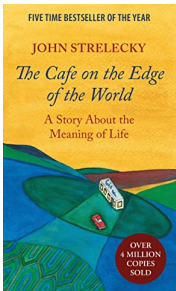
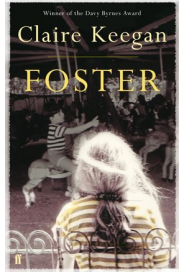


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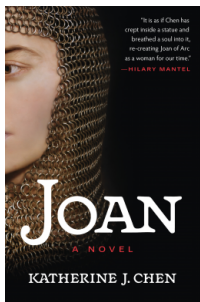
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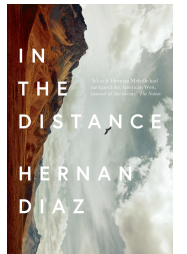
**Cafe on the Edge of the World: a story about the meaning of life - John Strelecky** -In a small cafe at a location so remote it stands in the middle of nowhere a visitor finds three unusual questions on the back of a menu.... Why are you here? Do you fear death? Are you fulfilled?



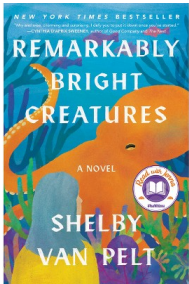
**Foster - Claire Keegan** -While her mother awaits the birth of her youngest child, a young girl is dropped off at a farm in rural Ireland to stay with relatives and experiences a level of love and attention she has not known before.



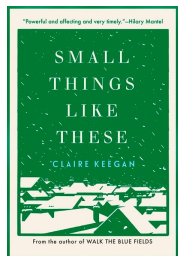
**Joan: a novel of Joan of Arc - Catherine Chen**- A secular reimagining and feminist celebration of the legendary saint's life which transforms Joan into a flawed yet undeniable young woman.



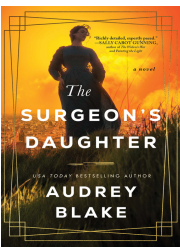
**In the Distance - Hernan Diaz** -A Swedish boy walks across 19th-century America in a thrilling coming-of-age narrative that critiques frontier myths



**Remarkably Bright Creatures - Shelby Van Pelt** -an acerbic octopus whose intervention in his new friend's life sets her up for healing lessons in love, loss, and family.



**Small Things Like These - Claire Keegan** - An Irishman uncovers abuse at a Magdalene laundry (an institution for "fallen" women) in this compact and gripping novel

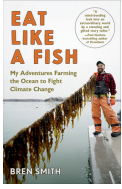


**Surgeon's Daughter - Audrey Blake** - In the 19th century women were expected to remain at home and raise children, so the only female student at a medical school with ambitions to become a licensed practitioner, offends the men around her.

NONFICTION

**Did Ye Hear Mammy Died? - Seamas O'Reilly** -This memoir begins with 5 year old Seamas's perspective of those surreal days of Mammy's death & funeral to his adulthood - and all the different stages of grief / life in between.





***Eat Like a Fish: My Adventures as a Fisherman Turned Restorative Ocean Farmer - Bren Smith***—a former fisherman shares a bold and hopeful new vision for saving the planet: farming the ocean.

### **ALSO briefly DISCUSSED**

*An Immense World - How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* - Ed Yong

*How to Speak Whale* - Tom Mustill

*My Octopus Teacher* - a documentary of a filmmaker who forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest

Ruth Stone's *Vast Library of the Female Mind* - documentary of a poet who lived in Vermont

*The Soul of an Octopus* - Sy Montgomery

