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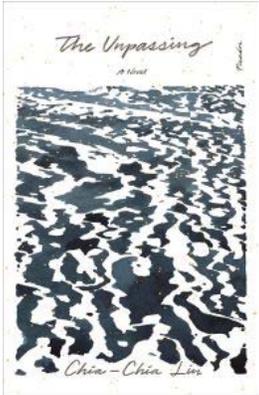
# SPRING 2020

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## The Unpassing

A Novel

by Chia-Chia Lin

Picador • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 288 pages  
9781250619457 • \$23.00 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**One of *TIME*'s 100 Must-Read Books of 2019. Shortlisted for the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize. A *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice.**

**A singularly vast and captivating novel . . . What makes Lin's novel such an important book is the extent to which it probes America's mythmaking about itself." - Brian Haman, *The New York Times Book Review***

One of *The New York Times Book Review*'s 14 Books to Watch For in (...)



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## Behind the Scenes at the Museum (Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Edition)

A Novel

by Kate Atkinson

Picador • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 352 pages  
9781250251503 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**A twenty-fifth anniversary edition of award-winning, bestselling author Kate Atkinson's debut novel, a deeply moving and deeply funny family story of happiness and heartbreak**

**National Bestseller  
Winner of the Whitbread Book of the Year**



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## Groundwork

Autobiographical Writings, 1979-2012

by Paul Auster

Picador • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 416 pages  
9781250245809 • \$26.99 • pb • Biography / Literary

**An Updated Collection of Nonfiction, including the seminal work *The Invention of Solitude*, from Man Booker Prize Finalist Paul Auster**

Paul Auster has spent his fifty-year writing career examining what it means to be truly alive. And now, for the first time ever, in this newly self-curated collection, Auster stitches together various autobiographical writings to lay bare the trajectory of both his personal life and sense of self.



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## Dawson's Fall

A Novel

by Roxana Robinson

Picador • On Sale: May 12/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 352 pages  
9781250619662 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

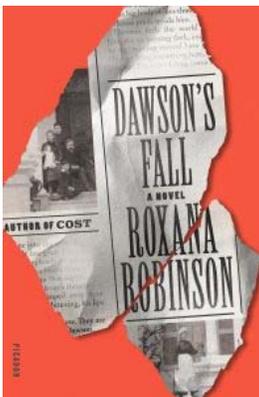
**A cinematic Reconstruction-era drama of violence and fraught moral reckoning**

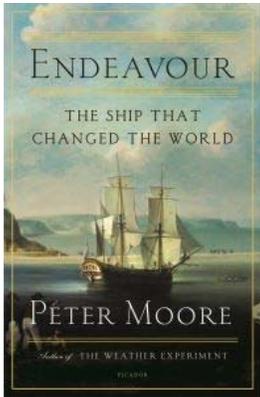
In *Dawson's Fall*, a novel based on the lives of Roxana Robinson's great-grandparents, we see America at its most fragile, fraught, and malleable. Set in 1889, in Charleston, South Carolina, Robinson's tale weaves her family's journal entries and letters with a novelist's narrative grace, and spans the life of her tragic hero, Frank Dawson, as he attempts to navigate the country's new political, social, and moral landscape.

Dawson, a man of fierce opinions (...)



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## Endeavour

The Ship That Changed the World

by Peter Moore

Picador • On Sale: May 12/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 448 pages

9781250619433 • \$26.99 • pb • History / Maritime History & Piracy

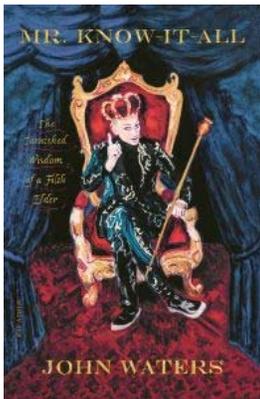
**An immense treasure trove of fact-filled and highly readable fun." - Simon Winchester, *The New York Times Book Review***

**A *Sunday Times* (U.K.) Best Book of 2018 and Winner of the Mary Soames Award for History**

**An unprecedented history of the storied ship that Darwin said helped add a hemisphere to the civilized world**



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## Mr. Know-It-All

The Tarnished Wisdom of a Filth Elder

by John Waters

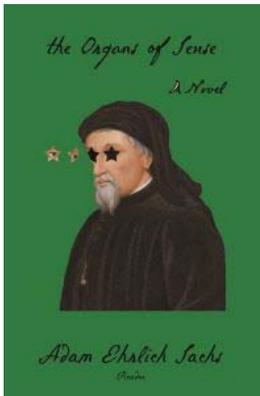
Picador • On Sale: May 19/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 384 pages

9781250619464 • \$24.50 • pb • Biography / Personal Memoirs

No one knows more about everything - especially everything rude, clever, and offensively compelling - than John Waters. The man in the pencil-thin mustache, auteur of the transgressive movie classics *Pink Flamingos*, *Polyester*, *Hairspray*, *Cry-Baby*, and *A Dirty Shame*, is one of the world's great sophisticates, and in *Mr. Know-It-All* he serves it up raw: how to fail upward in Hollywood; how to develop musical taste, from Nervous Norvus to Maria Callas; how to build a home so ugly and trendy that no one but you would dare (...)



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## The Organs of Sense

A Novel

by Adam Ehrlich Sachs

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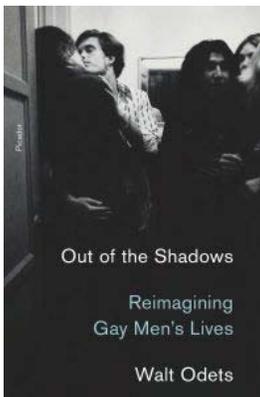
9781250619440 • \$23.00 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**This book is only for people who like joy, absurdity, passion, genius, dry wit, youthful folly, amusing historical arcana, or telescopes." - Rivka Galchen, author of *Little Labors and American Innovations***

In 1666, an astronomer makes a prediction shared by no one else in the world: at the stroke of noon on June 30 of that year, a solar eclipse will cast all of Europe into total darkness for four seconds. This astronomer is rumored to be using the longest telescope (...)



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## Out of the Shadows

Reimagining Gay Men's Lives

by Walt Odets

Picador • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 368 pages

9781250619488 • \$26.99 • pb • Social Science / Gay Studies

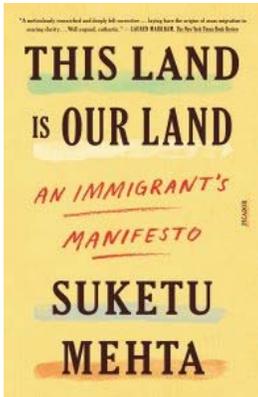
**A moving exploration of how gay men construct their identities, fight to be themselves, and live authentically**

It goes without saying that even today, it's not easy to be gay in America. While young gay men often come out more readily, even those from the most progressive of backgrounds still struggle with the legacy of early-life stigma and a deficit of self-acceptance, which can fuel doubt, regret, and, at worst, self-loathing. And this is to say nothing of the ongoing trauma wrought (...)



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## This Land Is Our Land

An Immigrant's Manifesto

by Suketu Mehta

Picador • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 320 pages

9781250619495 • \$24.50 • pb • Social Science / Emigration & Immigration

**A timely argument for why the United States and the West would benefit from accepting more immigrants**

There are few subjects in American life that prompt more discussion and controversy than immigration. But do we really understand it? In *This Land Is Our Land*, the renowned author Suketu Mehta attacks the issue head-on. Drawing on his own experience as an Indian-born teenager growing up in New York City and on years of reporting around the world, Mehta subjects the worldwide anti-immigrant backlash (...)



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## The Electric Hotel

A Novel

by Dominic Smith

Picador • On Sale: Jun 2/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 352 pages

9781250619679 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**A sweeping work of historical fiction from the *New York Times*-bestselling author Dominic Smith, *The Electric Hotel* is a spellbinding story of art and love.**

For more than thirty years, Claude Ballard has been living at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. A French pioneer of silent films who started out as a concession agent for the Lumiere brothers, the inventors of cinema, Claude now spends his days foraging for mushrooms in the hills of Los Angeles and taking photographs of runaways and the striplings along (...)



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## The History of Living Forever

A Novel

by Jake Wolff

Picador • On Sale: Jun 9/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 384 pages

9781250619525 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**A chemistry student falls for his teacher and uncovers a centuries-old quest for the elixir of life**

The morning after the death of his first love, Conrad Aybinder receives a bequest. Sammy Tampari was Conrad's lover. He was his teacher. And, it turns out, he was not just a chemist, but an *alchemist*, searching for a mythic elixir of life. Sammy's death was sudden, yet he somehow managed to leave twenty years' worth of his notebooks and a storage locker full of expensive, sometimes (...)



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## A Primer for Forgetting

Getting Past the Past

by Lewis Hyde

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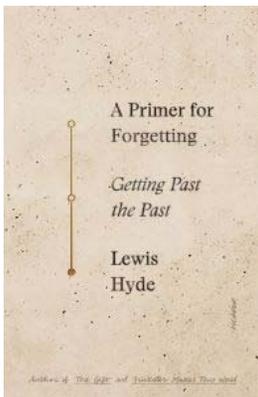
9781250619532 • \$24.50 • pb • Social Science / Anthropology / Cultural

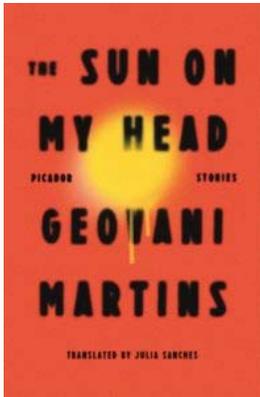
**One of our true superstars of nonfiction" (David Foster Wallace), Lewis Hyde offers a playful and inspiring defense of forgetfulness by exploring the healing effect it can have on the human psyche.**

We live in a culture that prizes memory - how much we can store, the quality of what's preserved, how we might better document and retain the moments of our life while fighting off the nightmare of losing all that we have experienced. But what if forgetfulness were seen not as something to fear (...)



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## The Sun on My Head

Stories

by Geovani Martins, translated by Julia Sanches

Picador • On Sale: Jun 9/20 • 4.5 x 7.12 • 128 pages

9781250619501 • \$22.00 • pb • Fiction / Short Stories (Single Author)

**A bestselling literary sensation in Brazil, a powerful debut short-story collection about favela life in Rio de Janeiro**

In *The Sun on My Head*, Geovani Martins recounts the experiences of boys growing up in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro in the early years of the twenty-first century. Drawing on his childhood and adolescence, Martins uses the rhythms and slang of his neighborhood dialect to capture the texture of life in the slums, where every day is shadowed by a ubiquitous drug culture (...)



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## This Is Not a T-Shirt

A Brand, a Culture, a Community - a Life in Streetwear

by Bobby Hundreds

Picador • On Sale: May 5/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 336 pages

9781250619655 • \$23.00 • pb • Biography / Business

**The story of The Hundreds and the precepts that made it an iconic streetwear brand by Bobby Hundreds himself**

Streetwear occupies that rarefied space where genuine cool" coexists with big business; where a star designer might work concurrently with Nike, a tattoo artist, Louis Vuitton, and a skateboard company. It's the ubiquitous style of dress comprising hoodies, sneakers, and T-shirts. In the beginning, a few brands defined this style; fewer still survived as streetwear went mainstream. They are the OGs, the "heritage brands." The (...)



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## Flash Count Diary

Menopause and the Vindication of Natural Life

by Darcey Steinke

Picador • On Sale: Jun 16/20 • 4.5 x 7.12 • 240 pages

9781250619686 • \$23.00 • pb • Social Science / Women's Studies

**Many days I believe menopause is the new (if long overdue) frontier for the most compelling and necessary philosophy; Darcey Steinke is already there, blazing the way. This elegant, wise, fascinating, deeply moving book is an instant classic. I'm about to buy it for everyone I know." - Maggie Nelson, author of *The Argonauts***  
**A brave, brilliant, and unprecedented examination of menopause**

Menopause hit Darcey Steinke hard. First came hot flashes. Then insomnia. Then depression. As she struggled to express what (...)



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## Roughhouse Friday

A Memoir

by Jaed Coffin

Picador • On Sale: Jun 16/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 288 pages

9781250619549 • \$23.00 • pb • Biography / Personal Memoirs

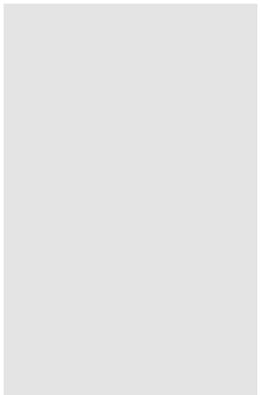
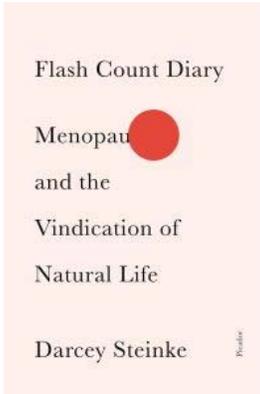
**A beautifully crafted memoir about fathers and sons, masculinity, and the lengths we sometimes go to in order to confront our past**

**[A] lucidly written memoir . . . Coffin's triumph lies in ridding the language of his father, a language that compelled him to dwell in a house he did not recognize." - Matthew Janney, *The Los Angeles Review of Books***

While lifting weights in the Seldon Jackson College gymnasium on a rainy autumn night, Jaed Coffin heard (...)



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## Stay and Fight

A Novel

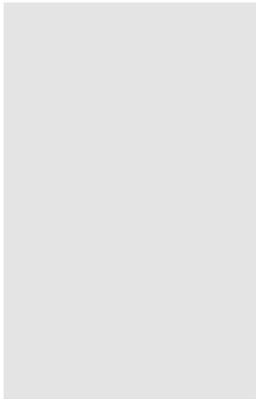
by Madeline ffitch

Picador • On Sale: Jun 16/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 304 pages  
9781250619556 • \$23.00 • pb • Fiction / Literary

Like *Bastard Out of Carolina*, ffitch's electrifying debut novel is a paean to independence and a protest against the materialism of our age." - *O: The Oprah Magazine*

"Delightfully raucous." - Sam Sacks, *The Wall Street Journal*

Helen arrives in Appalachian Ohio full of love and her boyfriend's ideas for living off the land. Too soon, with winter coming, he calls it quits. Helped by Rudy - her government-questioning, wisdom-spouting, seasonal-affective-disordered boss - and a neighbor couple, Helen makes it to ( )



## Among Flowers

A Walk in the Himalaya

by Jamaica Kincaid

Picador • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 208 pages  
9780374538101 • \$23.00 • pb • Biography / Personal Memoirs

A master novelist travels to the Himalaya in search of seeds in this classic travel memoir

If you could go anywhere in the world and do one thing you love, what would you choose? When given that opportunity, the acclaimed writer Jamaica Kincaid decided to trek through Nepal collecting seeds to plant in her garden at home in Vermont. *Among Flowers* is the story of that journey through the Himalayan landscape, as Kincaid and her ( )



## Jacob's Ladder

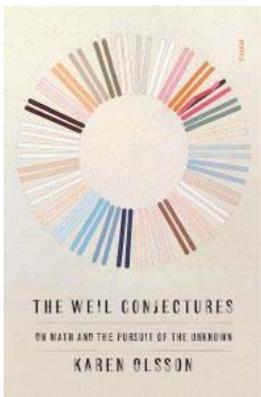
A Novel

by Ludmila Ulitskaya, translated by Polly Gannon

Picador • On Sale: Jul 7/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 560 pages  
9781250619563 • \$26.99 • pb • Fiction / Literary

One of Russia's most renowned literary figures and a Man Booker International Prize nominee, Ludmila Ulitskaya presents what may be her final novel. *Jacob's Ladder* is a family saga spanning a century of recent Russian history - and represents the summation of the author's career, devoted to sharing the absurd and tragic tales of twentieth-century life in her nation.

Jumping between the diaries and letters of Jacob Ossetsky in Kiev in the early 1900s and the experiences of his granddaughter Nora in the theatrical world ( )



## The Weil Conjectures

On Math and the Pursuit of the Unknown

by Karen Olsson

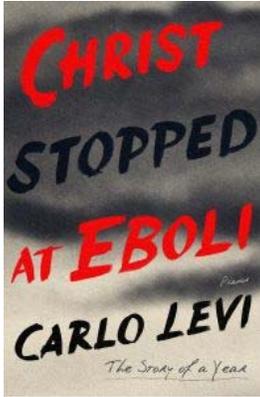
Picador • On Sale: Jul 14/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 224 pages  
9781250619570 • \$23.00 • pb • Biography / Science & Tech

A *New York Times* Editors' Pick and *Paris Review* Staff Pick  
A wonderful book." - Patti Smith

"I was riveted. Olsson is evocative on curiosity as an appetite of the mind, on the pleasure of glutting oneself on knowledge." - Parul Sehgal, *The New York Times*

An eloquent blend of memoir and biography exploring the Weil siblings, math, and creative inspiration





## Christ Stopped at Eboli

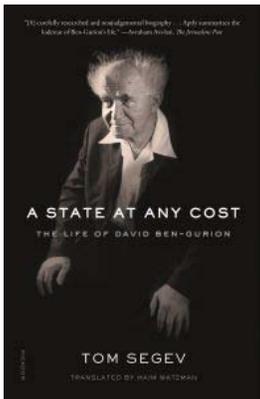
The Story of a Year

by Carlo Levi, translated by Frances Frenaye

Picador • On Sale: Jul 14/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 304 pages

9781250623089 • \$24.50 • pb • Biography / Literary

It was to Lucania, a desolate land in southern Italy, that Carlo Levi - a doctor, painter, philosopher, and man of letters - was confined as a political prisoner because of his opposition to Italy's Fascist government at the start of the Ethiopian war in 1935. While there, Levi reflected on the harsh landscape and its inhabitants, peasants who lived the same lives their ancestors had, constantly fearing black magic and the near presence of death. In so doing, Levi offered a starkly beautiful and moving account of a place and a (...)



## A State at Any Cost

The Life of David Ben-Gurion

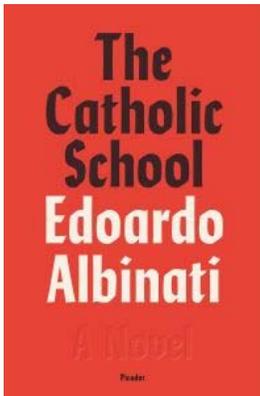
by Tom Segev, translated by Haim Watzman

Picador • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 816 pages

9781250750129 • \$30.00 • pb • Biography / Political

**A] fascinating biography . . . a masterly portrait of a titanic yet unfulfilled man . . . this is a gripping study of power, and the loneliness of power." - *The Economist***

As the founder of Israel, David Ben-Gurion long ago secured his reputation as a leading figure of the twentieth century. Determined from an early age to create a Jewish state, he thereupon took control of the Zionist movement, declared Israel's independence, and navigated his country through wars, controversies and remarkable achievements. And yet



## The Catholic School

A Novel

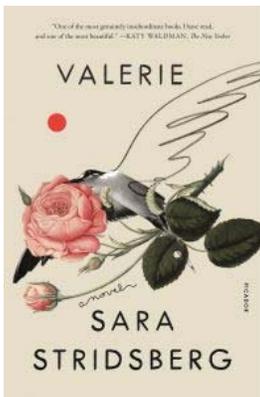
by Edoardo Albinati, translated by Antony Shugaar

Picador • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 1280 pages

9781250625342 • \$32.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**A semiautobiographical coming-of-age story, framed by the harrowing 1975 Circeo massacre**

Edoardo Albinati's *The Catholic School*, the winner of Italy's most prestigious award, The Strega Prize, is a powerful investigation of the heart and soul of contemporary Italy. Three well-off young men - former students at Rome's prestigious all-boys Catholic high school San Leone Magno - brutally tortured, raped, and murdered two young women in 1975. The event, which came to be known as the Circeo massacre, shocked (...)



## Valerie

or, The Faculty of Dreams: A Novel

by Sara Stridsberg, translated by Deborah Bragan-Turner

Picador • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 368 pages

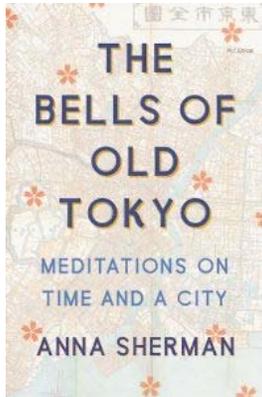
9781250619594 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**A fever dream of a novel - strangely funny, entirely unconventional - Valerie conjures the life, mind, and art of American firebrand Valerie Solanas**

In April 1988, Valerie Solanas - the writer, radical feminist, author of the *SCUM Manifesto* and would-be assassin of Andy Warhol - was discovered dead at fifty-two in her hotel room, in a grimy corner of San Francisco, alone, penniless, and surrounded by the typed pages of her last writings.

In *Valerie*, a nameless narrator revisits the room where Solanas died, the courtroom (...)





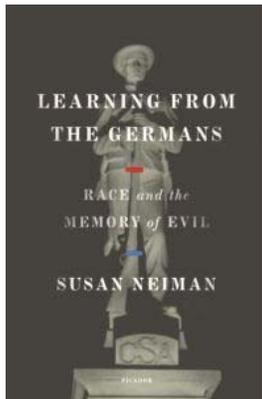
## The Bells of Old Tokyo

Meditations on Time and a City  
by Anna Sherman

Picador • On Sale: Aug 4/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 352 pages  
9781250206428 • \$24.50 • pb • History / Asia / Japan

**An elegant and absorbing tour of Tokyo and its residents**

From 1632 until 1854, Japan's rulers restricted contact with foreign countries, a near isolation that fostered a remarkable and unique culture that endures to this day. In hypnotic prose and sensual detail, Anna Sherman describes searching for the great bells by which the inhabitants of Edo, later called Tokyo, kept the hours in the shoguns' city. An exploration of Tokyo becomes a meditation not just on time, but on history (...)



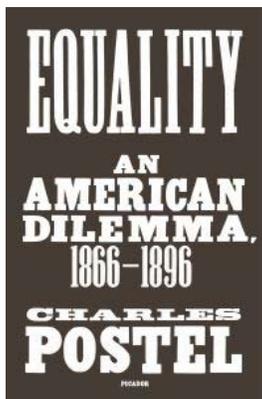
## Learning from the Germans

Race and the Memory of Evil  
by Susan Neiman

Picador • On Sale: Aug 11/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 432 pages  
9781250750112 • \$26.99 • pb • Philosophy / Good & Evil

**As an increasingly polarized America fights over the legacy of racism, Susan Neiman, author of the contemporary philosophical classic *Evil in Modern Thought*, asks what we can learn from the Germans about confronting the evils of the past**

In the wake of white nationalist attacks, the ongoing debate over reparations, and the controversy surrounding Confederate monuments and the contested memories they evoke, Susan Neiman's *Learning from the Germans* delivers an urgently needed perspective on how a country can come to terms with its historical wrongdoings (...)



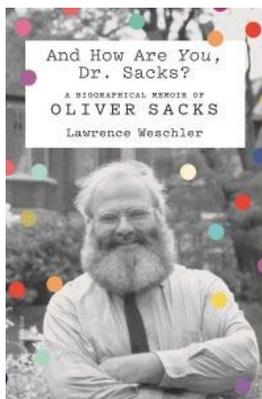
## Equality

An American Dilemma, 1866-1896  
by Charles Postel

Picador • On Sale: Aug 11/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 400 pages  
9781250619631 • \$26.99 • pb • History / US / 19Th Century

**An in-depth study of American social movements after the Civil War and their lessons for today by a prizewinning historian**

The Civil War unleashed a torrent of claims for equality - in the chaotic years following the war, former slaves, women's rights activists, farmhands, and factory workers all engaged in the pursuit of the meaning of equality in America. This contest resulted in experiments in collective action, as millions joined leagues and unions. In *Equality: An American Dilemma, 1866-1886*, Charles Postel demonstrates how taking stock (...)



## And How Are You, Dr. Sacks?

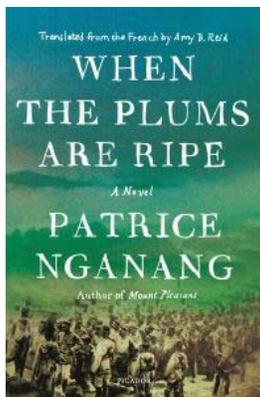
A Biographical Memoir of Oliver Sacks  
by Lawrence Weschler

Picador • On Sale: Aug 11/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 400 pages  
9781250619600 • \$24.50 • pb • Biography / Medical

**The untold story of Dr. Oliver Sacks, his own most singular patient [An] engrossing biographical memoir. This is Sacks at full blast: on endless ward rounds, observing his post-encephalitic patients . . . exulting over horseshoe crabs and chunks of Iceland spar." - Barbara Kiser, *Nature***

The author Lawrence Weschler began spending time with Oliver Sacks in the early 1980s, when he set out to profile the neurologist for his own new employer, *The New Yorker*.





## When the Plums Are Ripe

A Novel

by Patrice Nganang, translated by Amy B. Reid

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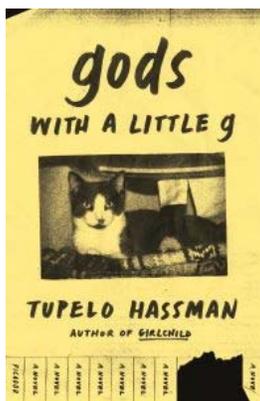
9781250619617 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**The second volume in a magisterial trilogy, the story of Cameroon caught between empires during World War II**

In Cameroon, plum season is a highly anticipated time of year. But for the narrator of *When the Plums Are Ripe*, the poet Pouka, the season reminds him of the time when our country had discovered the root not so much of its own violence as that of the world's own, and, in response, had thrown its sons who at that time were called Senegalese infantrymen into (...)



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## gods with a little g

A Novel

by Tupelo Hassman

Picador • On Sale: Aug 11/20 • 5.38 x 8.25 • 368 pages

9781250619624 • \$24.50 • pb • Fiction / Literary

**From the acclaimed author of *Girlchild*, this gritty, irreverent novel sees a young misfit grow into hope**

Unsinkable and wrecked by grief, motherless and aimless and looking for connection, Helen Dedleder is a girl with a gift she doesn't want to use and a pack of friends who are all just helping each other get by.

So cut off from the rest of the world that even the internet is blocked (never mind traffic in and out), Rosary, California, is (...)



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