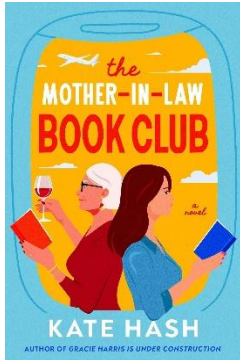


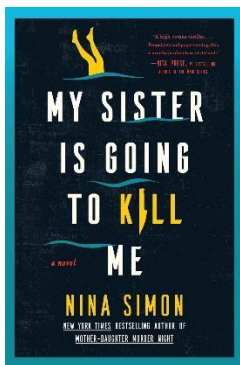


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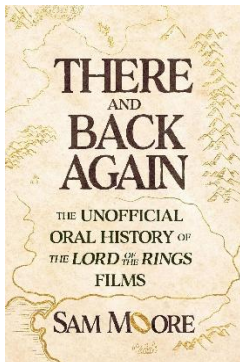
The Mother-in-Law Book Club by Kate Hash

On the plane to Durham, traveling consultant and soon-to-be divorcée Andi gets into an argument about the impossible expectations of mothers-in-law that will change her life forever. When her seventy-something adversary unexpectedly extends an olive branch invitation to her book club, Andi says yes. As the weeks and months go by, Andi has a quiet revelation: life in Durham just fits. It's all going great until her past comes walking through the door. Andi must decide what happiness really looks like—and she just might need the wisdom of her new friends to figure it out.



My Sister is Going to Kill Me by Nina Simon

Liv and Mandy's yearly sister trip is a sacred tradition, an attempt to bond as their lives increasingly diverge. This year, the sisters take off for a rafting adventure through the breathtaking depths of the Grand Canyon with a group of strangers. When a fellow traveler is found dead and another corpse hits the water, the rafting trip flips from idyllic sister vacation to high-stakes murder investigation. Everyone has a secret and Liv and Mandy can hardly trust each other, let alone their own instincts. With danger around every bend, the sisters must work together to catch a killer before it's too late.



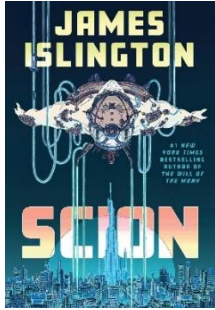
There And Back Again by Sam Moore

Twenty-five years after the first film's premiere, this book takes readers behind the scenes into director Peter Jackson's battles to get the trilogy made, the groundbreaking motion capture special effects that helped bring Gollum to life, and how the cast became a true fellowship that remains bonded to this day, complete with matching tattoos. Through Sam Moore's insightful and entertaining interviews with almost a hundred cast and crew members, this is the definitive account of the making of these modern movie classics, which was almost as thrilling as the films themselves.



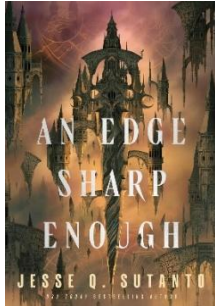
The Mess by Noah Van Sciver

When her semi-estranged and penniless hoarder father dies, Erin Messina is tasked with cleaning out his house before the bank forecloses on it. This otherwise thankless task is given a purpose, however, when she remembers the original Picasso drawing her father was gifted in 1964. She enlists her teenage son, Jackson, to spend spring break looking for their possible ticket to long-term financial stability. Jackson, resentful and eager to shirk responsibility, befriends twin skateboarders who live in the hood, and tell him about the violent murder that happened directly across the street from his grandfather's home—and the murderer who still lives there.



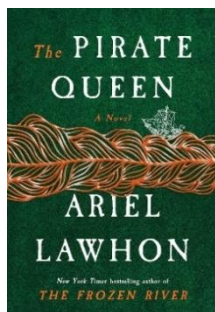
Scion by James Islington

This captivating corporate dystopia is filled with deadly assassins, dark humor, and world-changing technology. In a world where the rich live forever and the poor die young, Azure is an assassin trained to kill the richest of them all—until he's hired to protect one of them instead. The question is: when you're drowning in debt, how far is too far? Fusing the dystopian morality of cyberpunk with the explosive action of anime, *Scion* is a fever dream you can binge in one sitting.



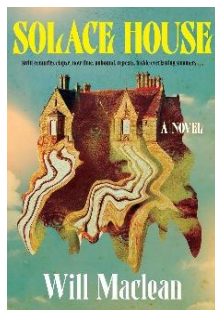
An Edge Sharp Enough by Jesse Q. Sutanto

This is the first book in a dark fantasy duology, following an assassin, a scholar, a con man, and a guard in a race to rediscover powerful lost magic and save their world. With stunning world-building, Jesse Q. Sutanto weaves an epic tale of characters whose lives irrevocably intertwine—and unravel—as paths collide across continents, racing toward an explosive twist that will forever change all of their fates.



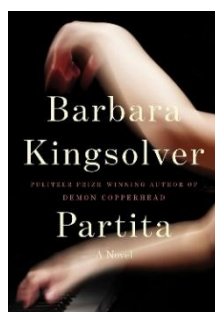
The Pirate Queen by Ariel Lawhon

A sweeping historical adventure inspired by the life of Grace O'Malley, the Irish folk heroine who risked everything to defend her people. Grace was born to be a sea captain but she learns early that her dreams of a life at the helm are not compatible with the expectations of her noble family. Grace falls for a clever and open-minded second son—a man she cannot have. This novel channels the untamed beauty and harsh realities of 16th century Ireland as seen through the eyes of “the Pirate Queen of Ireland.”



Solace House by Will Maclean

You are about to enter a place of strange genius, possible madness, and timeless love. An addictive and brilliant puzzle box of a novel following a group of university students who discover an astonishing secret while clearing out a neglected Victorian mansion. As the students gradually uncover the house's secrets, the rift between those who want to delve further and those who believe they've already gone too far grows ever wider.



Partita by Barbara Kingsolver

The story of a brief, passionate, life-changing love affair, wrapped up in our eternal human longing for art and beauty. Livia Cable has made her peace with her marriage and modest livelihood in the farm country where she grew up, until a shocking phone call from an old lover shakes her to the core. Decades earlier, this man knew her as Livia Bohusz, a music conservatory student estranged from her family, uncertain of anything except her passion for music and promise as an extraordinary pianist. His request to see her again stirs up ghosts she's kept at bay for a lifetime.