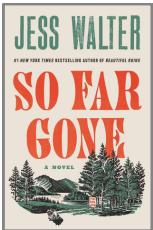


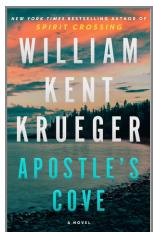
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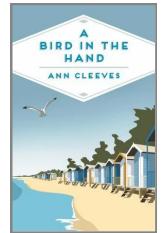
FICTION



So Far Gone by **Jess Walter** - A man who went off the grid after punching his conspiracy-theorist son-in-law in the mouth realizes he must re-emerge when his daughter shows up with her children needing protection.



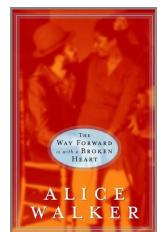
A Bird in the Hand by **Ann Cleeves** - Cleeves is a prolific writer of British and Irish mysteries; not too grizzly, a good distraction from worries about the world.



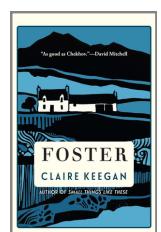
Apostles Cove by **William Kent Krueger** - The 21st novel in the Cork O'Connor mystery series. Half white, half Ojibwe, the protagonist straddles the two cultures in a small rural mid-west community.



The Way Forward is With a Broken Heart by **Alice Walker** - A lyrical, autobiographical story of a marriage set in the violent and volatile Deep South during the early years of the civil rights movement.

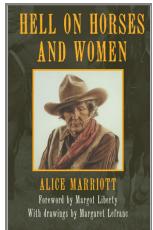


Small Things Like These by **Claire Keegan** - 1985, in a small Irish town, a coal merchant and family man makes a discovery which forces him to confront the realities of a convent and the Magdalene laundries.

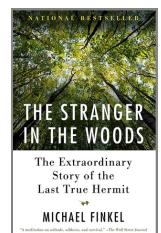


Foster by **Claire Keegan** - A child is taken by her father to live with unknown relatives on a farm in rural Ireland, not knowing when or if she will be brought home again...

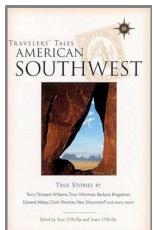
NONFICTION



Hell on Horses and Women by **Alice Marriott** - Written in 1953, a collection of stories about the people of cattle country where the man's work is sharply distinguished from the woman's.



The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by **Michael Finkel** - A gripping story of survival that asks fundamental questions about solitude, community, and what makes a good life, and a deeply moving portrait of a man who was determined to live his own way, and succeeded.



Traveler's Tales: American Southwest edited by **Sean O'Reilly, James O'Reilly** - A selection of true tales by some of the best writers about the Southwest including Tony Hillerman, Douglas Preston, Barbara Kingsolver.