

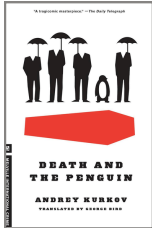
WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

Book Discussion

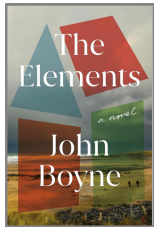
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FICTION

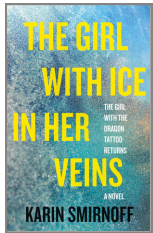
Death and the Penguin by **Audrey Kurkov** and **George Bird** (translator) - In violence-wracked Kyiv, Victor, a writer of “living obituaries”, lives with a penguin rescued from a bankrupt zoo. After realizing the obits are preludes to death, Victor must keep himself and all who live with him safe.



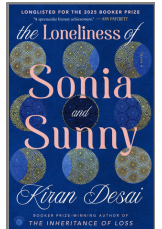
The Elements by **John Boyne** - An epic saga weaves together four interconnected narratives, each representing a different perspective on crime: the enabler, the accomplice, the perpetrator, and the victim.



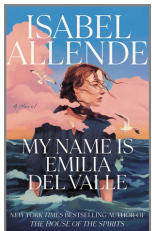
The Girl With Ice in Her Veins by **Karin Smirnov** - A twisty, vertiginous, hard-hitting thriller that breathes new life into Stieg Larsson's epic series and unforgettable characters.



The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny by **Kiran Desai** - A tale of two young people navigating the many forces that shape their lives: country, class, race, history, and the complicated bonds that link one generation to the next.

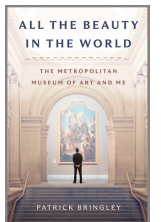


My Name is Emilia del Valle by **Isabel Allende** - In this historical novel, a young writer journeys to South America to uncover the truth about her father—and herself.

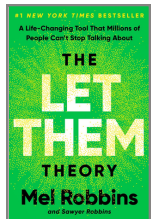


NON-FICTION

All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by **Patrick Bringley** - A portrait of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and its treasures by a former New Yorker staffer who spent a decade as a museum guard.

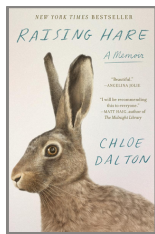


The Let Them Theory: A Life-Changing Tool that Millions of People Can't Stop Talking About by **Mel Robbins** - Puts the power to create a life you love back in your hands.



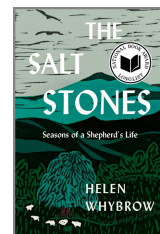
One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This by **Omar El Akkad** - A powerful reckoning with what it means to live in a West that betrays its fundamental values.



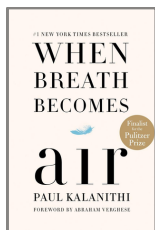


***Raising Hare: A Memoir* by Chloe Dalton** - Part diary, part natural history, part field guide...that time when you set out on an ordinary day and stumble upon something that changes you forever.

***The Salt Stones: Seasons of a Shepherd's Life* by Helen Whybrow** - An intimate and profoundly moving story of what it means to care for animals and truly inhabit a piece of land.



***When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi** - This inspiring memoir finds hope and beauty in the face of insurmountable odds as an idealistic young neurosurgeon attempts to answer the question, What makes a life worth living?



***The Sisterhood of Ravensbrück: How an Intrepid Band of Frenchwomen Resisted the Nazis in Hitler's All-Female Concentration Camp* by Lynne Olson** - The subtitle says it all...

