



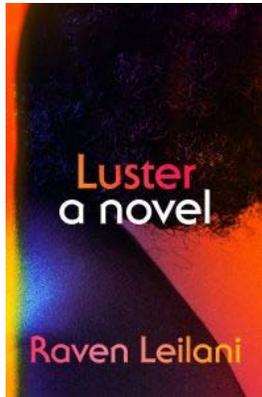
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Luster

A Novel

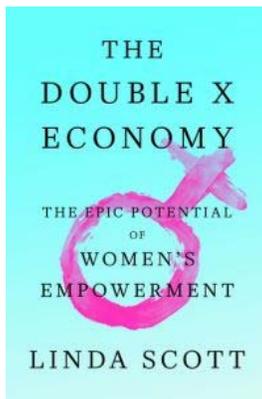
by Raven Leilani

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 240 pages
9780374194321 • \$34.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

Sharp, comic, disruptive, tender, Raven Leilani's debut novel, *Luster*, sees a young black woman fall into art and someone else's open marriage

Edie is stumbling her way through her twenties - sharing a subpar apartment in Bushwick, clocking in and out of her admin job, making a series of inappropriate sexual choices. She's also, secretly, haltingly figuring her way into life as an artist. And then she meets Eric, a digital archivist with a family in New Jersey, including an autopsist wife who has agreed to (...)

LEAD



The Double X Economy

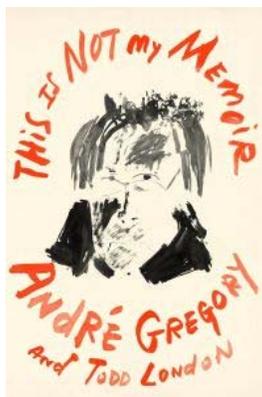
The Epic Potential of Women's Empowerment

by Linda Scott

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 6 x 9 • 368 pages
9780374142629 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Bus & Econ / Women In Business

A leading thinker's groundbreaking examination of women's economic empowerment

For the past fifteen years, the scholar and activist Linda Scott has played a central role in the rise of the women's economic empowerment movement. A coalition made up of activists, multinational corporations, global NGOs, and governments, it arose in the mid-2000s in response to new global data sets that revealed sobering conclusions about women in the economy, namely that gender inequality is a global problem, and that women's economic (...)



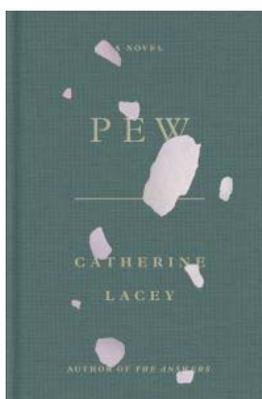
This Is Not My Memoir

by Andre Gregory and Todd London

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 224 pages
9780374298548 • \$34.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Biography / Entertainment & Performing Arts

The autobiography-of-sorts of Andre Gregory, an iconic figure in American theater and the star of *My Dinner with Andre*

This is Not My Memoir tells the life story of Andre Gregory, iconic theatre director, writer, and actor. For the first time, Gregory shares memories from a life lived for art, including stories from the making of *My Dinner with Andre*. Taking on the dizzying, wondrous nature of a fever dream, *This is Not My Memoir* includes fantastic and fantastical stories that take (...)



Pew

A Novel

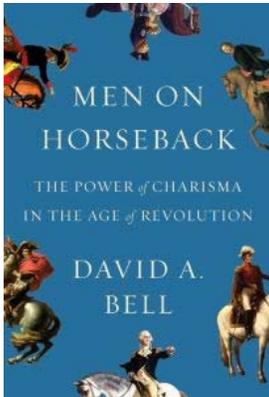
by Catherine Lacey

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 12/20 • 5 x 7.5 • 224 pages
9780374230920 • \$34.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

A figure with no discernible identity appears in a small, religious town, throwing its inhabitants into a frenzy

In a small unnamed town in the American South, a church congregation arrives to a service and finds a figure asleep on a pew. The person is genderless, racially ambiguous, and refuses to speak. One family takes the strange visitor in and nicknames them Pew. As the town spends the week preparing for a mysterious Forgiveness Festival (...)





Men on Horseback

The Power of Charisma in the Age of Revolution

by David A. Bell

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 19/20 • 6 x 9 • 384 pages

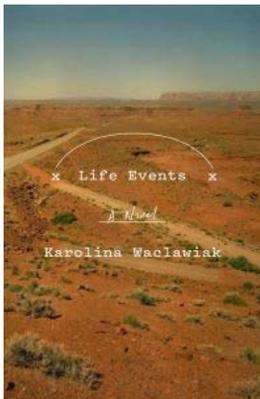
9780374207922 • \$39.99 • CL - With dust jacket • History / Europe / General

An immersive examination of why the age of democratic revolutions was also a time of hero worship and strongmen

The word *charisma* may trace its origins to ancient Greece, but its meaning has never been fixed in the solid schist of Classical Athens. For Saint Paul, to possess charisma was to be filled with divine grace; for Max Weber, it demonstrated how authority could be wielded successfully in defiance of rules and traditions. The word entered our modern lexicon via



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Life Events

A Novel

by Karolina Waclawiak

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 19/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 288 pages

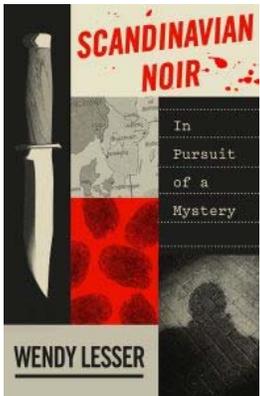
9780374186951 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

A woman at a crossroads learns the only way to reclaim her life is to help others die

What if Evelyn's whole life has been a mistake? At 37, she's on the verge of divorce and anxiously awaiting everyone she loves dying on her. She combats her existential crisis by avoiding her husband and wandering the freeways of California looking for an escape before discovering a collective of exit guides. Evelyn enrolls in training courses where she learns to provide (...)



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Scandinavian Noir

In Pursuit of a Mystery

by Wendy Lesser

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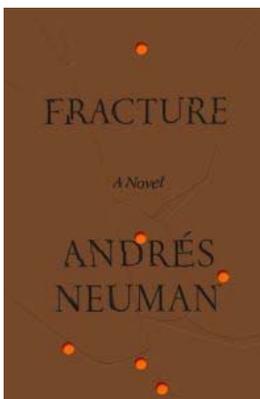
9780374216979 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Literary Criticism / European / Scandinavian

An in-depth and personal exploration of Scandinavian crime fiction as a way into Scandinavian culture at large

For forty years, Wendy Lesser's primary source of information for three Scandinavian countries - Sweden, Norway, and Denmark - was mystery and crime novels, and the murders committed and solved in their pages. Having never visited the region, Lesser constructed a fictional Scandinavia of her own making, something between a map a



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Fracture

A Novel

by Andrés Neuman, translated by Nick Caistor and Lorenza Garcia

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 6 x 9 • 368 pages

9780374158231 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

Critically acclaimed, prize-winning author Andrés Neuman's *Fracture* is an ambitious literary novel set against Japan's 2011 nuclear accident in a cross-cultural story about how every society remembers and forgets its catastrophes.

An earthquake unnerves Tokyo on March 11, 2011, triggering the Fukushima nuclear disaster - and a tectonic stirring of the collective past. Mr. Yoshie Watanabe, an aging executive at an electronics company and a survivor of the atomic bomb, feels as though he



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The Pink Line

Journeys Across the World's Queer Frontiers

by Mark Gevisser

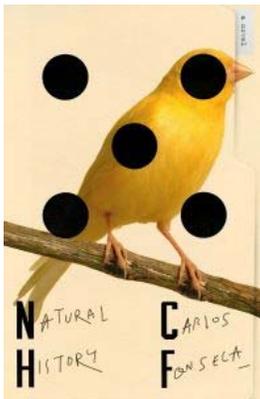
Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 12/20 • 6 x 9 • 544 pages

9780374279967 • \$39.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Social Science / LGBT Studies / General

Whether recounting suffering or triumph, Mark Gevisser is a clear-sighted, fearless, and generous guide." - Andrew Solomon

A groundbreaking look at how the issues of sexuality and gender identity divide and unite the world today

More than five years in the making, Mark Gevisser's *The Pink Line: The World's Queer Frontiers* is a celebratory exploration of how the human rights frontier around sexual



Natural History

A Novel

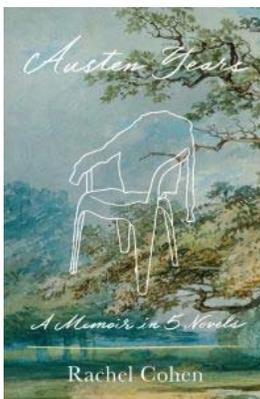
by Carlos Fonseca, translated by Megan McDowell

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 14/20 • 6 x 9 • 320 pages

9780374216306 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

From Carlos Fonseca comes a dazzling, kaleidoscopic epic of art, politics, and hidden realities

Just before the dawn of the new millennium, a curator at a New Jersey museum of natural history receives an unusual invitation from a celebrated fashion designer. She shares the curator's fascination with the hidden forms of the animal kingdom - with camouflage and subterfuge - and she proposes that they collaborate on an exhibition, the form of which itself remains largely obscure, even as they enter into (...)



Austen Years

A Memoir in Five Novels

by Rachel Cohen

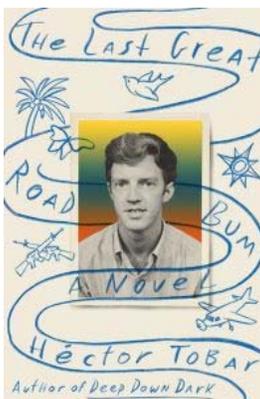
Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 12/20 • 6 x 9 • 304 pages

9780374107031 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Biography / Personal Memoirs

An astonishingly nuanced reading of Jane Austen that yields a rare understanding of how to live

About seven years ago, not too long before our daughter was born, Jane Austen became my only author."

When Rachel Cohen's father died and shortly before she gave birth to her first child, she turned to Jane Austen to make sense of her new reality. Simultaneously grief-stricken and



The Last Great Road Bum

A Novel

by Hector Tobar

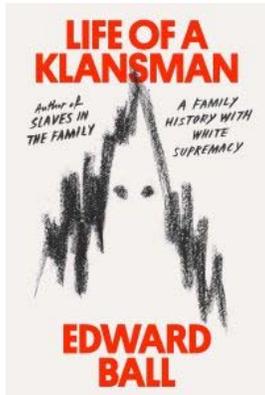
Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 6 x 9 • 416 pages

9780374183424 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

Joe Sanderson died in pursuit of a life worth writing about. He was, in his words, a road bum," an adventurer and a storyteller, belonging to no place, people, or set of ideas. He was born into a childhood of middle-class contentment in Urbana, Illinois and died fighting with guerillas in Central America. With these facts, acclaimed novelist and journalist Hector Tobar set out to write what would become *The Last Great Road Bum*.

A decade ago, Tobar came into possession of the personal writings of the late Joe (...)





Life of a Klansman

A Family History with White Supremacy

by Edward Ball

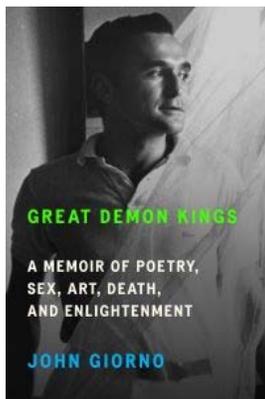
Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 6 x 9 • 416 pages

9780374186326 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Biography / Personal Memoirs

A trenchant exploration of a family's legacy of white supremacy from the National Book Award-winner Edward Ball

Eighty million: this figure, in Edward Ball's estimation, represents the number of Americans with at least one ancestor in the Ku Klux Klan. Yet the stories of these Klansmen - our national Klansmen - remain largely untold. They are white skeletons mouldering in family closets, in the North as well as the South.

Now, in this pioneering and punctiliously researched microhistory, the National Book Award-winner Ball / *Slaves in (...)*



Great Demon Kings

A Memoir of Poetry, Sex, Art, Death, and Enlightenment

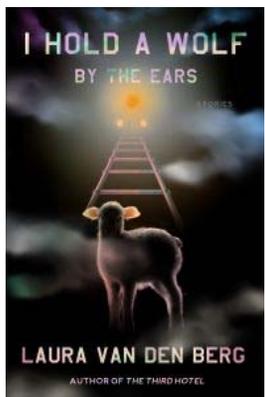
by John Giorno

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 6 x 9 • 368 pages

9780374166304 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Biography / Literary

A rollicking, sexy memoir of a young poet making his way in 1960s New York City

When he graduated from Columbia in 1958, John Giorno was handsome, charismatic, ambitious, and eager to soak up as much of Manhattan's art and culture as possible. Poetry didn't pay the bills, so he worked on Wall Street, spending his nights at the happenings, underground movie premiers, art shows, and poetry readings that brought the city to life. An intense romantic relationship with Andy (...)



I Hold a Wolf by the Ears

Stories

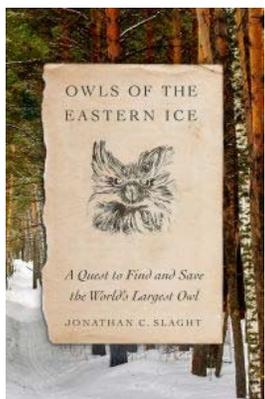
by Laura van den Berg

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 9/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 224 pages

9780374102098 • \$34.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Short Stories (Single Author)

An urgent and unsettling collection of women on the verge from Laura van den Berg, author of *The Third Hotel*

I Hold a Wolf by the Ears, Laura van den Berg's first story collection since her acclaimed and prizewinning *Isle of Youth*, draws readers into a world of wholly original, sideways ghost stories that linger in the mouth and mind like rotten, fragrant fruit. Both timeless and urgent, these eleven stories confront misogyny, violence, and the impossible economics of America (...)



Owls of the Eastern Ice

A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl

by Jonathan C. Slaght

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 368 pages

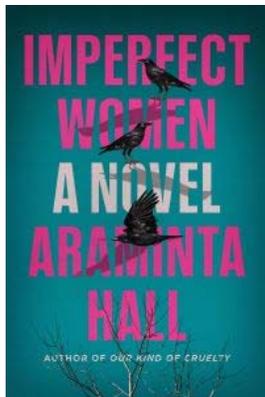
9780374228484 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Nature / Animals / Birds

A young field scientist and conservationist tracks the elusive Blakiston's Fish Owl in the forbidding reaches of eastern Russia

The Blakiston's Fish Owl, the largest species of owl on earth, found only in the far northern regions of Russia, Japan, and Korea, is also perhaps the most mysterious. Only a handful of scientists have attempted to study them, but a chance sighting changed the course of Jonathan Slaght's life - sending him on a five-year journey to study these enigmatic creatures.

In *Owls of the (...)*





Imperfect Women

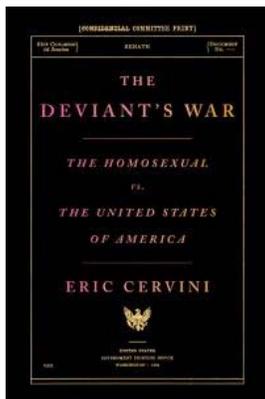
A Novel

by Araminta Hall

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 16/20 • 6 x 9 • 304 pages
9780374272586 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Suspense

From the author of *Our Kind of Cruelty* comes an enthralling, irresistible novel of psychological suspense about three women and the destructive power of buried secrets

When Nancy Hennessy is murdered, she leaves behind two best friends, a loving husband and daughter, and a secret lover whose identity she took to the grave. Nancy was gorgeous and wealthy, with adoring friends and family - from the outside, her life was perfect. But as the investigation into her death flounders and her friends Eleanor and Mary wrestle (...)



The Deviant's War

The Homosexual vs. the United States of America

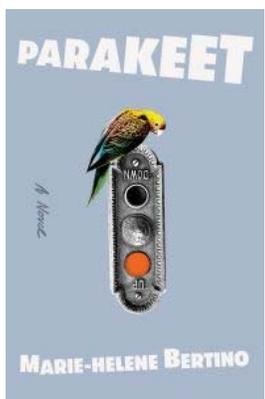
by Eric Cervini

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.98 x 9.02 • 592 pages
9780374139797 • \$47.50 • CL - With dust jacket • History / Social History

From a young Harvard and Cambridge-trained historian, the secret history of the fight for gay rights that began a generation before Stonewall

In 1957, Frank Kameny, a rising astronomer working for the U.S. Military in Hawaii, received a summons to report immediately to Washington, D.C. The Pentagon had reason to believe he was a homosexual, and after a series of humiliating interviews, Kameny - like gay men and women for generations - was promptly dismissed from the military. Unlike many others, though, Kameny fought back.

The (...)



Parakeet

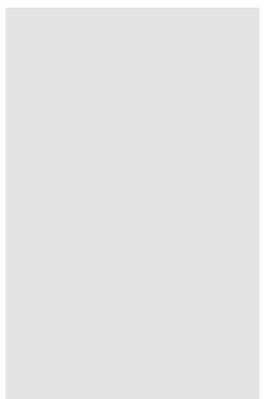
A Novel

by Marie-Helene Bertino

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 240 pages
9780374229450 • \$34.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

Acclaimed author of *2 A.M. at the Cat's Pajamas* Marie-Helene Bertino's *Parakeet* is a darkly funny and warm-hearted novel about a young woman whose dead grandmother (in the form of a parakeet) warns her not to marry and sends her out to find an estranged loved one.

The week of her wedding, The Bride is visited by a bird she recognizes as her dead grandmother because of the cornflower blue line beneath her eyes, her dubious expression, and the way she asks: *What (...)*



Henry Kissinger and American Power

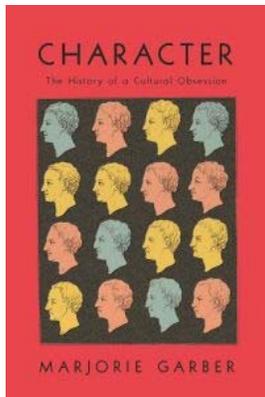
by Thomas A. Schwartz

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 18/20 • 6 x 9 • 608 pages
9780809095377 • \$47.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Biography / Political

The definitive biography of Henry Kissinger - at least for those who neither revere nor revile him

Over the past six decades, Henry Kissinger has been America's most consistently praised - and reviled - public figure. He was hailed as a "miracle worker" for his peacemaking in the Middle East, pursuit of detente with the Soviet Union, negotiation of an end to the Vietnam War, and secret plan to open the United States to China. He was assailed from the left and from (...)





Character

The History of a Cultural Obsession

by Marjorie Garber

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 23/20 • 6 x 9 • 464 pages

9780374120856 • \$39.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Philosophy / Ethics & Moral Philosophy

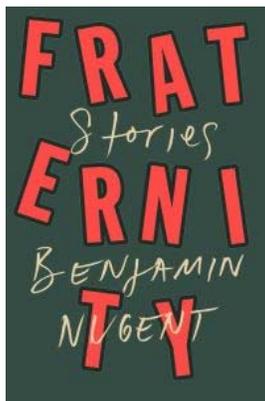
A spirited, engaging investigation into the concept of character, an enduring human obsession in literature, psychology, politics, and everyday life

What is character? How can it be measured, developed, or built? Are character traits fixed or changeable? Is character innate, or can it be taught?

Since Aristotle's *Poetics*, philosophers, moralists, artists, and scientists have engaged with the enigma of human character. In its oldest usage, "character" derives from a word for engraving or stamping, yet ()



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Fraternity

Stories

by Benjamin Nugent

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 160 pages

9780374158606 • \$34.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

In a Massachusetts college town stands a dilapidated colonial: Delta Zeta Chi. Here, we meet Newton, the beloved chapter president; Oprah, the sensitive reader; Petey, the treasurer, loyal to a fault; Claire, the couch-surfing dropout who hopes to sell them drugs; and a girl known, for unexpected reasons, as God. Though the living room reeks of sweat and spilled beer, the brothers know that to be inside is everything.

Fraternity celebrates the debauched kinship of boys and girls straddling adolescence and adulthood: the drunken antics, solemn confessions, and romantic (...)



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Bland Fanatics

Essays

by Pankaj Mishra

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 6 x 9 • 304 pages

9780374293314 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Literary Collections / Essays

A wide-ranging, controversial collection of critical essays on the political mania plaguing the West by one of the most important public intellectuals of our time.

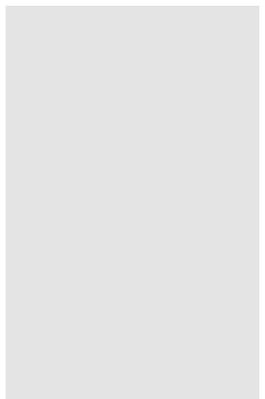
Decades of violence and chaos have produced a political and intellectual hysteria ranging from imperial atavism to paranoia about an Islamic threat to Western civilization that has affected even the most liberal of American and British writers.

In *Bland Fanatics*, Pankaj Mishra examines this hysteria and its fantasists, taking on its arguments and the atmosphere in which it has (...)

LEAD



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Sometimes I Never Suffered

Poems

by Shane McCrae

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 112 pages

9780374240813 • \$34.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Poetry / American / African American

Spanning religious, historical, and political themes, a new collection from the award-winning poet

*I think now more than half
Of life is death but I can't die
Enough for all the life I see*

In *Sometimes I Never Suffered*, his seventh collection of poems, Shane McCrae remains a



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The System

A Novel

by Ryan Gattis

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 14/20 • 6 x 9 • 464 pages
9780374130312 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Thrillers / Crime

An electrifying, multi-voiced thriller tackling our criminal justice system, from the writer Michael Connelly has called one of our most gifted novelists"

On December 6, 1993, a drug dealer called Scrappy is shot and left for dead on the lawn outside her mother's house in South Central Los Angeles. Augie, a heroin addict, witnesses the whole thing - before he steals all the drugs on her person, as well as the gun that was dropped at the scene. When Augie gets busted, he names local (...)



Niche

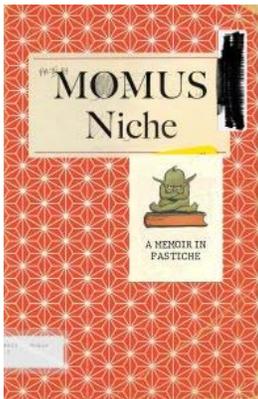
A Memoir in Pastiche

by Momus

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 14/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 320 pages
9780374144081 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Biography / Composers & Musicians

Diarist, novelist, satirist, lyricist beyond peer."*In *Niche: A Memoir in Pastiche*, Nick Currie, a.k.a. Momus, presents the story of his life, career, and conquests on the margins of multiple music and art scenes.

Momus - named for the ancient Greek god of mockery, and described by *The Guardian* as "the David Bowie of the art-pop underground" - has recorded over thirty albums for labels like 4AD and Creation, published half a dozen works of speculative fiction, and written



Cool for America

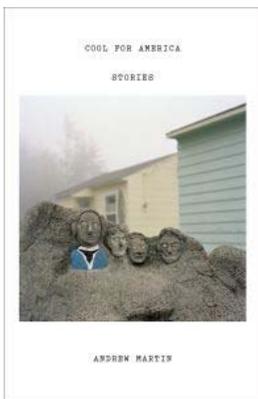
Stories

by Andrew Martin

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 272 pages
9780374108168 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Short Stories (Single Author)

Expanding the world of his classic-in-the-making debut novel *Early Work*, Andrew Martin's *Cool for America* is a hilarious collection of overlapping stories that explores the dark zone between artistic ambition and its achievement

The collection is bookended by the misadventures of Leslie, a young woman (first introduced in *Early Work*) who moves from New York to Missoula, Montana to try to draw herself out of a lingering depression, and, over the course of the book, gains painful insight into herself through a (...)



The Great Indoors

The Surprising Science of How Buildings Shape Our Behavior, Health, and Happiness

by Emily Anthes

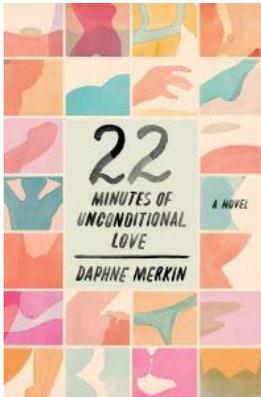
Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jun 23/20 • 6 x 9 • 304 pages
9780374166632 • \$36.50 • CL - With dust jacket • Science / Life Sciences / General

A fascinating, thought-provoking journey into our built environment

The benefits of nature are well documented. Regular forays into the natural world have been shown to have pronounced, positive effects on our physical and mental health. But how often do any of us get to take a week-long camping trip?

The truth is, we spend most of our lives shuttling between homes and offices, schools and hospitals. While this may be an inescapable part of modern life, it also (...)





22 Minutes of Unconditional Love

A Novel

by Daphne Merkin

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 256 pages
9780374140380 • \$34.99 • CL - With dust jacket • Fiction / Literary

A harrowing, compulsively readable novel about breaking free of sexual obsession

No one found Howard Rose interesting, that is, but me."

Judith is an ambitious book editor in her late twenties living and working in New York City. Inexperienced with romantic love, she works hard, sees a small group of friends, and visits Dr. Munch, her beloved therapist, on whom she is dependent. Three weeks after her therapist's death, Judith ()



The Vapors

A Southern Family, the New York Mob, and the Rise and Fall of Hot Springs, America's Forgotten Capital of Vice

by David Hill

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 6 x 9 • 400 pages
9781250086112 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • History / US / State & Local / South

The incredible true story of America's original - and forgotten - capital of vice

Back in the days before Vegas was big, when the Mob was at its peak and neon lights were but a glimmer on the horizon, a little Southern town styled itself as a premier destination for the American leisure class. Hot Springs, Arkansas was home to healing waters, Art Deco splendor, and America's original national park - as well as horse racing, nearly a dozen



Statin

The Battle for Perfect Evidence-Based Medicine

by Ben Goldacre

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 14/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 304 pages
9780374271510 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Medical / Pharmacology

An urgent examination of statins, the drugs at the heart of debates on evidence-based medicine and of the malign influence of Big Pharma

Statin are the single most commonly prescribed class of drugs in the developed world. They're taken by more than 100 million patients, with millions more people being offered them every year.

We know that statins do some good. But we don't know how big the benefits are. We don't know which statins are the best. We (...)



Here Is the Sweet Hand

Poems

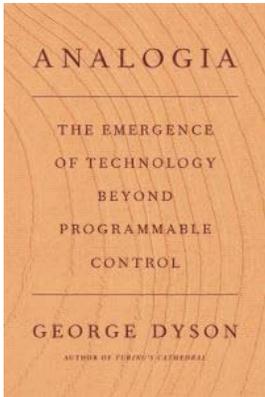
by francine j. harris

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 96 pages
9780374168841 • \$34.00 • CL - With dust jacket • Poetry / American

The poems in *Here is the Sweet Hand* explore solitude as a way of seeing. In particular, the speakers in francine j. harris' third collection explore the mystique, and myth, of female loneliness as it relates to blackness, aging, landscape and artistic tradition. The speakers in these poems are often protagonists. Against the backdrop of numerous American cities and towns, and in a time of political uncertainty, they are heroines in their quest to find logic through their own sense of the world.

The poems here are interested in the (...)





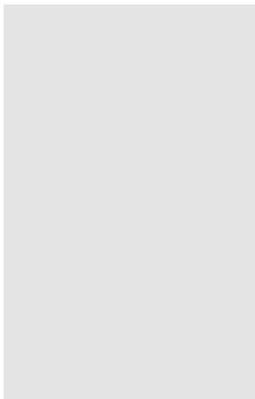
Analogia

The Emergence of Technology Beyond Programmable Control
by George Dyson

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 18/20 • 6 x 9 • 320 pages
9780374104863 • \$40.75 • CL - With dust jacket • Computers / Social Aspects / General

In *Analogia*, technology historian George Dyson presents a startling look back at the analog age and life before the digital revolution - and an unsettling vision of what comes next.

In 1716, the philosopher and mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz spent eight days taking the cure with Peter the Great at Bad Pyrmont in Saxony, seeking to initiate a digitally-computed takeover of the world. In his classic books, *Darwin Among the Machines* and *Turing's Cathedral*, Dyson chronicled the realization of Leibniz's dream at the hands of (...)



The Virgin and the Plow

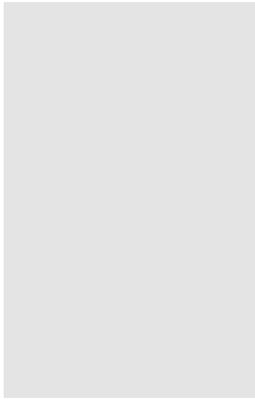
How Technology Shapes the Way We Work, Mate, Marry, and Love

by Debora L. Spar

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 18/20 • 6 x 9 • 352 pages
9780374200039 • \$38.00 • CL - With dust jacket • History / Social History

A crucial guide to life before - and after - Tinder, IVF, and robots

What will happen to our notions of marriage and parenthood as reproductive technologies increasingly allow for newfangled ways of creating babies? What will happen to our understanding of gender as medical advances enable individuals to transition from one set of sexual characteristics to another, or to remain happily perched in between? What will



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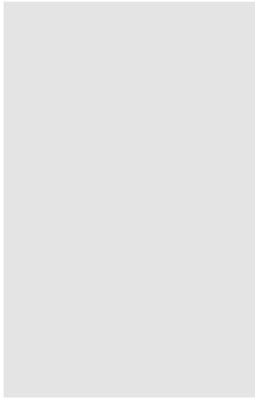
A Memoir

by Darran Anderson

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.37 x 8.25 • 368 pages
9780374277581 • \$36.50 • cl • Biography / People Of Color

A lyrical memoir and family history told through four generations of fathers and sons in Northern Ireland

A smuggler and a deserter, Darran Anderson's grandfather skirted the Second World War on the fringes of legality. Anderson's father survived the height of the political violence in Northern Ireland, and Anderson came of age during the final years of the Troubles. As a young man fighting for direction in a country upended by years of civil war, Anderson found himself lost in (...)



Selected Poems

by Joseph Brodsky, edited by Ann Kjellberg

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 240 pages
9780374600365 • \$24.50 • pb • Poetry / Russian & Former Soviet Union

Selected works from the Nobel Laureate

To mark the Nobel laureate Joseph Brodsky's eightieth birthday, FSG is publishing a new paperback, *Selected Poems*, edited and introduced by the poet's literary executor, Ann Kjellberg. This edition includes poems translated by Derek Walcott, Richard Wilbur, and Anthony Hecht, as well as poems written in English or translated by the author himself. *Selected Poems* allows the reader to survey Brodsky's tumultuous life and illustrious career and revisit his most notable and poignant work as a poet (...)





Vernon Subutex 2

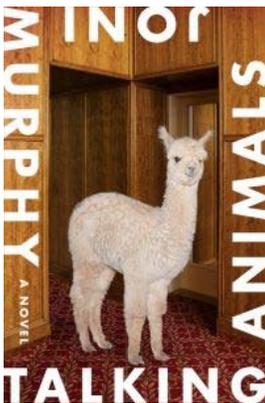
A Novel

by Virginie Despentes, translated by Frank Wynne

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 5 x 7.5 • 368 pages
9780374283254 • \$23.00 • pb • Fiction / Literary

Part social epic, part punk-rock thriller, writer/filmmaker Virginie Despentes's *Vernon Subutex* trilogy continues the Man Booker International Prize shortlisted sprawling tale of an ex-record shop clerk's celebrity fortunes and misfortunes.

Rock star Alex Bleach might be dead, but he has a secret. It's a secret that concerns several people, but the only person who can unlock it is Vernon Subutex, former record shop proprietor turned homeless messiah and guru, last seen hallucinating and feverish on a bench. He has tapes of Alex (...)



Talking Animals

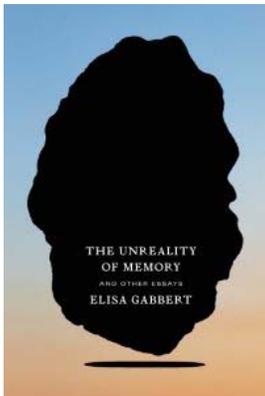
A Novel

by Joni Murphy

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5 x 7.5 • 288 pages
9780374538743 • \$22.00 • pb • Fiction / Literary

A fable for modern times, Joni Murphy's *Talking Animals* takes place in an all-animal world where creatures rather like us are forced to deal with an all-too-familiar landscape of soul-crushing jobs, polluted oceans, and a creeping sense of doom.

It's New York City, nowish. Lemurs brew espresso. Birds tend bar. There are bears on Wall Street, and a billionaire racehorse is mayor. Sea creatures are viewed with fear and disgust and there's chatter about building a wall to keep them out (...)



The Unreality of Memory

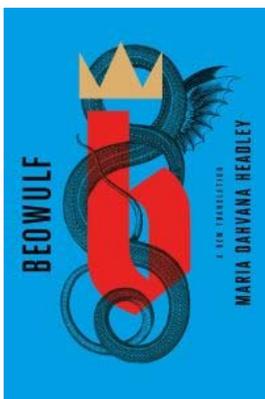
And Other Essays

by Elisa Gabbert

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 11/20 • 5 x 7.5 • 256 pages
9780374538347 • \$22.00 • pb • Literary Collections / Essays

Terror, disaster, memory, selfhood, happiness . . . leave it to a poet to tackle the unthinkable so wisely and so wittily.* A literary guide to life in the pre-apocalypse, *The Unreality of Memory* collects profound and prophetic essays on the Internet age's media-saturated disaster coverage and our addiction to viewing and discussing the world's ills.**

We stare at our phones. We keep multiple tabs open. Our chats and conversations are full of the phrase "Did you see?" The feeling that we're living in the worst (...)



Beowulf

A New Translation

by Maria Dahvana Headley

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Aug 25/20 • 5 x 7.5 • 176 pages
9780374110031 • \$20.50 • pb • Poetry / Epic

A new, feminist translation of *Beowulf* by the author of the much-buzzed-about novel *The Mere Wife*

Nearly twenty years after Seamus Heaney's translation of *Beowulf* - and fifty years after the translation that continues to torment high-school students around the world - there is a radical new verse translation of the epic poem by Maria Dahvana Headley, which brings to light elements that have never before been translated into English, recontextualizing the binary narrative of monsters and heroes into a tale in which the (...)



Watermark

by Joseph Brodsky

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 144 pages
9780374539047 • \$22.00 • pb • Literary Collections / Essays • FSG Classics

In this brief, intense, gemlike book, equal parts extended autobiographical essay and prose poem, Joseph Brodsky turns his eye to the seductive and enigmatic city of Venice. A mosaic of forty-eight short chapters - each recalling a specific episode from one of his many visits there (Brodsky spent his winters in Venice for nearly twenty years) - *Watermark* associatively and brilliantly evokes one city's architectural and atmospheric character. Brodsky writes in *Watermark* that water stores our reflections for when we are long gone." This reissued edition of one of Brodsky's most (...)



Less Than One

Selected Essays

by Joseph Brodsky

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 512 pages
9780374539054 • \$30.00 • pb • Literary Criticism / Russian & Former Soviet Union • FSG Classics

This collection of essays thrusts Joseph Brodsky - previously known more for his poetry and translations - into the forefront of the Third Wave" of Russian emigre writers. Originally published the year before Brodsky received the Nobel Prize in Literature, *Less Than One* includes intimate literary essays and autobiographical pieces that evoke the daily discomfort of living under tyranny. His insights into the works of Dostoevsky, Mandelstam, and Platonov, as well as the non-Russian poets Auden, Cavafy and Montale are brilliant; Scopus Magazine said of Brodsky's treatment of one of Auden's (...)



On Grief and Reason

Essays

by Joseph Brodsky

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 512 pages
9780374539061 • \$30.00 • pb • Literary Collections / Essays • FSG Classics

On Grief and Reason collects the essays that Joseph Brodsky wrote between his reception of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1987 and his death in January 1996. The volume includes Brodsky's Nobel lecture; essays on the condition of exile, the nature of history, the art of reading, and the notion of the poet as an inveterate Don Giovanni; his "Immodest Proposal" for the future of poetry, written when he was serving as Poet Laureate of the United States; a consideration of the poetry of Robert Frost; his searching estimations (...)



Mosses and Lichens

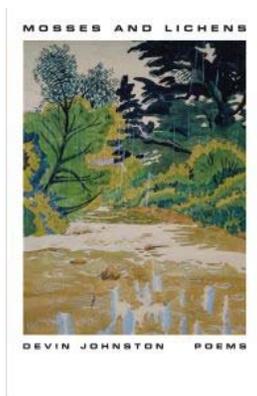
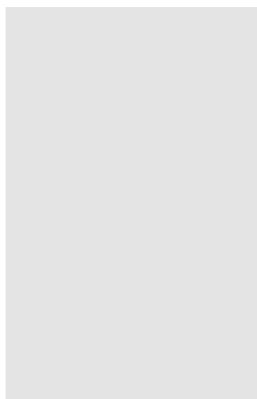
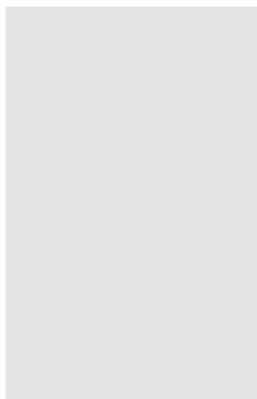
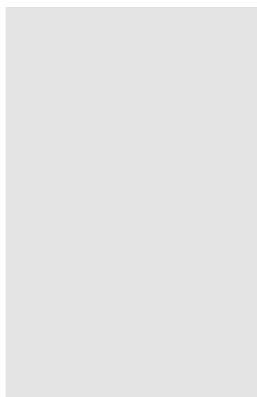
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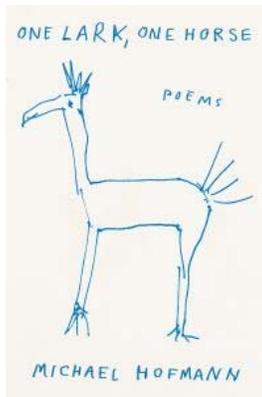
by Devin Johnston

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: May 19/20 • 4.88 x 8 • 96 pages
9780374538958 • \$22.00 • pb • Poetry / American

A new collection from the author of *Traveler*

*Not days of anger
but days of mild congestion,
infants of inconstant sorrow,
days of foam in gutters,
blossoms and snow*





One Lark, One Horse

Poems

by Michael Hofmann

Farrar, Straus and Giroux • On Sale: Jul 21/20 • 4.94 x 8 • 96 pages
9780374538965 • \$22.00 • pb • Poetry / European / German

A new collection of poems by Michael Hofmann - his first in twenty years

Michael Hofmann, renowned as one of our most brilliant critics and translators, is also regarded as among our most respected poets. Hofmann's status - he is the author of one of the definitive bodies of work of the last half-century" (*The Times Literary Supplement*) - is all the more impressive for his relatively concentrated output. *One Lark, One Horse* is his fifth collection of poems since his debut in 1983, and his first (...)



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