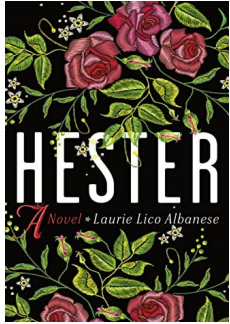


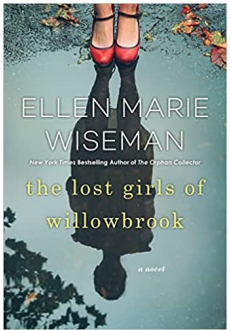
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Hester: A Novel

by Laurie Lico Albanese

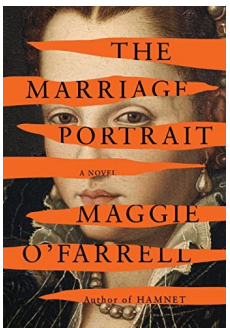
A vivid reimagining of the woman who inspired Hester Prynne, the tragic heroine of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, and a journey into the enduring legacy of New England's witchcraft trials. Who is the real Hester Prynne? Interwoven with Isobel and Nathaniel's story is a vivid interrogation of who gets to be a "real" American in the first half of the 19th century.



The Lost Girls of Willowbrook: A Heartbreaking Novel of Survival Based on True History

by Ellen Marie Wiseman

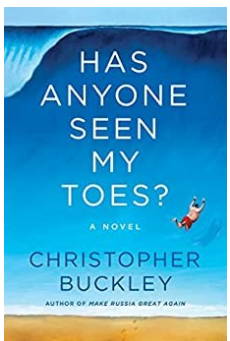
Girl, Interrupted meets *American Horror Story* in 1970s Staten Island. Wiseman blends fact, fiction, and urban legend for a haunting story about a young woman mistakenly imprisoned at Willowbrook State School, the real-life institution later shuttered for its heartbreaking abuses.



The Marriage Portrait: A Novel

by Maggie O'Farrell

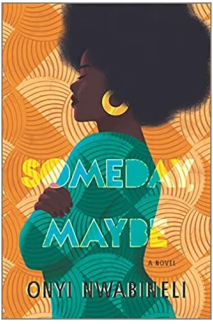
The author of *Hamnet* brings the world of Renaissance Italy to life in this portrait of the young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici. Florence, the 1550s. As Lucrezia sits in constricting finery for a painting intended to preserve her image for centuries to come, one thing becomes worryingly clear. In the court's eyes, she has one duty: to provide the heir who will shore up the future of the Ferranese dynasty.



Has Anyone Seen My Toes?

by Christopher Buckley

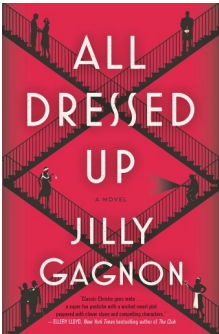
This is the story of one man's spiraling journey through lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic. An aging screenwriter is holed up in coastal South Carolina. He's been binge-eating for a year and developed a rapport with the local fast-food chain Hippo King. He struggles to work—on a ludicrous screenplay about a Nazi attempt to kidnap FDR. He thinks he has Covid. His wife thinks he is losing his mind. In short, your typical pandemic worries. It's a hilarious romp through a time that has been anything but funny.



Someday, Maybe: A Novel

by Onyi Nwabineli

He was a too good to be true: rich mom, talented photographer and perfect white eye-candy...but as a black Nigerian student living with her stern, intellectual, close and loving family in London, Eve knew it couldn't last. After 3 years of dating and 10 years of marriage Q killed himself and she discovered his body. Now, she has to pull herself out of the abyss to deal with Aspen, the mother-in-law from hell, and find her own place in the world. As the reader moves with Eve from the unspeakable to a glimmer of hope, the author uses pain, sadness, friendship, and even humor to guide her characters back to some new kind of normality.



All Dressed Up: A Novel

by Jilly Gagnon

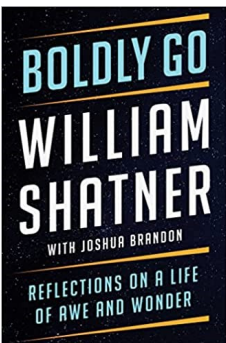
The weekend getaway at a gorgeous hotel should have been perfect; drinks are strong, and the weekend has an elaborate 1920s murder mystery theme. Ida Crooner is found “murdered,” and it’s up to the guests to sniff out the culprit. Then, the morning after they arrive, the actress playing Ida’s maid fails to reappear for her role. Told over a nail-biting forty-eight hours the action is interspersed with in-game clues, set pieces, and character histories from the flapper-filled mystery nested inside a modern one.



The London Séance Society: A Novel

by Sarah Penner

From the author of *The Lost Apothecary* comes a spellbinding tale about truth, illusion and the grave risks women will take to avenge the ones they love. 1873. At an abandoned chateau on the outskirts of Paris, a séance is about to take place, led by spiritualist Vaudeline D’Allaire, known worldwide for her talent in conjuring the spirits of murder victims to ascertain the identities of the people who killed them. Lenna Wickes has come to Paris to find answers about her sister’s death. When Vaudeline is beckoned to England to solve a high-profile murder, Lenna accompanies her as an understudy. But as the women team up with the men of London’s exclusive Séance Society to solve the mystery, they begin to suspect that they are not merely out to solve a crime, but perhaps entangled in one themselves.



Boldly Go: Reflections on a Life of Awe and Wonder

by William Shatner

William Shatner reflects on the interconnectivity of all things, our fragile bond with nature, and the joy that comes from exploration in this inspiring collection of essays. He demonstrates that astonishing possibilities and true wonder are all around us. By revealing stories of his life—some delightful, others tragic—Shatner reflects on what he has learned along the way to his ninth decade and how important it is to apply the joy of exploration to our own lives.