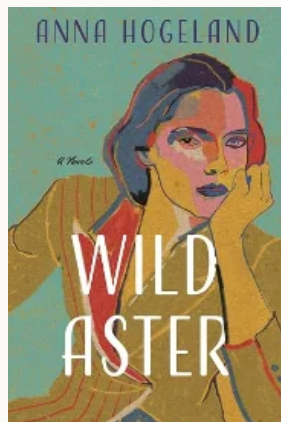
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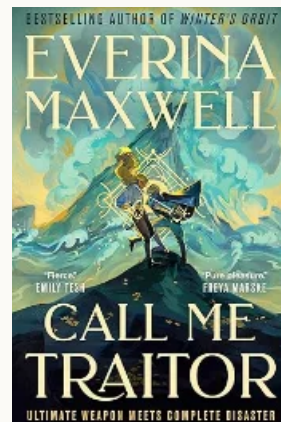
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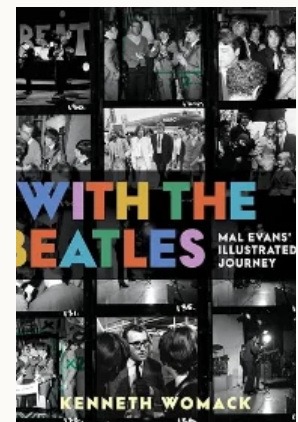
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UCLA research psychologist and Marcie H. Rothman Presidential Chair of Food Studies **A. Janet Tomiyama's** **NOW THAT WE'RE SKINNY**, drawing on two decades of original research from the author's Diet, Stigma, and Health Lab to examine what happens to people's minds, identities, and relationships after GLP-1 weight loss, revealing why the promised happiness of thinness doesn't arrive on schedule, and offering evidence-based tools to navigate life after the scale changes. Sold to Little, Brown Spark by Laurie Abkemeier.

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Author of *Quiet Girl in a Noisy World* and *Everything Is OK* **Debbie Tung's** **I THOUGHT EVERYONE FELT THIS WAY**, a graphic memoir about the author's autism diagnosis at thirty-four and the clarity it brought to a lifetime of masking, sensory overwhelm, and feeling out of step. Sold to Andrews McMeel by Laurie Abkemeier.

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Author of the forthcoming *Killer Vibes* and *Big Cult Energy* **John Fram** writing as **Jack Friday's AGGRESSIVELY CHILL** and another untitled novel in the Peter Key series, in which the snarky, world-weary bisexual disaster child private investigator agrees to help a beautiful new client track down her long-missing father—an investigation that puts him on a collision course with a pair of evangelical bookstore moguls, a disgraced Twitch streamer, a landscape designer who specializes in burying secrets, and the lethal Cornbread Cosa Nostra. Sold to Minotaur by Melissa Danaczko.

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Amanda Vano's BEST SERVED GOLD, in which a disgraced Olympic gymnast stages a comeback while haunted by the ghost of her best friend who demands help completing a tell-all memoir that could crumble the sport's foundation. Sold by Rebecca Strauss to akaSTORY.

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William C. Morris and Edgar Award-winning author of *A Curse Dark as Gold* and the Myrtle Hardcastle Mysteries **Elizabeth C. Bunce's RAVISH**, in which a rebellious girl is banished to the remote village of Thornhill, where she is irresistibly drawn to a brooding lord, only to discover his castle's history of disappearing brides and a dark enchanted realm whose secrets she must unlock or share the lost young women's fate. Sold to Sarah Barley Books by Elise Howard.

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Author of *I Witnessed: The Great Train Robbery of 1963* **Andrea Debbink's SPORTS SUPERSTARS: SHO-TIME**, an unofficial biography of four-time MVP, two-time World Series Champion, and World Baseball Classic Gold Medalist Shohei Ohtani, chronicling how a kid from a small city north of Tokyo became the greatest two-way baseball player ever, illustrated by Mike Anderson. Sold to Scholastic by Reiko Davis.

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Kiley Frank's THE UNEXPECTED HAIRCUT, a picture book describing a humorous week of imaginative near-disasters (and one surprise haircut), illustrated by Scott Magoon. Sold to Jabberwocky by Miriam Altshuler.

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BETWEEN THE BALLOONS, MY THANKSGIVING PARADE, a magical take on New York's Thanksgiving Day parade, in which a child's window-side perch onto the world's most famous holiday procession is only the beginning of her imagination's journey, **illustrated by Tom Toro**, with photographs by E.A. Kahane and a story by Doro Globus. Sold to Aperture Kids by Elise Howard.

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Hena Khan's LIKE THE SUN LIGHTS THE DAY, featuring rhyming verses pitched as inspired by the Sufi poet Jalal al-Din Rumi, capturing a parent's wondrous joy and appreciation for the many ways their child shines. Sold to Chronicle Children's by Matthew Elblonk.

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Author of *Not Quite a Ghost* and *The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy*
Anne Ursu's CAT CONSTELLATIONS, in which a lost kitten is guided by the stars to safety and then wonders how she can make the boy who rescued her understand what the night sky means to her. Sold to Clarion by Elise Howard.

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NEWS

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