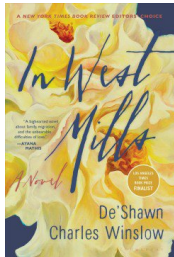


The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters

by Balli Kaur Jaswal

Making an obligatory pilgrimage to the Golden Temple in Amritsar to carry out their mother's final rites, three estranged British-Punjabi sisters make unexpected discoveries about why their mother was forced

to leave India.

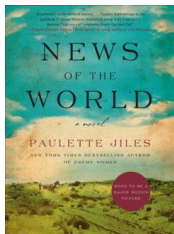


In West Mills

by De'Shawn Charles Winslow

Alone in her one-room shack, ostracized from her relatives and cut off from her hometown, Knot Centre turns to her neighbor, Otis Lee Loving, in search of some semblance of family and home, but Otis is unable to fix the troubles

within his own family, as dark secrets from his troubled past come to light

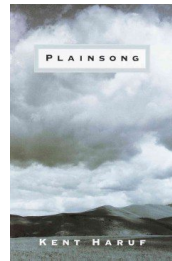


News of the World

by Paulette Jiles

A live news reader traveling the antebellum south is offered \$50 to bring an orphan girl, who was kidnapped and raised by Kiowa raiders, back to her family in San Antonio in this new novel from the

author of *Enemy Women*.

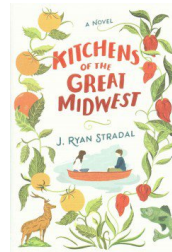


Plainsong

by Kent Haruf

From the unsettled lives of a small-town teacher struggling to raise two boys alone in the face of their mother's retreat from life, a pregnant teenage girl with nowhere to go, and two elderly bachelor farmers emerges a new vision of life

and family as their diverse destinies intertwine..



Kitchens of the Great Midwest

by J. Ryan Stradal

Raised with a sophisticated palate by her single father, Eva learns the culturally rich stories behind a series of Midwestern dishes while becoming the star chef at a

legendary restaurant.



Mr. & Mrs. American Pie

by Juliet McDaniel

Newly divorced socialite Maxine Simmons plots to return from disgrace by winning the Mrs. American Pie pageant, but to achieve her ends she will need to assemble a convincing family from a motley assortment of new

neighbors

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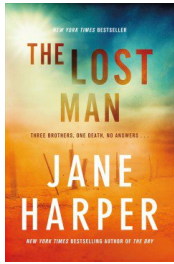


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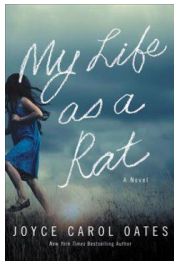


The Lost Man

by Jane Harper

Meeting at the remote fence line separating their cattle ranches on an isolated belt of the Australian outback, two brothers navigate the haunting realities of the isolation that ended their third brother's life. By the best-selling author of *The*

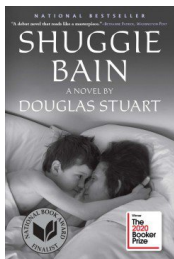
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My Life as a Rat

by Joyce Carol Oates

Exiled from her family and church since the age of 12 for testifying honestly about a racist murder, a young woman reflects on the wrenching choice she was forced to make between her family and the truth.

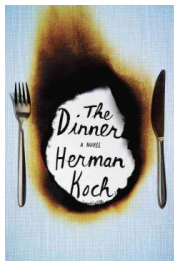


Shuggie Bain

by Douglas Stuart

A young boy growing up in a rundown 1980s Glasgow public housing facility pursues some semblance of a normal life as his older siblings move on and his mother increasingly succumbs to alcoholism. Winner of the Booker

Prize, a first novel.

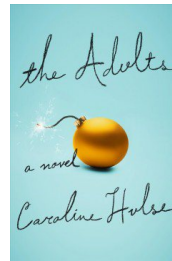


The Dinner

by Herman Koch

Meeting at a fashionable Amsterdam restaurant for dinner, two couples move from small talk to the wrenching shared challenge of their teenage sons' shattering act of violence that has triggered a police investigation and revealed the

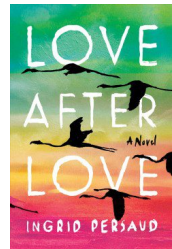
extent to which each family will go to protect those they love, in a U.S. release of an international best-seller.



The Adults

by Caroline Hulse

After splitting up, a couple each bring their new significant other to Happy Forest Holiday Park in an attempt to give their daughter a "normal" family Christmas which turns into a powder keg fueled by drinking too much and oversharing.



Love After Love

by Ingrid Persaud

An award-winning Trinidadian author offers a novel that looks at a complicated marriage, an unconventional family and the shocking secrets that unite them.

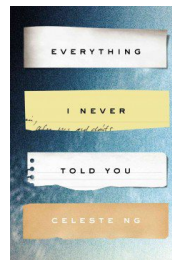


On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous

by Ocean Vuong

A letter from a son to a mother who cannot read reveals the impact of the Vietnam War on their family history and provides a view into parts of the son's life that his

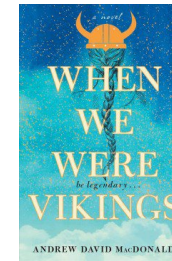
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Everything I Never Told You

by Celeste Ng

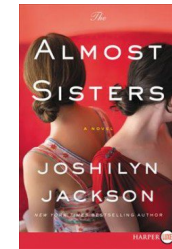
A first novel by a Pushcart Prize-winning writer explores the fallout of a favorite daughter's shattering death on a Chinese-American family in 1970s Ohio.



When We Were Vikings

by Andrew MacDonald

Discovering that her brother has rationalized unethical measures to keep them afloat, rule-driven Zelda follows examples from Viking culture to pursue a legendary life that tests the limits of her courage. A first novel.

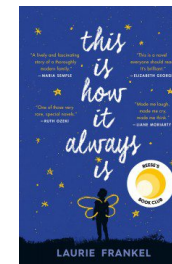


The Almost Sisters

by Joshilyn Jackson

Leia discovers she is pregnant with a biracial child but before she can tell her conventional Southern family, her grandmother slips into dementia and Leia discovers that the elderly woman has been hiding a secret

linked to the Civil War

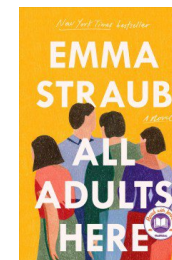


This Is How It Always Is

by Laurie Frankel

A family reshapes their ideas about family, love and loyalty when youngest son Claude reveals increasingly determined preferences for girls' clothing and accessories and refuses to stay silent. By the author of *Goodbye for*

Now.



All Adults Here

by Emma Straub

A matriarch confronts the legacy of her parenting mistakes while her adult children navigate respective challenges in high standards and immaturity, before a teen granddaughter makes a courageous decision to tell the truth. By the

best-selling author of *Modern Lovers*.