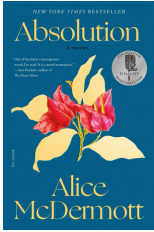


WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

Book Discussion

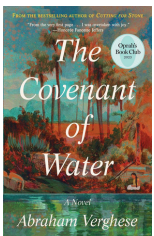
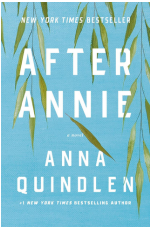
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FICTION



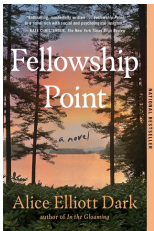
Absolution by **Alice McDermott** - Saigon in 1963—two women try to be “helpful wives” to their ambitious husbands—all playing a part in the unintended consequences that followed America’s tragic interference in Southeast Asia.

After Annie by **Anna Quindlen** -When Annie Brown dies suddenly, her husband, her children, and her closest friend are left to find a way forward without the woman who has been the lynchpin of all their lives.



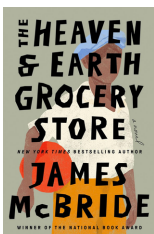
Covenant of Water by **Abraham Verghese** - A saga of love, faith, and medicine, following three generations of a family seeking the answers to strange secrets.

Empty Theatre by **Jac-Jemc** - Reimagining the mad misadventures of the iconic royal cousins King Ludwig and Empress Sisi.



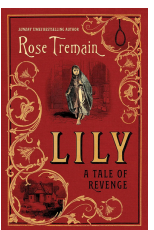
Fellowship Point by **Alice Elliott Dark** - A story of lifelong friendship between two very different women with shared histories, divisive loyalties, hidden sorrows, and eighty years of summers on a pristine point of land on Maine’s coast.

The Ghost Bride by **Yangsze Choo** - A Chinese family, whose only son recently died, asks Li Lan to become his ghost wife - a “marriage” used to placate a restless spirit. Such a union would guarantee her a home for the rest of her days but at a terrible price.

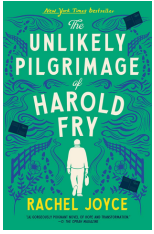


Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by **James McBride** - Small town secrets... how much the people who live on the margins of white Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive.

Ladies’ Lunch: and Other Stories by **Lore Segal** - A collection of 16 new stories featuring old friends who have loved, disagreed, and lunched together for over 40 years.

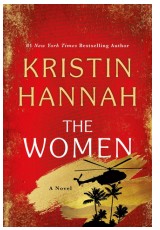


Lily by **Rose Tremain** - Abandoned in a London park in 1850, baby Lily is saved by a young policeman and fostered by a loving family only to be returned to the harsh realities of the city.



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by **Rachel Joyce** - One morning a letter arrives, addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl, from a woman he hasn't heard from in twenty years... She's dying and saying goodbye.

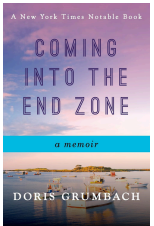
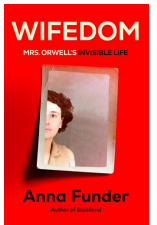
The Women by **Kristen Hannah** - Idealistic Frankie joins the Army Nurse Corp and is sent to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of the war, but the real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America.



Albert Camus - A deep dive into: journals, ***The Stranger***, ***The Fall***, and ***The Plague***

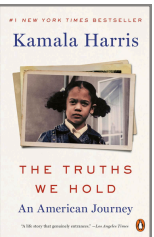
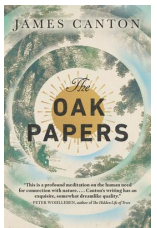
NONFICTION

Wifedom: Mrs. Orwell's Invisible Life by **Anna Funder** - The story of the marriage behind some of the most famous literary works of the 20th century —and a probing consideration of what it means to be a wife and a writer in the modern world



Coming Into The End Zone by **Doris Grumbach** - With the advent of her seventieth birthday, the author writes an account of everything she observes over the course of a year.

The Oak Papers by **James Canton** - An evocative memoir and ode to one of the most majestic living things on earth—the oak tree—probing the mysteries of nature and the healing role it plays in our lives.



The Truths We Hold by **Kamala Harris** - Drawing on the hard-won wisdom and insight from her own career and the work of those who have most inspired her, Harris communicates a vision of shared struggle, shared purpose, and shared values as we confront the great work of our day.