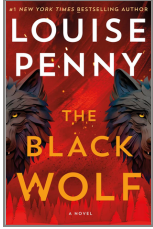


WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND

Book Discussion

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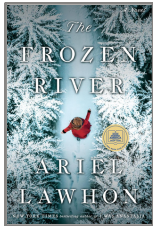
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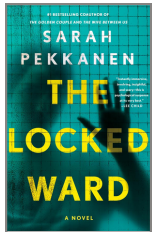
The Black Wolf by **Louise Penny** - The 20th in the Inspector Gamache series: Chief Inspector Gamache and his team uncover and stop a domestic terrorist attack in Montréal, arresting the person behind it. But their relief is short-lived...



The Frozen River by **Ariel Lawhorn** - A historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of an 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system.



The Island of the Missing Trees by **Elif Shafak** - The story of a forbidden love between a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot in 1970s Cyprus, their journey to London, and their daughter Ada's search for identity and connection to her heritage.

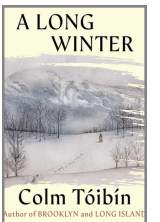


Kinfolk by **Sean Dietrich** - It's the '70s in southern Alabama, and 62-year-old Jeremiah Lewis Taylor has spent his whole life listening to those he loves tell him he's no good, but he's never harmed anyone – except perhaps himself.

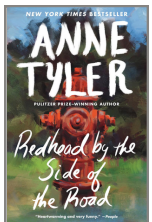


The Locked Ward by **Sarah Pekkanen** - Some doors should never be opened!

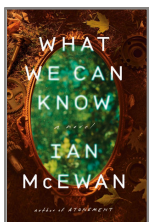
A Long Winter by **Colm Toibin** - A story of loss, grief....a haunting portrait of a family in crisis.



Redhead by the Side of the Road by **Anne Tyler** - A novel about misperception, second chances, and the sometimes elusive power of human connection.



Venetian Vespers by **John Banville** - A trip to Venice takes a dark turn for a British writer and his American wife. Dark, twisty, and consistently smart.



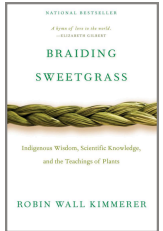
What We Can Know by **Ian McEwan** - A love story about both people and the words they leave behind; a literary detective story which reclaims the present from our sense of looming catastrophe and imagines a future world where all is not quite lost.

NONFICTION



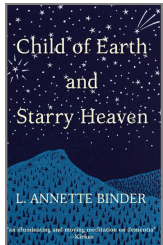
1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History – and How It Shattered a Nation by **Andrew Ross Sorkin** - One with ripple effects that still shape our society today.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by **Robin Wall Kimmerer** - The author urges humanity to repair its relationship with the earth by shifting from a mindset of exploitation to one of gratitude, reciprocity, and respect.



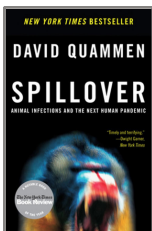
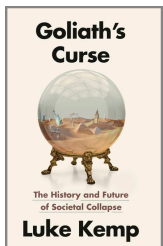
This American Woman: One-in-a-Billion Memoir by **Zarna Garg** - a hilarious memoir; the story of her wild ride from escaping an arranged marriage and homelessness in India to carving her own path in America

Child of Earth and Starry Heaven by **L. Annette Binder** - Binder spends hour upon hour in memory care with her mother and begins to see hints of a world almost invisible to outsiders, where residents might lose cognition but they remain capable of feeling and expressing love.



Erosion: Essays of Undoing by **Terry Tempest Williams** - An exploration of the many forms of erosion we face – both cultural and environmental.

Goliath's Curse: The History and Future of Societal Collapse by **Luke Kemp** - A historical autopsy on our species, from the earliest cities to the collapse of modern states; traces the emergence of “Goliaths” – large societies built on a collection of hierarchies that are also terrifyingly fragile, collapsing time after time across the world.



Spillover: Animal Infections and The Next Human Pandemic by **David Quammen** - An astonishing quest to learn *how, where from, and why* these diseases emerge, and he asks the terrifying question: What might the next big one be?

MENTIONED

Music and the Historical Imagination by **Leo Treitler** - A powerful statement of what music analysis and criticism in relation to historical understanding can be. According to Harvard University Press, Treitler is a central figure in American musicology, both for his writings on medieval and Renaissance music and for his influential work on historical analysis.

