

Book Club Revue 2024

October 1, 2024

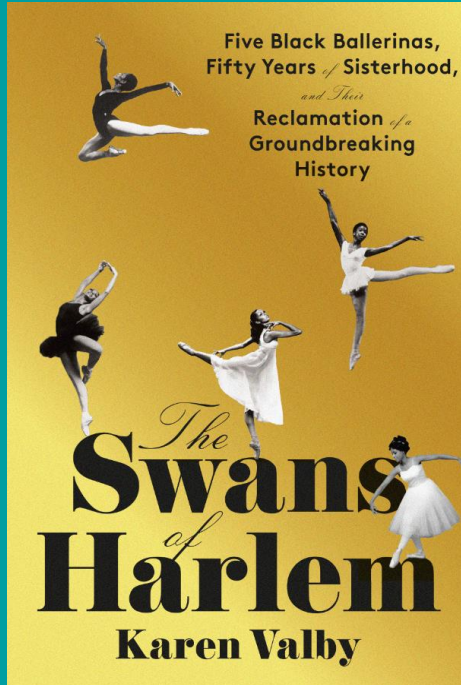


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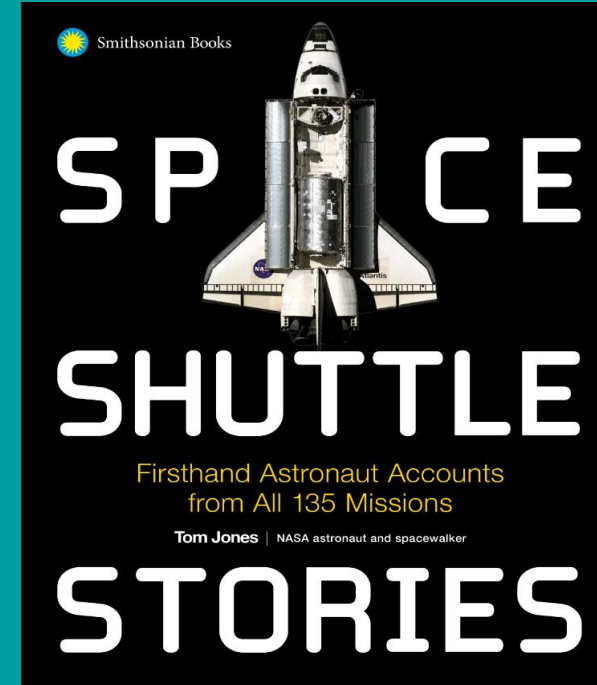
We want to respectfully honor the Susquehannock Confederation who governed, lived, farmed, and hunted on the land now called Howard County. Their nations conceded into land treaties in 1652 and 1661 after English colonizers ended their generational governance and stewardship of the land Howard County is built upon. This practice of land acknowledgement is to honor and respect the indigenous inhabitants both from the past and the present.

Upcoming Events



The Swans of Harlem: Sheila Rohan

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
7 – 8 pm



Space Shuttle Stories: Astronaut Thomas Jones

Thursday, October 17, 2024
7 – 8 pm

Books for Discussion Lists

- Find our previous BCR lists at bit.ly/bfd2025
- Paper copies available at all HCLS branches
- Find book club tips and more at hclibrary.org

books for discussion



Kaveh Akbar	<i>Martyr!</i>	Rachel Khong	<i>Real Americans</i>
Naomi Alderman	<i>The Future</i>	Angie Kim	<i>Happiness Falls</i>
Emily Austin	<i>Interesting Facts About Space</i>	Crystal Hana Kim	<i>The Stone Home</i>
Kobby Ben Ben	<i>No One Dies Yet</i>	Jessica Knoll	<i>Bright Young Women</i>
Kaliane Bradley	<i>The Ministry of Time</i>	Ashton Lattimore	<i>All We Were Promised</i>
Taffy Brodesser-Akner	<i>Long Island Compromise</i>	Ariel Lawhon	<i>The Frozen River</i>
Taylor Brown	<i>Rednecks</i>	Claire Lombardo	<i>Same As It Ever Was</i>
Essie J. Chambers	<i>Swift River</i>	Paul Lynch	<i>Prophet Song</i>
Vanessa Chan	<i>The Storm We Made</i>	Daniel Mason	<i>North Woods</i>
Maura Cheeks	<i>Acts of Forgiveness</i>	James McBride	<i>The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store</i>
Eve J. Chung	<i>Daughters of Shandong</i>	Alice McDermott	<i>Absolution</i>
Amanda Churchill	<i>The Turtle House</i>	Claire Messud	<i>This Strange Eventful History</i>
Garrard Conley	<i>All the World Beside</i>	Liz Moore	<i>The God of the Woods</i>
Rachel Cusk	<i>Parade</i>	Kiyoko Murata	<i>A Woman of Pleasure</i>
Carys Davies	<i>Clear</i>	Catherine Newman	<i>Sandwich</i>
Tananarive Due	<i>The Reformatory</i>	Sandra Newman	<i>Julia</i>
Susan Muaddi Durraj	<i>Behind You Is the Sea</i>	David Nicholls	<i>You Are Here</i>
Ashley Elston	<i>First Lie Wins</i>	Onyi Nwabinelli	<i>Allow Me to Introduce Myself</i>
Percival Everett	<i>James</i>	Elizabeth O'Connor	<i>Whale Fall</i>
Donna Everhart	<i>When the Jessamine Grows</i>	Tommy Orange	<i>Wandering Stars</i>
Bobby Finger	<i>Four Squares</i>	Andrés N. Ordorica	<i>How We Named the Stars</i>
Kim Coleman Foote	<i>Coleman Hill</i>	Amanda Peters	<i>The Berry Pickers</i>
Laurie Frankel	<i>Family Family</i>	Jayne Anne Phillips	<i>Night Watch</i>
Temim Fruchter	<i>City of Laughter</i>		



Round 1

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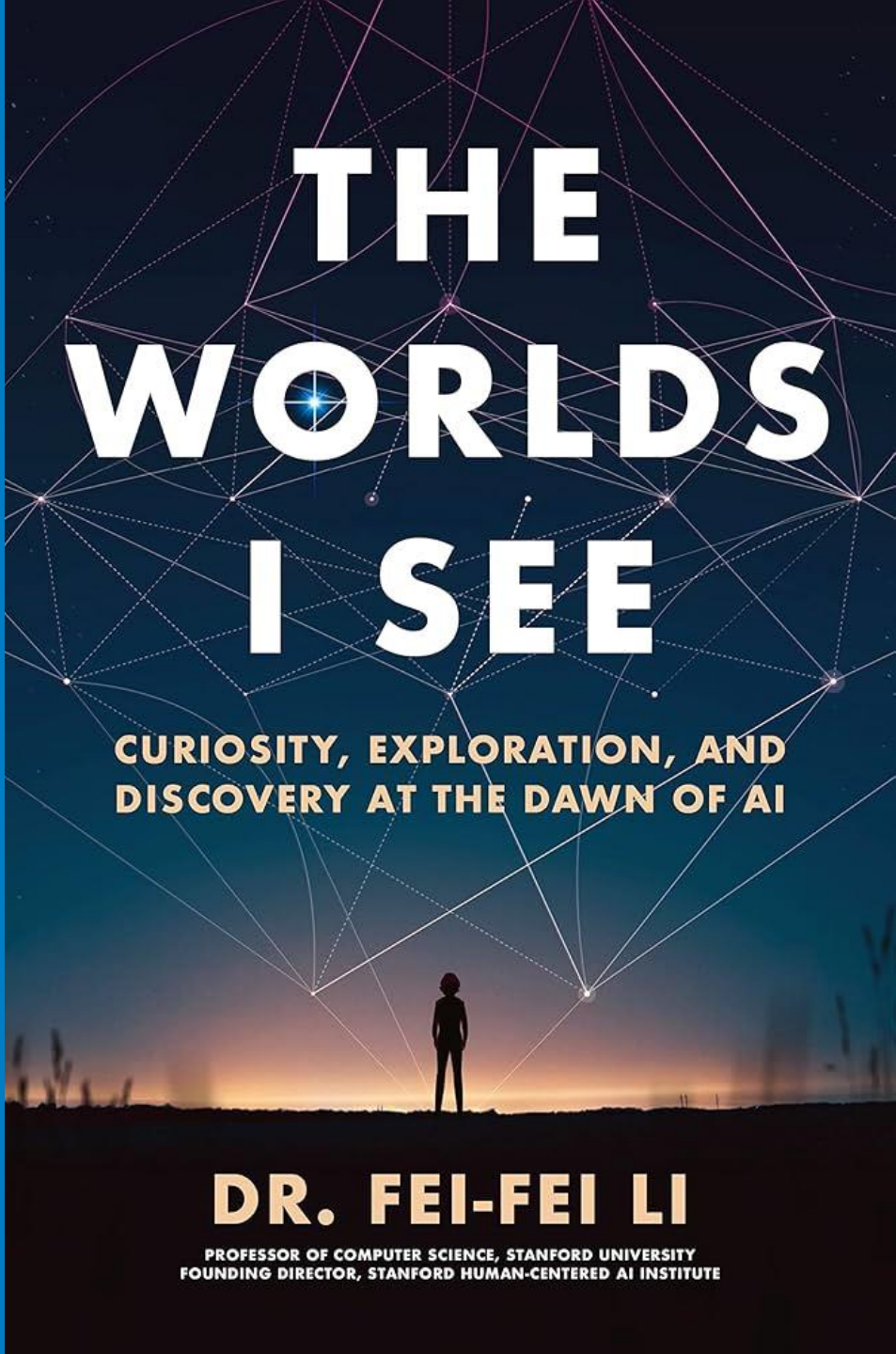
The Worlds I See:

*Curiosity, Exploration, and Discovery
at the Dawn of AI*

by

Dr. Fei-Fei Li

NONFICTION



THE WORLDS I SEE

CURIOSITY, EXPLORATION, AND
DISCOVERY AT THE DAWN OF AI

DR. FEI-FEI LI

PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, STANFORD UNIVERSITY
FOUNDING DIRECTOR, STANFORD HUMAN-CENTERED AI INSTITUTE

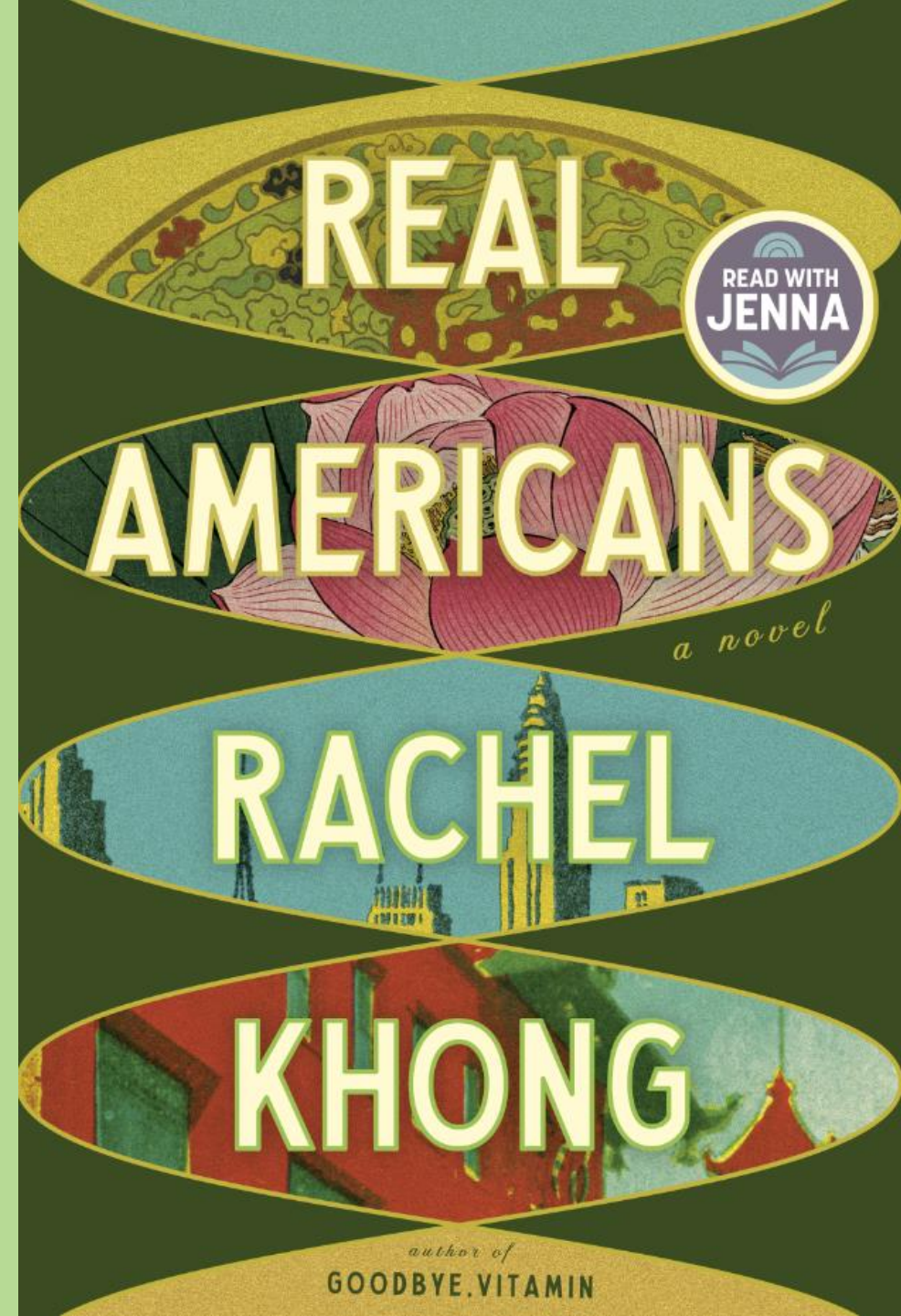
Mikki recommends

Real Americans

by

Rachel Khong

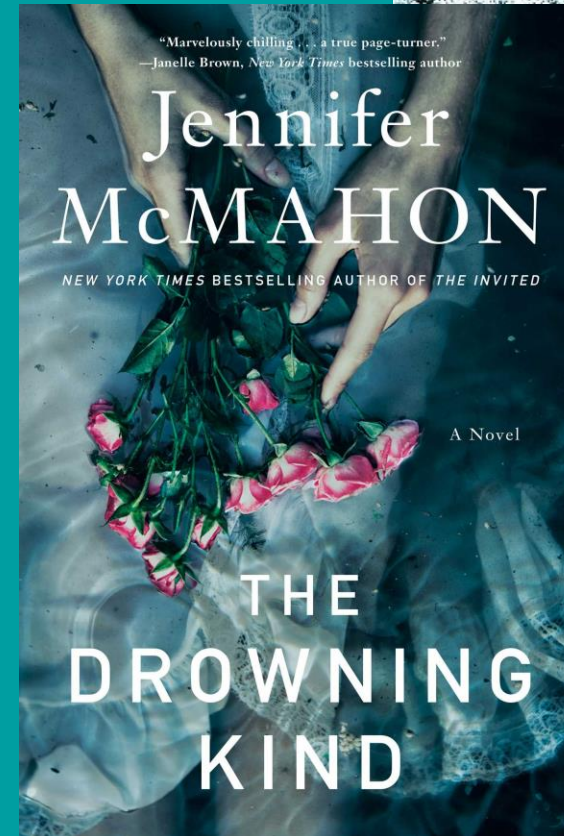
FICTION



The Reading Cafe

- Meets in-person at the **Glenwood Branch**
- Upcoming discussions include:
 - October 29 - *The Drowning Kind* by Jennifer McMahon
 - November - No Meeting
 - December 10** - *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon (special date)
- Meetings are held every last Tuesday at 1 pm

by



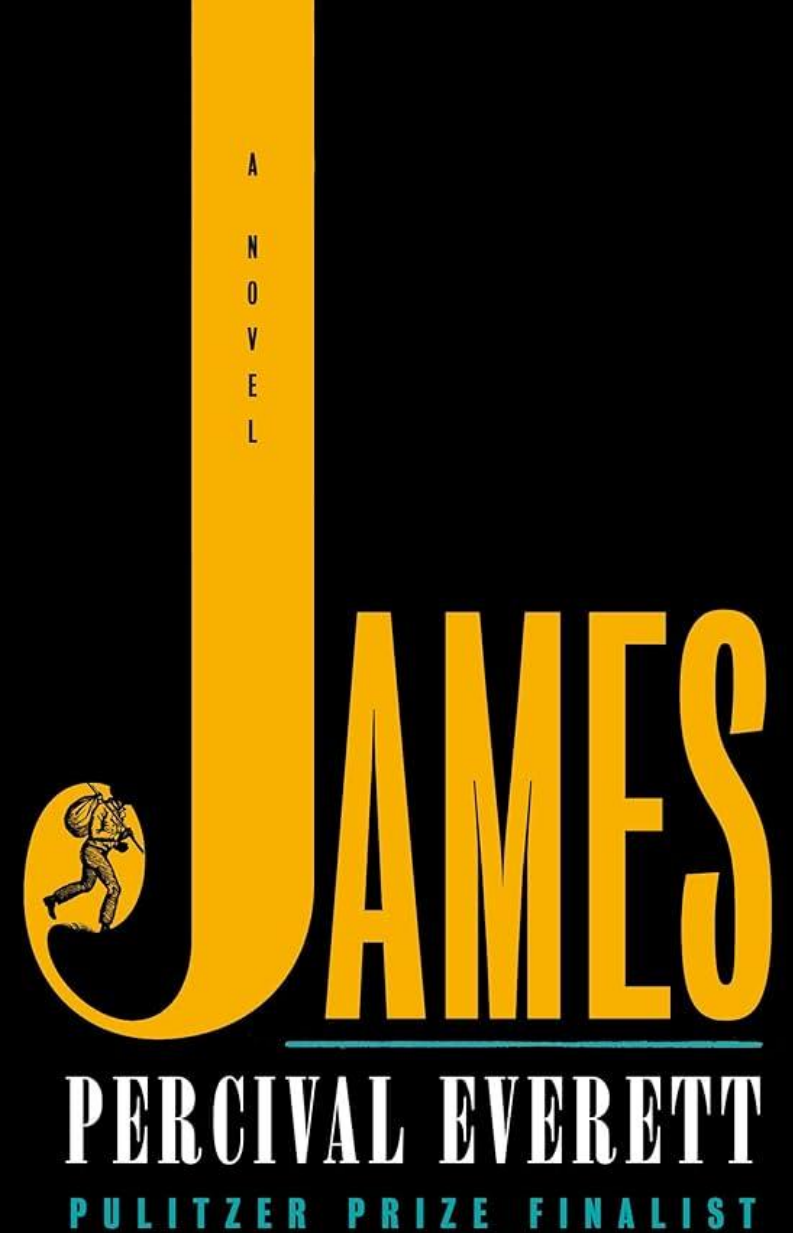
Wendy recommends

James

by

Percival Everett

FICTION



Emily recommends

*Margo's Got Money
Troubles*

by

Rufi Thorpe

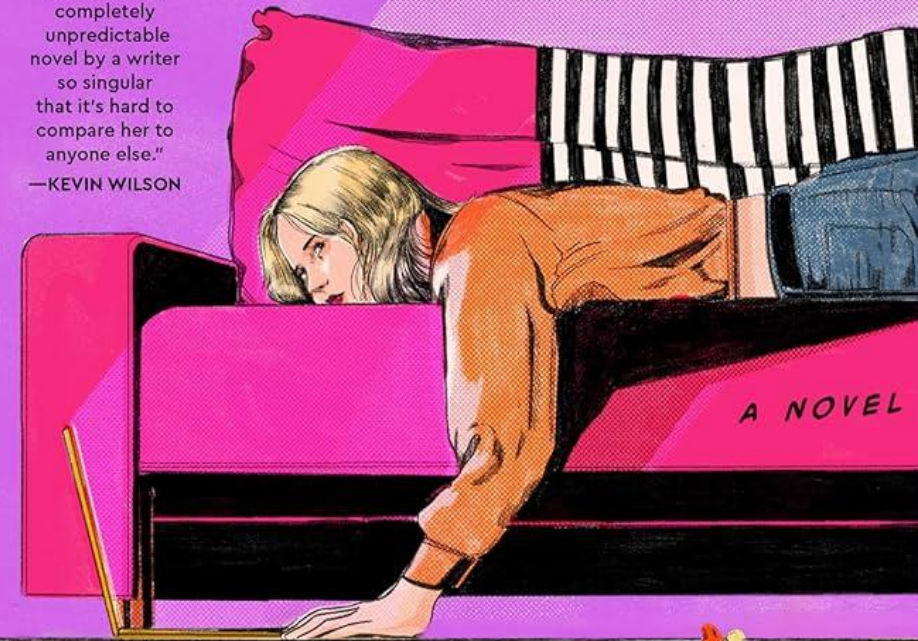
FICTION

RUFITHORPE

Author of The Knockout Queen

MARGO'S
GOT MONEY
TROUBLES

"An audacious,
wildly funny,
completely
unpredictable
novel by a writer
so singular
that it's hard to
compare her to
anyone else."
—KEVIN WILSON



Angie recommends

The Ministry of Time

by

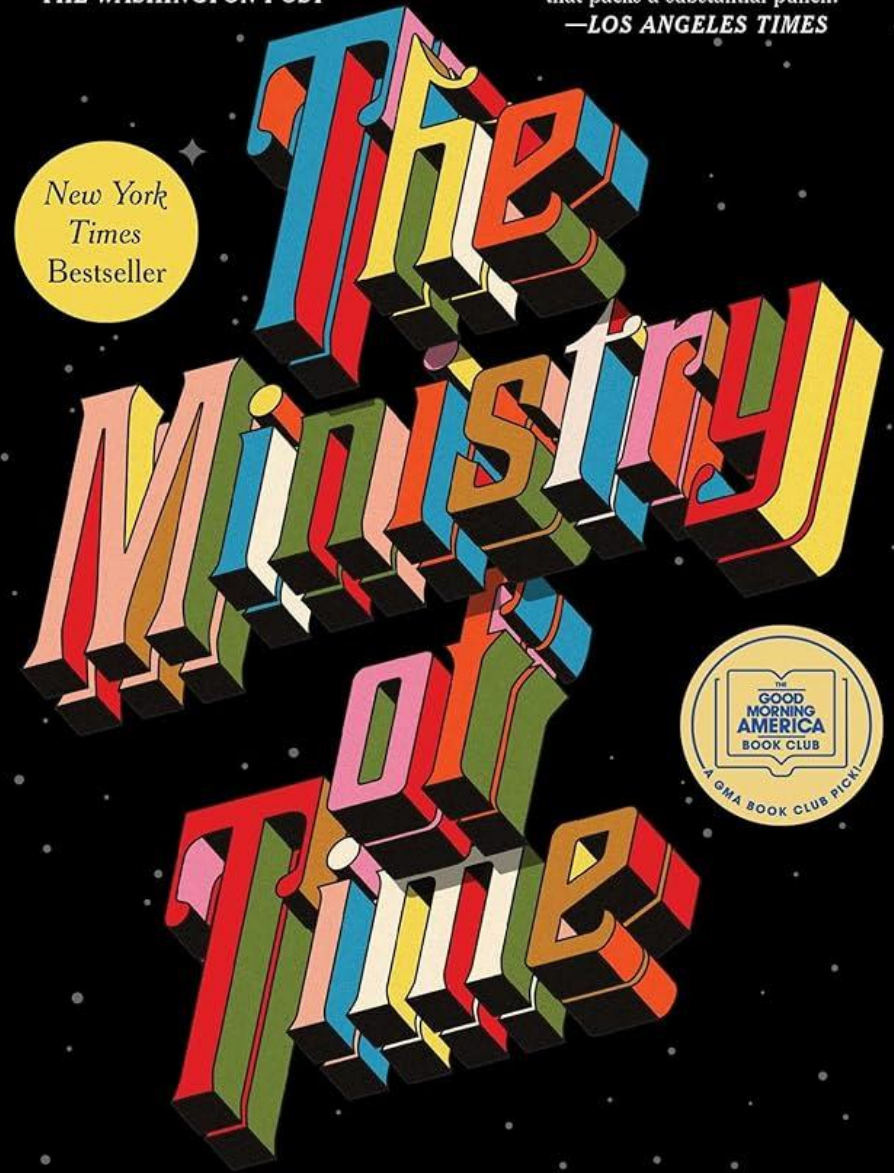
Kaliane Bradley

FICTION

“Utterly winning.”
—THE WASHINGTON POST

“Witty, sexy, escapist fiction
that packs a substantial punch.”
—LOS ANGELES TIMES

New York
Times
Bestseller



a novel

Kaliane Bradley

Hush-Hush: A Quiet Reading Group

- Meets in-person at the **Miller Branch**
- Bring a book and enjoy one hour of peace, quiet, and reading, with an optional fifteen minutes of mingling at the end.
- There is no assigned reading and no pressure to socialize. All readers are welcome.
- Meetings are held every first Wednesday at 7 pm



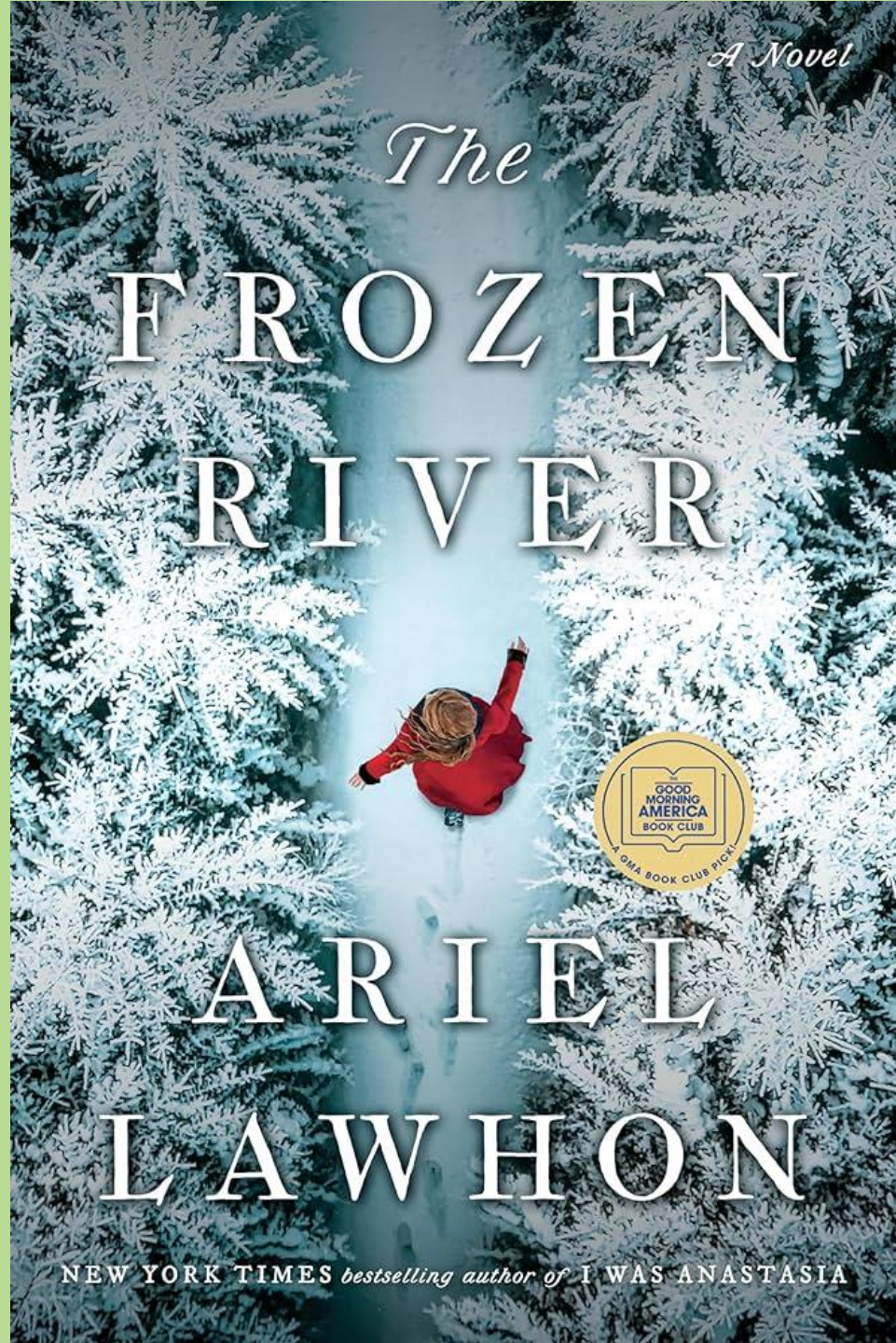
Roslyn recommends

The Frozen River

by

Ariel Lawhon

FICTION



Ash recommends

City of Laughter

by

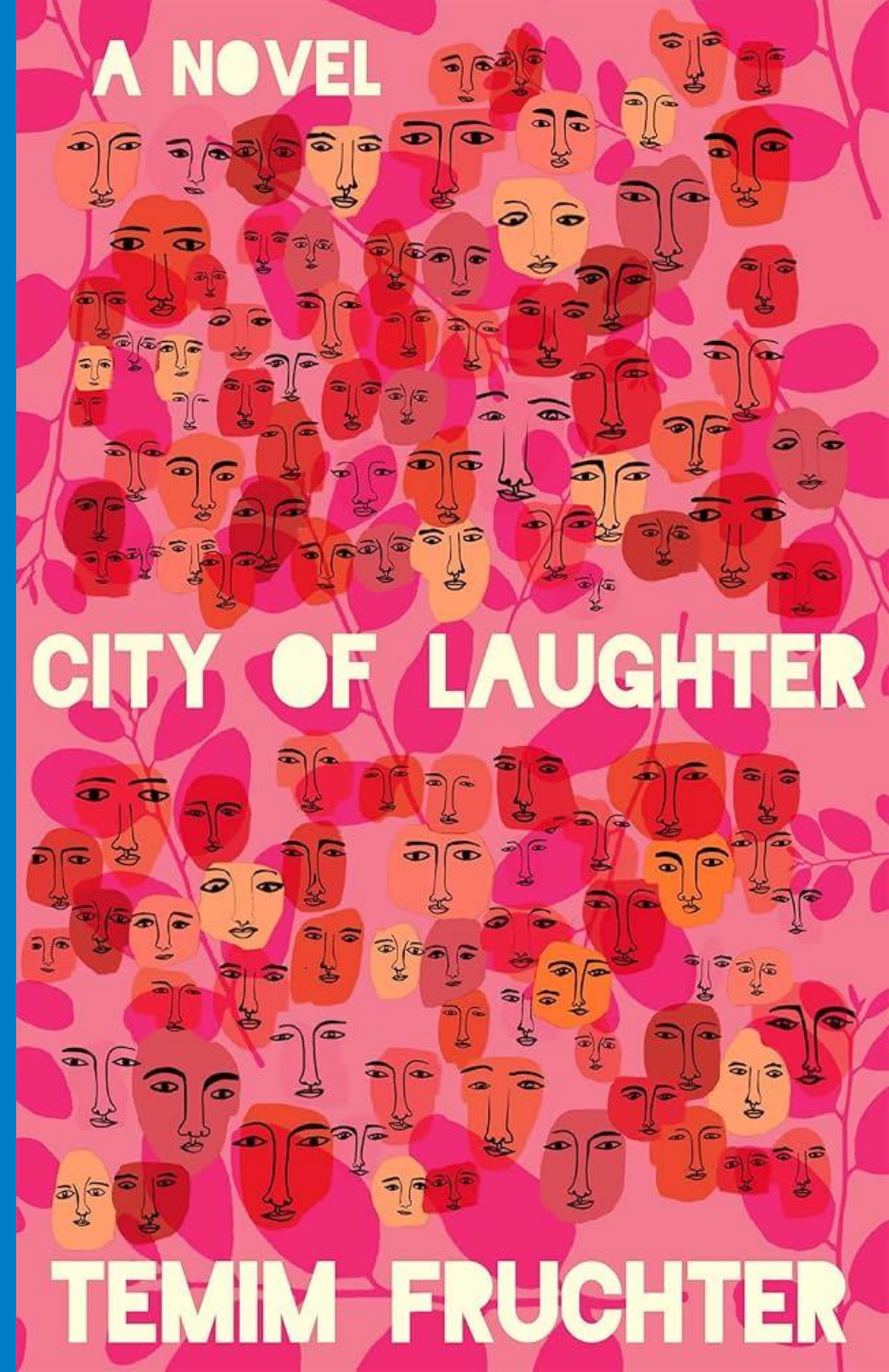
Temim Fruchter

FICTION

A NOVEL

CITY OF LAUGHTER

TEMIM FRUCHTER





Round 2

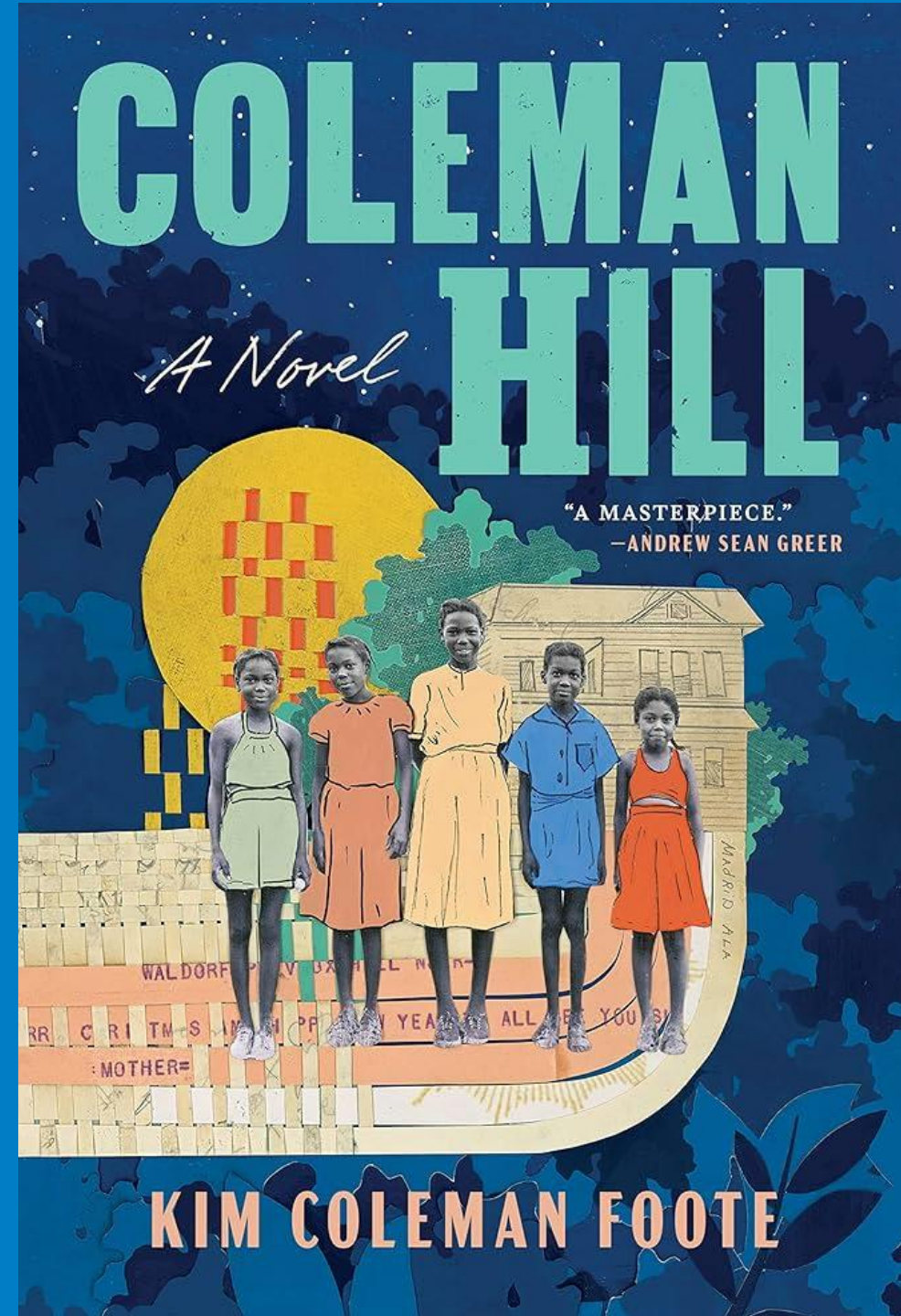
Angela recommends

Coleman Hill

by

Kim Coleman Foote

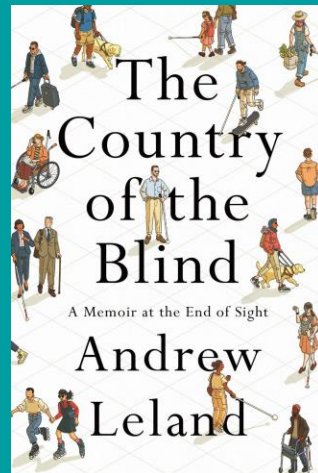
FICTION



Featured HCLS Nonfiction Book Clubs - Hybrid

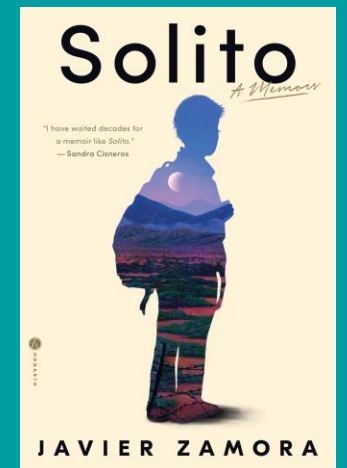
NONFICTION BOOK CLUB (SAVAGE)

- Upcoming discussions include:
 - October 16
 - *The Country of the Blind* by Andrew Leland
 - November 20
 - *Paying the Land* by Joe Sacco
- Every 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm



NONFICTION ADDICTION (EAST COLUMBIA)

- Upcoming discussions include:
 - October 17
 - *Solito* by Javier Zamora
 - November 21
 - *Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through North America's Stolen Land* by Noé Álvarez
- Every 3rd Thursday at 7 pm



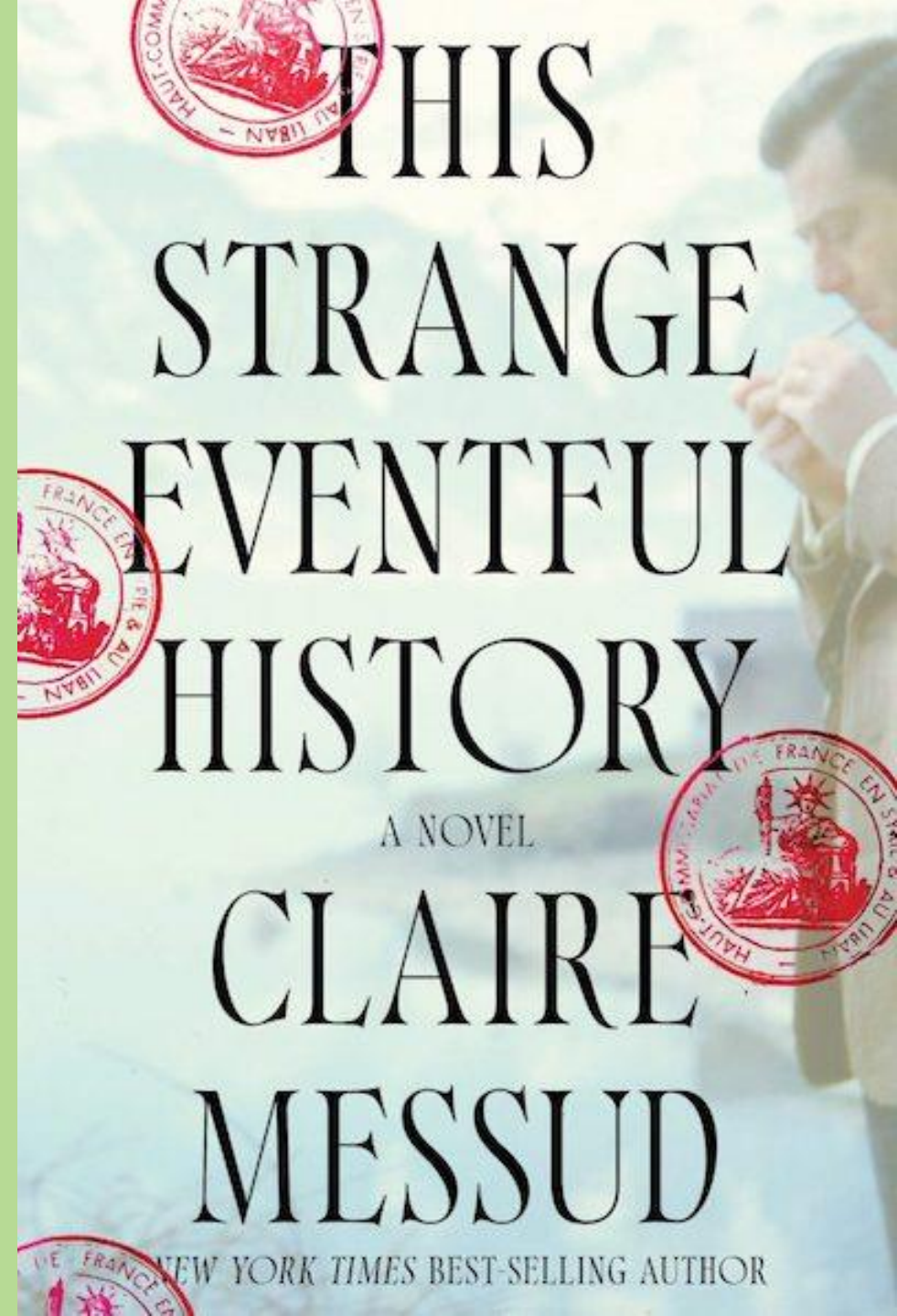
Mikki recommends

*This Strange
Eventful History*

by

Claire Messud

FICTION



Wendy recommends

The Cliffs

By J. Courtney
Sullivan

FICTION

"A stunning achievement, and J. Courtney Sullivan's best book yet. I could not put it down."
—ANN NAPOLITANO, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Heavenly Bodies*

J. Courtney
Sullivan

New York Times best-selling author of MAINE

The Cliffs

A NOVEL



Emily recommends

Bright Young Women

by

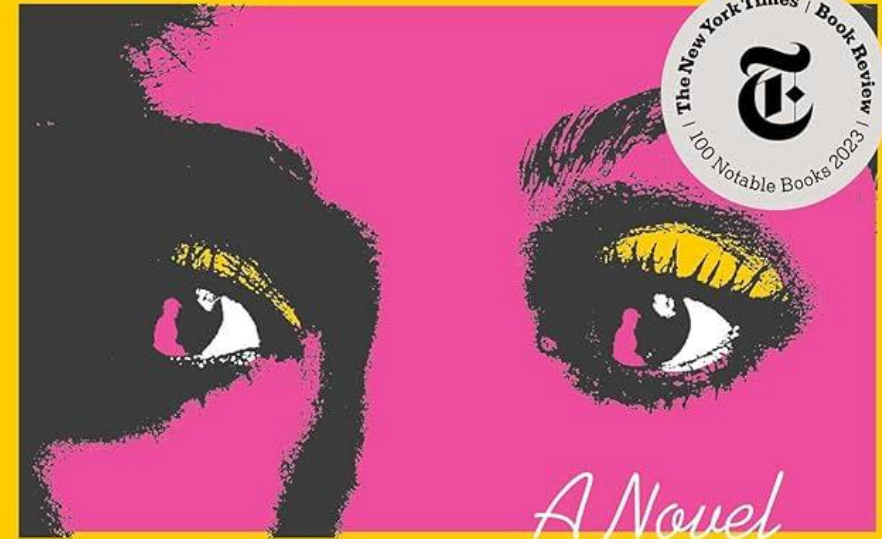
Jessica Knoll

FICTION

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

AUTHOR OF *LUCKIEST GIRL ALIVE*

JESSICA KNOLL

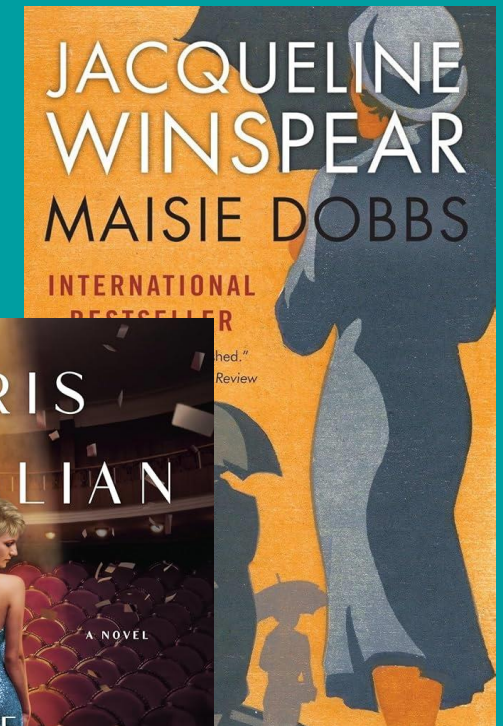
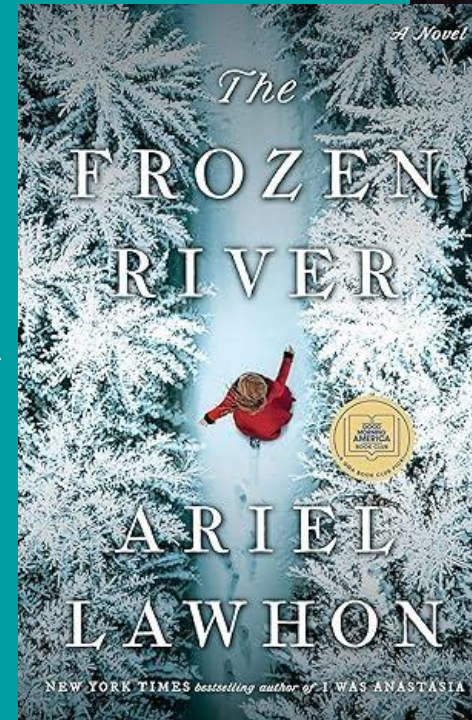


BRIGHT
YOUNG
WOMEN

Murder, Mischief, and Mayhem

- Meets in-person at **HCLS Elkridge Branch** on 4th Thursdays from 7-8 pm
- Upcoming reads include:
 - October 24: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
 - November 21: *The Princess of Las Vegas* by Chris Bohjalian**
 - December 19: *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear**

***The group meets on the third Thursday in November and December due to the holidays.*



Angie recommends

All The World Beside

by

Gerrard Conley

FICTION

From the author of *New York Times*
bestselling *Boy Erased*

**All the
World
Beside**
Gerrard
Conley
A Novel



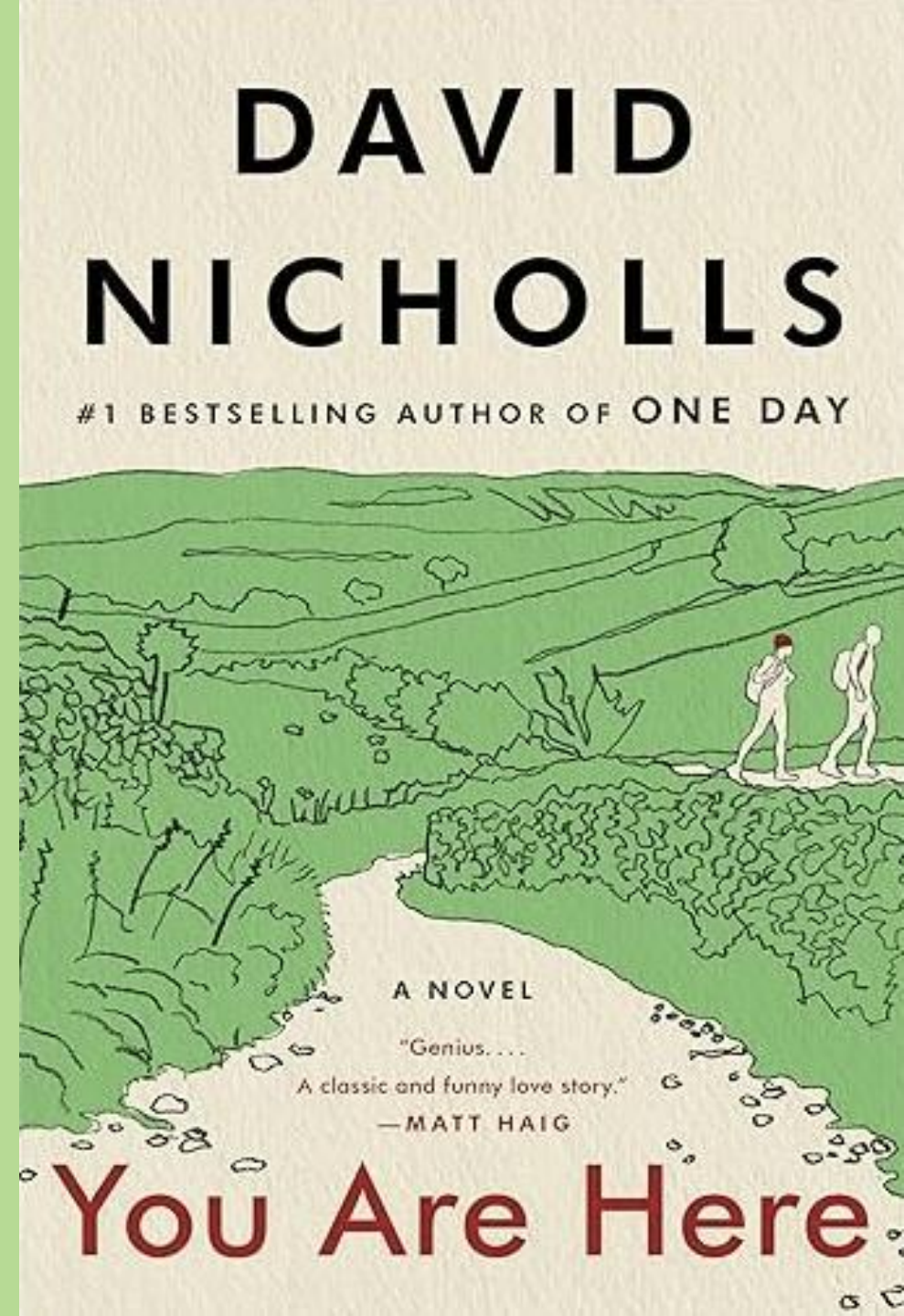
Roslyn recommends

You Are Here

by

David Nicholls

FICTION



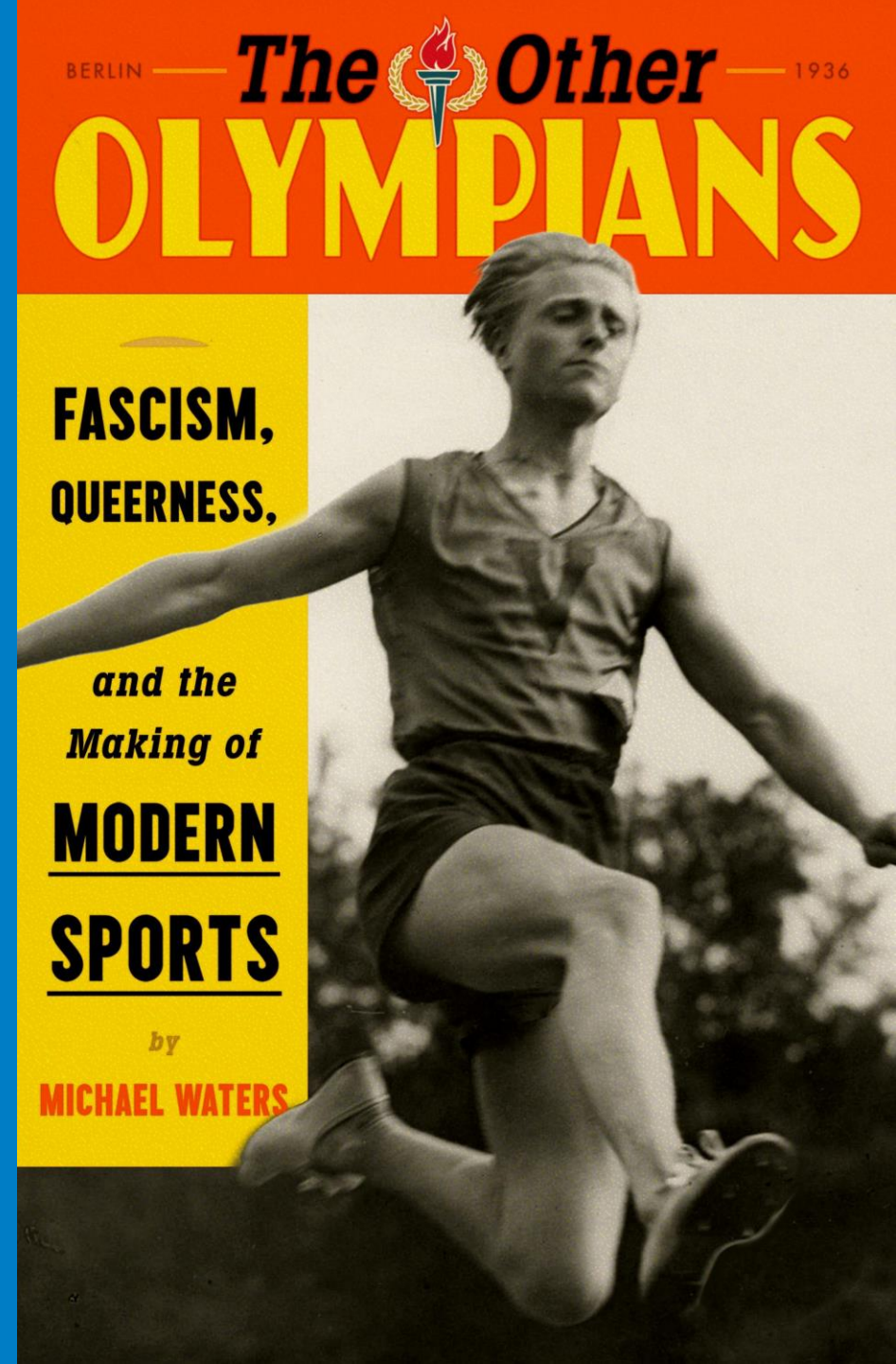
Ash recommends

*The Other Olympians:
Fascism, Queerness, and the
Making of Modern Sports*

by

Michael Waters

NONFICTION



Online-Only Book Clubs



- **Eclectic Evenings**

- *2nd Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm* | Next discussion: *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll

- **Warning Graphic Content**

- *2nd Thursdays, 7 - 8 pm* | Next discussion: *West of Sundown* by Tim Seely and Aaron Campbell

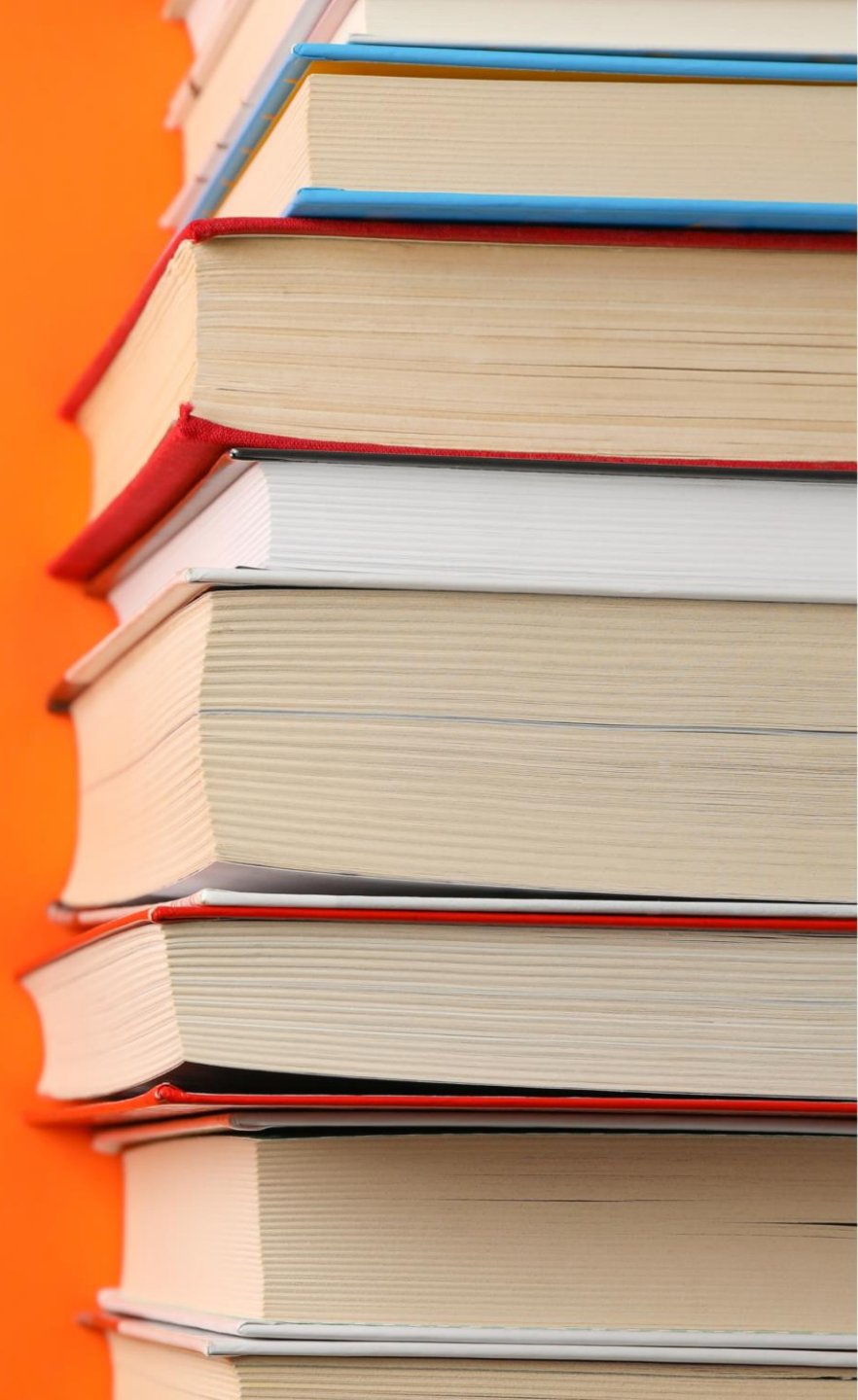
- **Reads of Acceptance**

- *3rd Mondays, 7 - 8 pm* | Next discussion: *The World and All it Holds* by Aleksandar Hemon

- **Asian American Literature**

- *3rd Mondays, 7 - 8 pm* | Next discussion: *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

Round 3



Angela recommends

*The Dictionary People:
The Unsung Heroes Who
Created the Oxford English
Dictionary*

by

Sarah Ogilvie

NONFICTION



The
Dictionary
People

The Unsung Heroes
Who Created the
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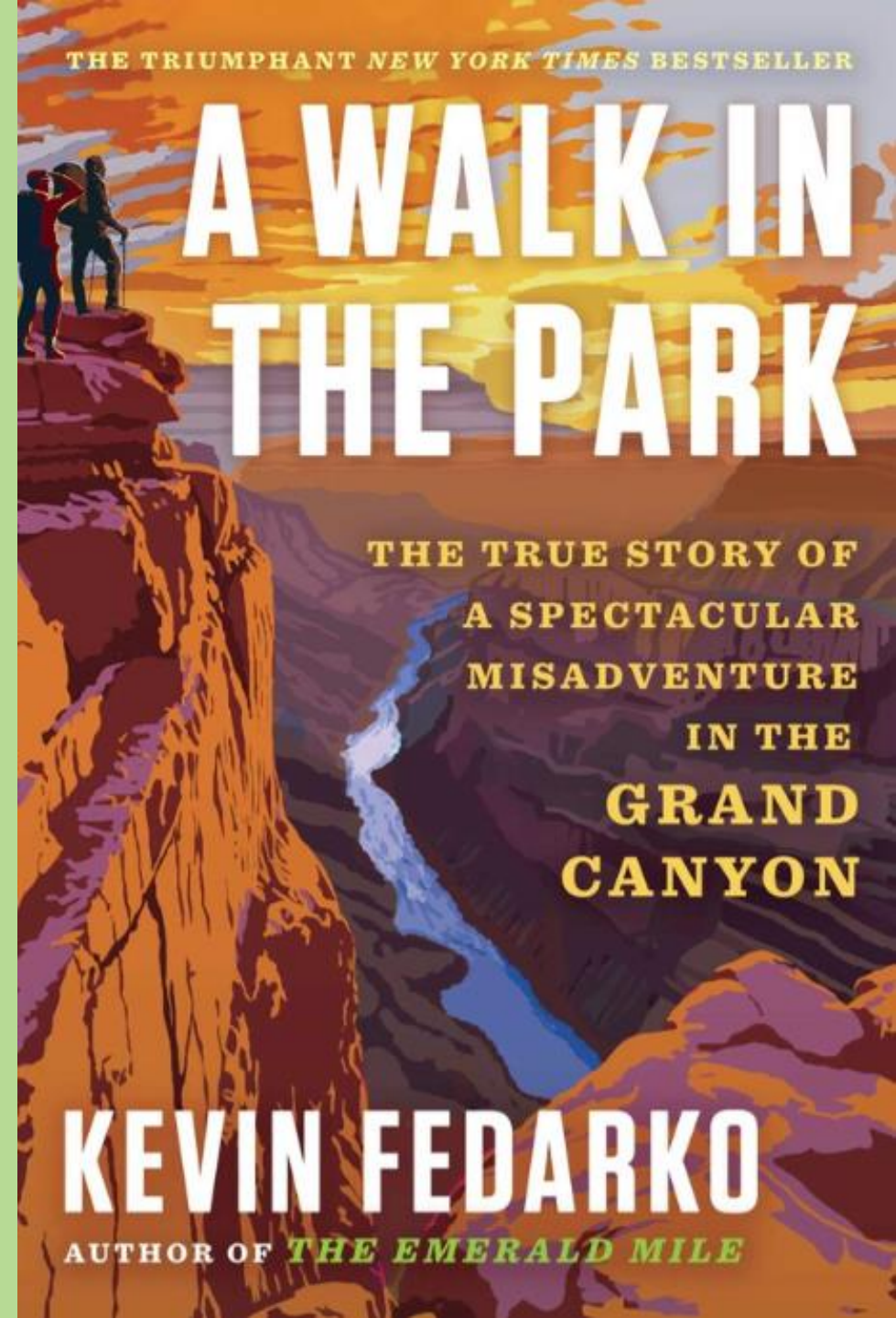
Mikki recommends

*A Walk in the Park:
The True Story of a Spectacular
Misadventure
in the Grand Canyon*

by

Kevin Fedarko

NONFICTION



Wendy recommends

Wellness

by

Nathan Hill

FICTION

WELL NESS

a Novel

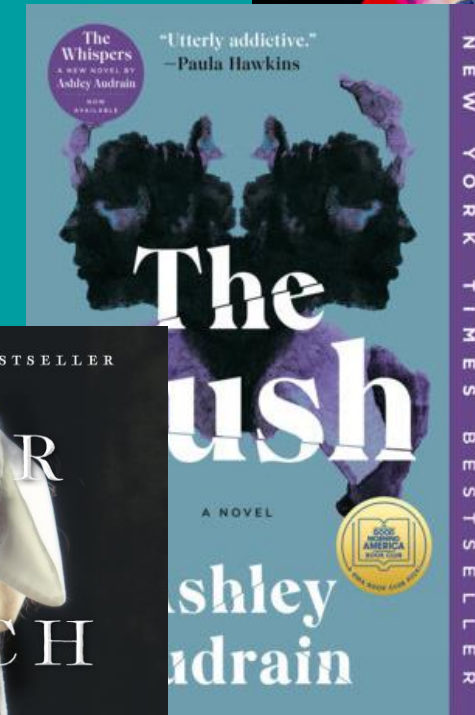
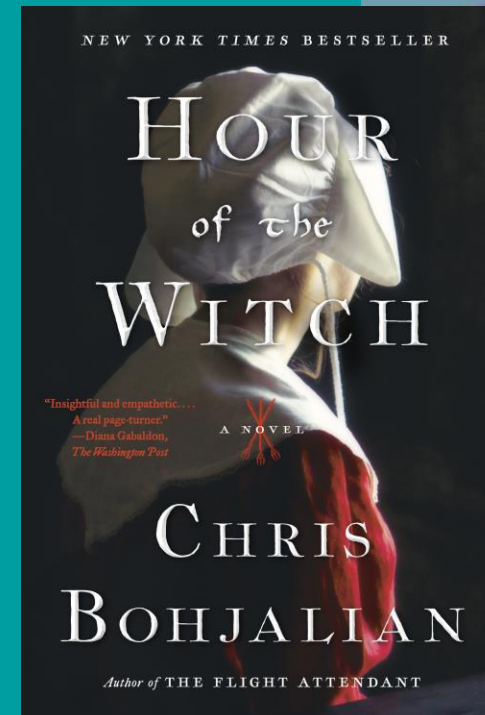


Author of THE NIX

NATHAN HILL

Noontime Books

- Meets in-person at the **Central Branch**
- Upcoming discussions include:
 - October 17 - *The Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian
 - November 21 - *The Push* by Ashley Audrain
 - December 19 - *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis
- Meetings are held every Third Thursday at 12 pm



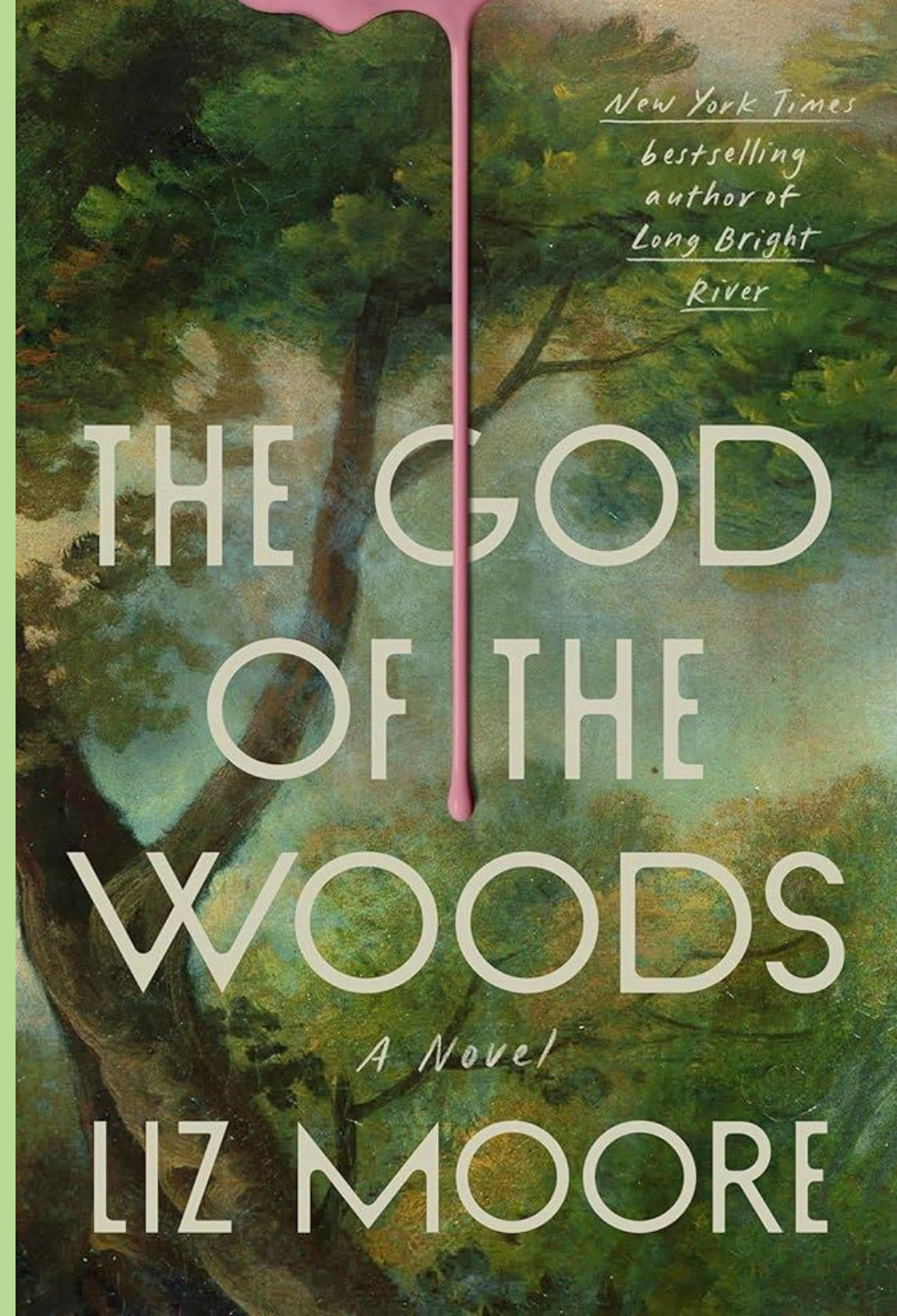
Emily recommends

The God of the Woods

by

Liz Moore

FICTION



Angie recommends

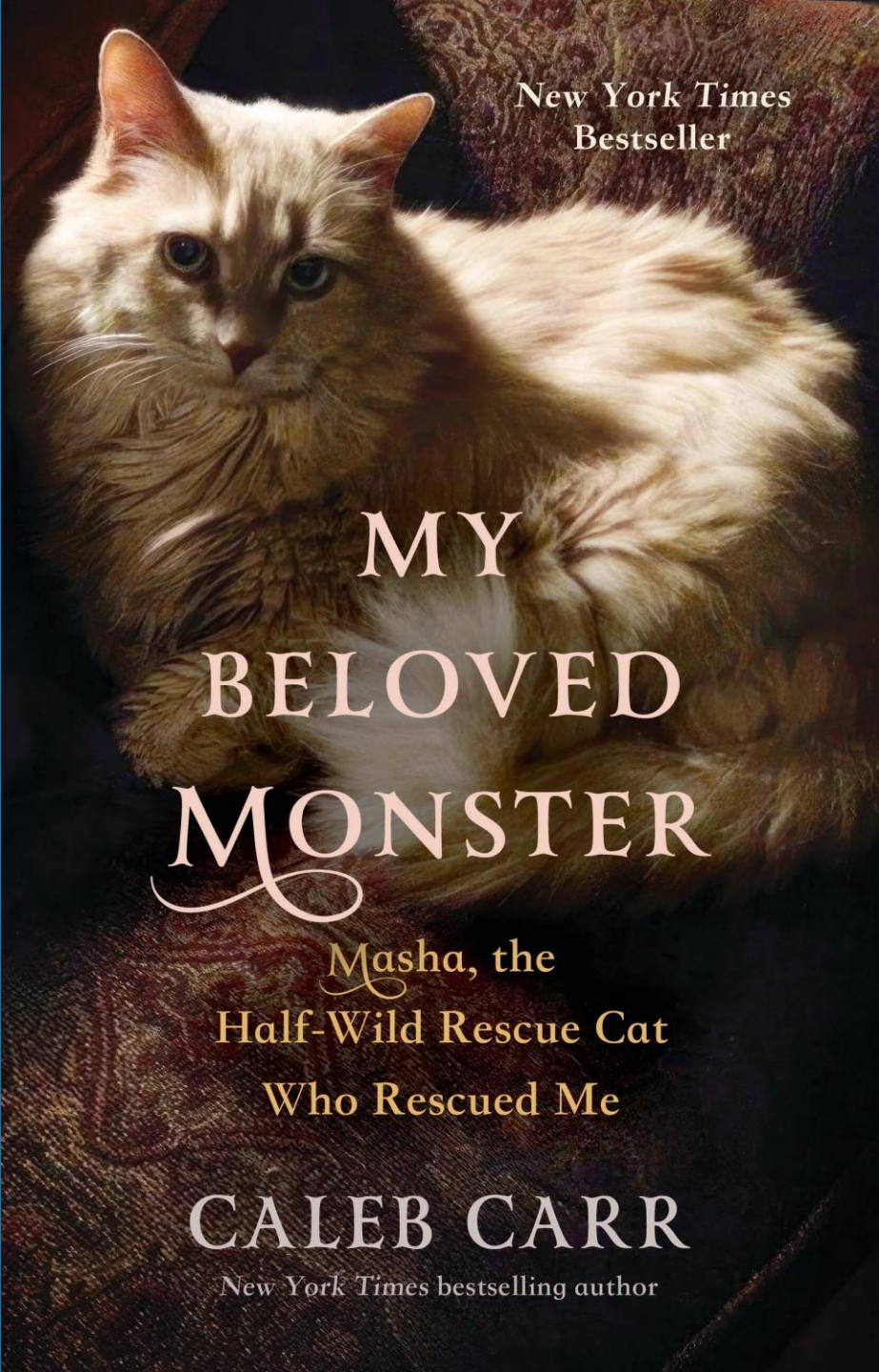
*My Beloved Monster:
Masha, the Half-Wild Rescue Cat
Who Rescued Me*

by

Caleb Carr

NONFICTION

New York Times
Bestseller



MY
BELOVED
MONSTER

*Masha, the
Half-Wild Rescue Cat
Who Rescued Me*

CALEB CARR

New York Times bestselling author

Roslyn recommends

Madness:

*Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow
Asylum*

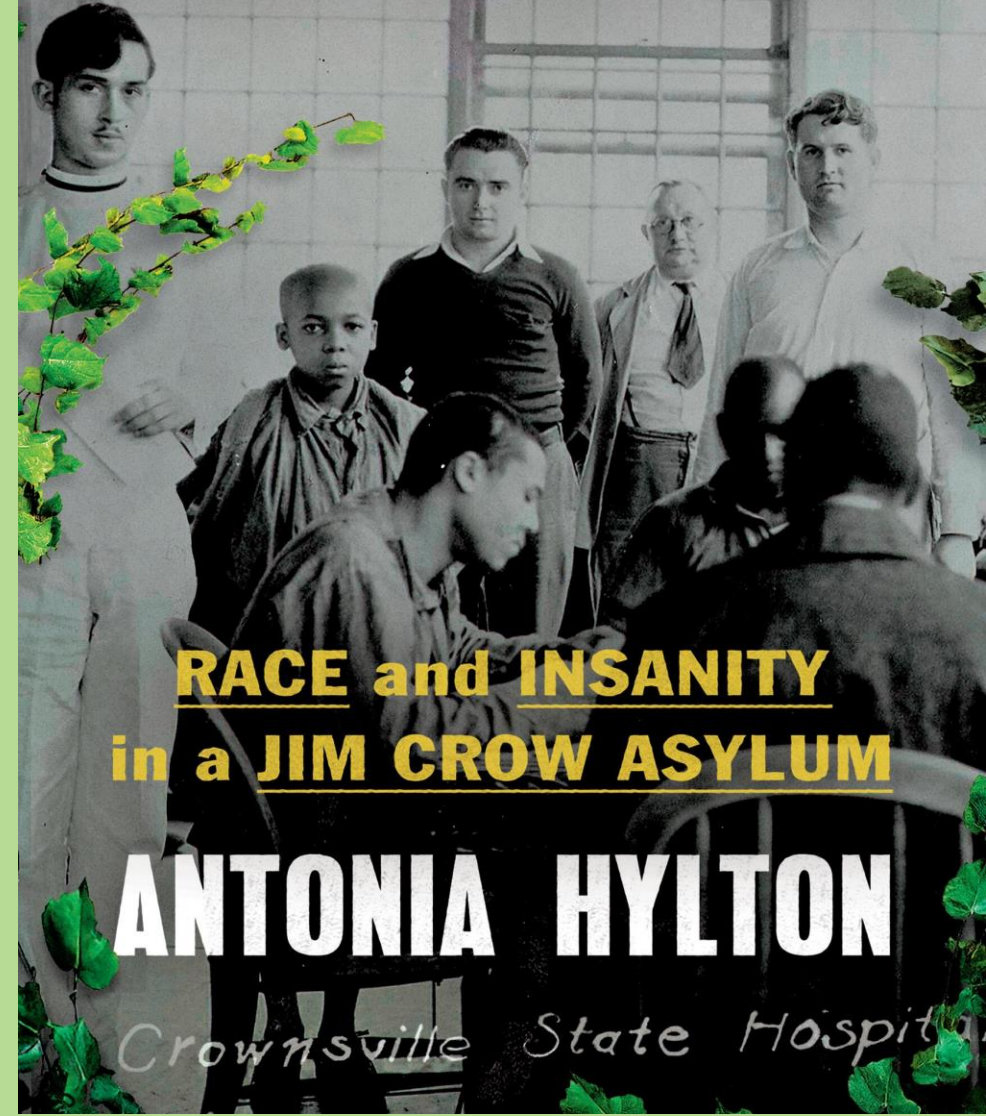
by

Antonia Hylton

NONFICTION

"A book that left me breathless." —CLINT SMITH

MADNESS



RACE and INSANITY
in a JIM CROW ASYLUM

ANTONIA HYLTON

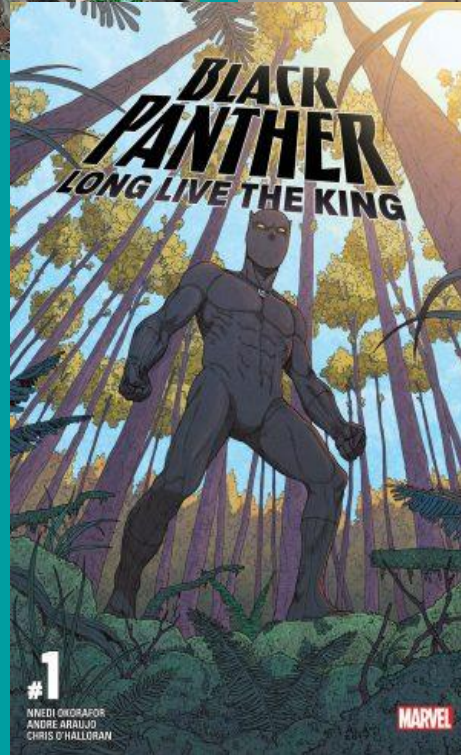
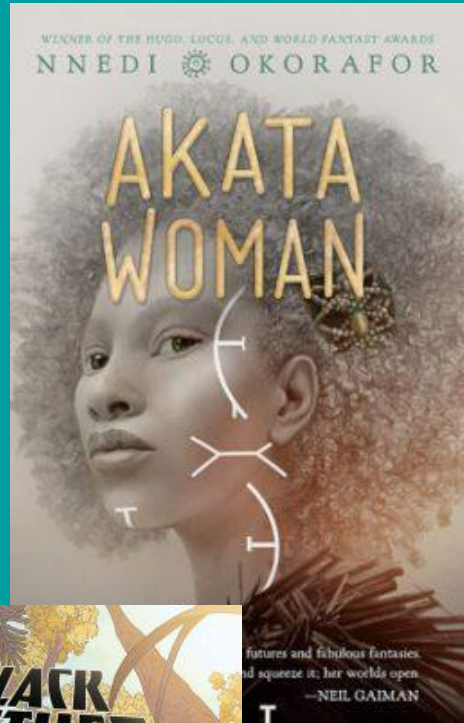
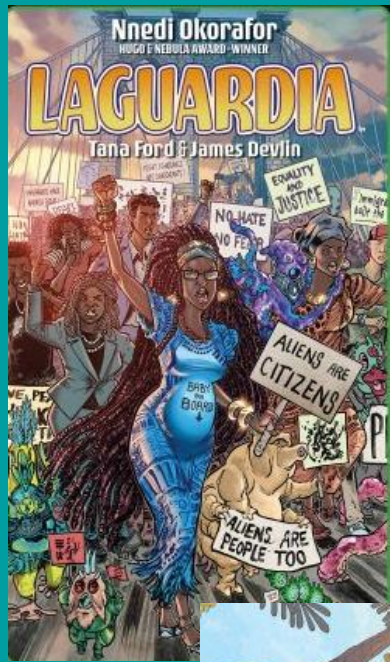
Crownsville State Hospital

Nnedi Okorafor

Virtual Author Event

October 11th at 6:30 pm

- Africanfuturist Author
- Winner of the Eisner, Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Awards
- TEDGlobal Speaker



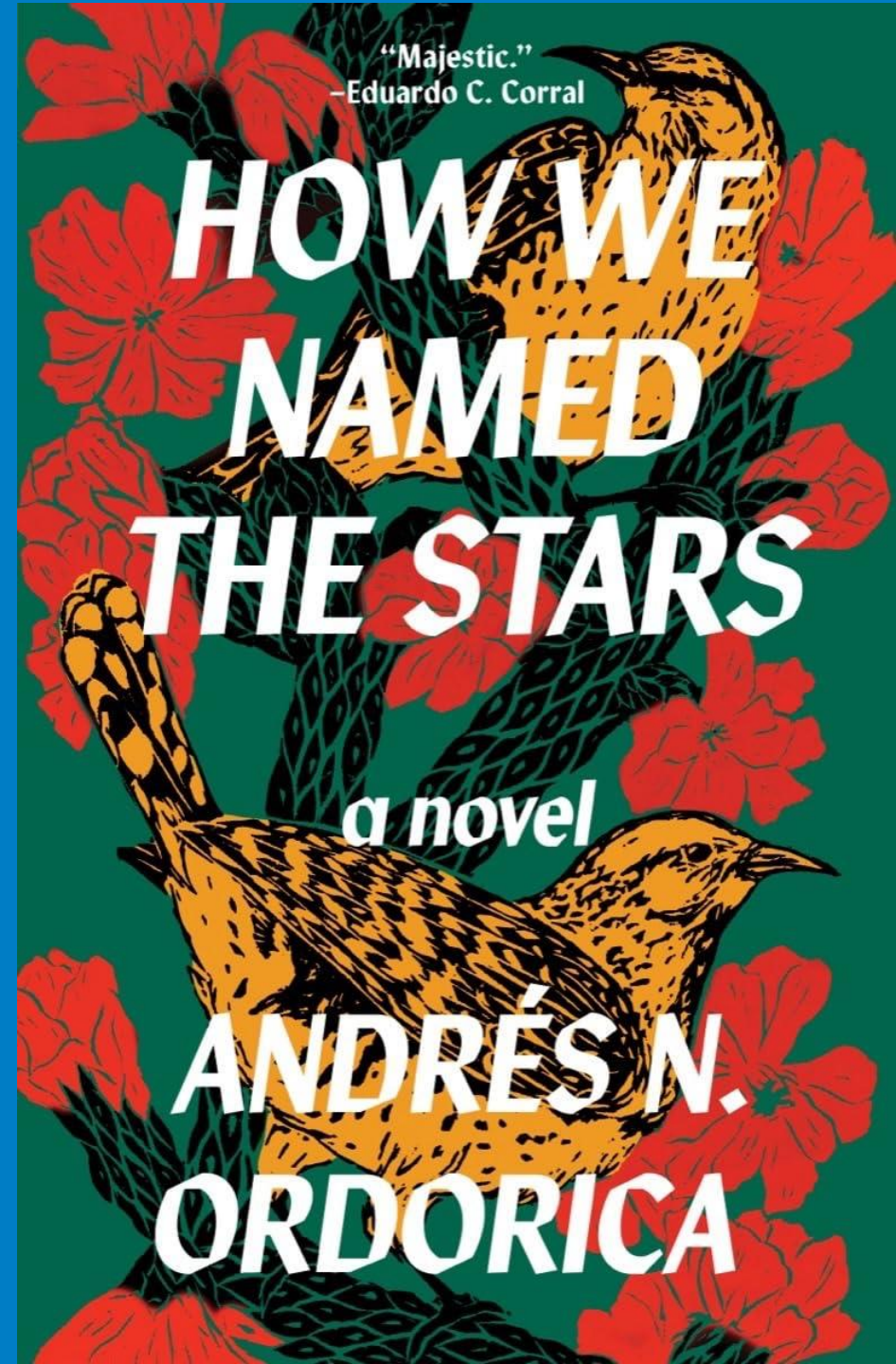
Ash recommends

How We Named the Stars

by

Andrés N. Ordorica

FICTION



Wildcard Round



Angela recommends

A Different Kind of Gone

by

Catherine Ryan Hyde

FICTION

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Catherine
Ryan Hyde



A
Different
Kind of
Gone *A Novel*

Mikki recommends

The Life Impossible

by

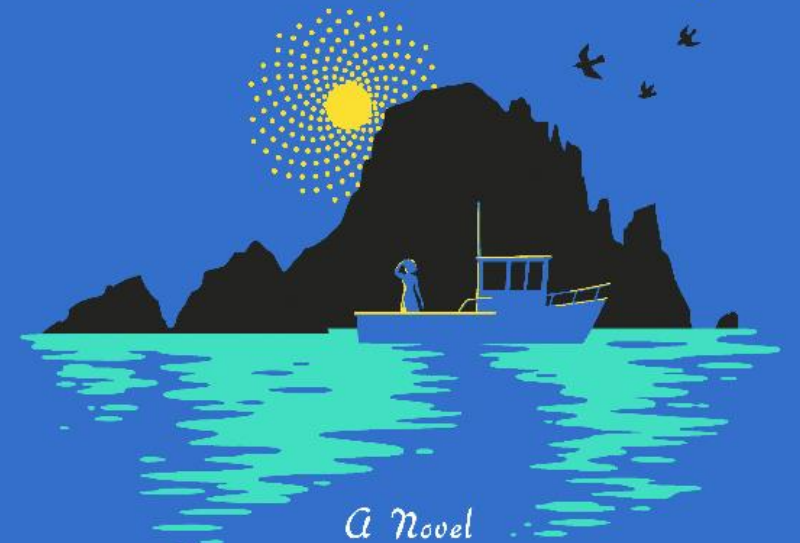
Matt Haig

FICTION

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF

The Midnight Library



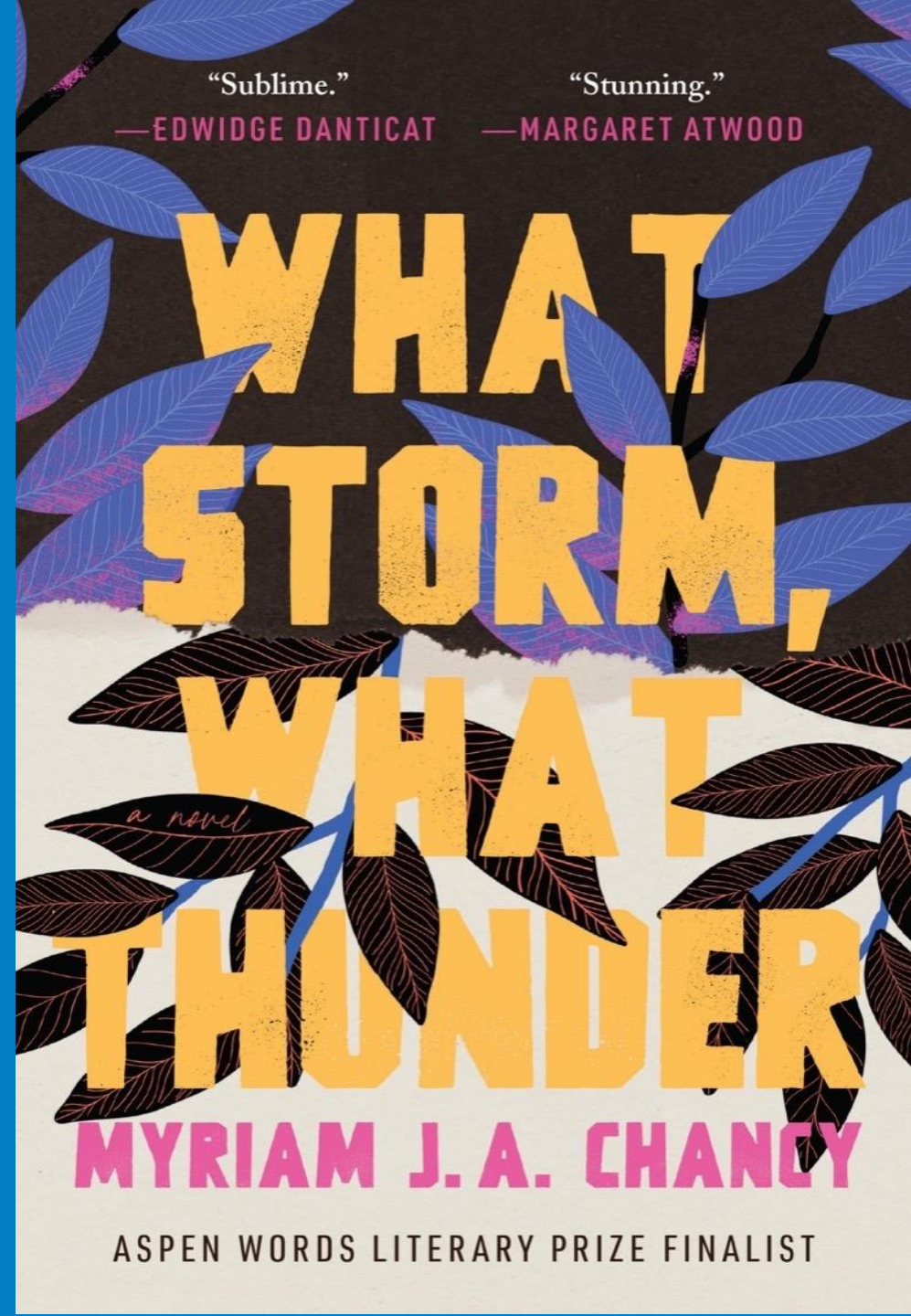
The LIFE
IMPOSSIBLE

"A wry and tender love letter to the best of being human."

—BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH

Wendy recommends
*What Storm,
What Thunder*
by
Myriam J.A. Chancy

FICTION



Emily recommends

Trust

by

Hernan Diaz

FICTION

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

WINNER
OF THE
PULITZER
PRIZE

TRUST

A NOVEL

HERNAN DIAZ

Angie recommends

Scandalous Women

by

Gill Paul

FICTION

A NOVEL OF
**Jackie Collins &
Jacqueline Susann**

Scandalous Women

"Scrumptious!"
—Eve Chase,
Sunday Times
bestselling author



GILL PAUL

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Roslyn recommends

The Swans of Harlem:

*Five Black Ballerinas, Fifty Years of
Sisterhood, and Their Reclamation of a
Groundbreaking History*

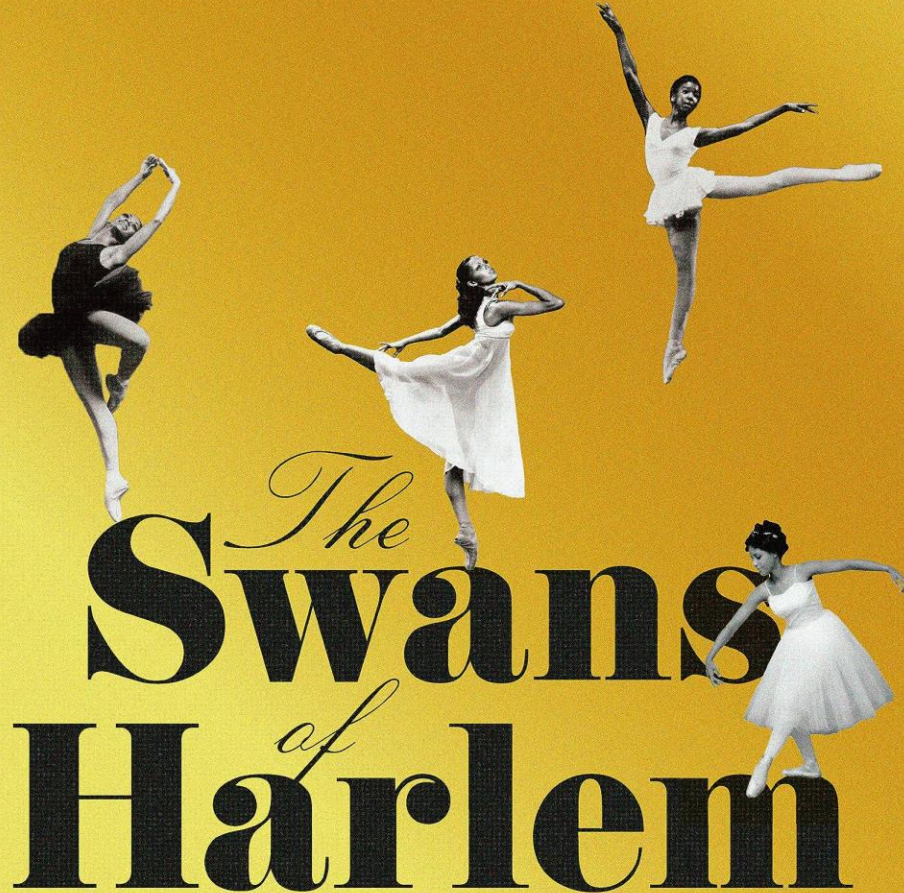
by

Karen Valby

NONFICTION



Five Black Ballerinas,
Fifty Years of Sisterhood,
and Their
Reclamation of a
Groundbreaking
History



The **Swans** *of* **Harlem**

Karen Valby

Ash recommends

The Mirror Season

by

Anna-Marie McLemore

FICTION

ANNA-MARIE McLEMORE



Questions?



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for attending
tonight's event!**

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