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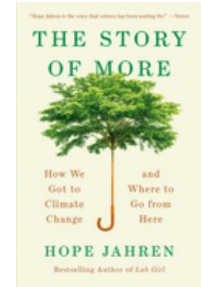
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THE STORY OF MORE: HOW WE GOT TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

HOPE JAHREN 363.73874 JAH

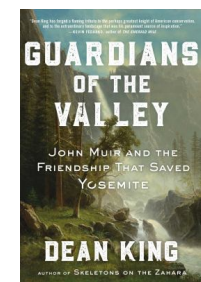
Hope Jahren discusses the dire condition of Earth while also inspiring optimism for the future by investing in science and working together as one human species.



GUARDIANS OF THE VALLEY: JOHN MUIR AND THE FRIENDSHIP THAT SAVED YOSEMITE

DEAN KING 333.72097 KIN

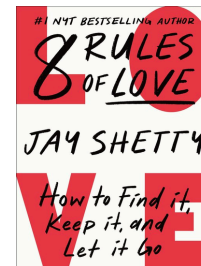
It is difficult to read this book and not become enthralled by the beauty of Yosemite. King illuminates how the love for nature connects people from all walks of lives and unites them in efforts to preserve it.



8 RULES OF LOVE: HOW TO FIND IT, KEEP IT, AND LET IT GO

JAY SHETTY 152.41 SHE

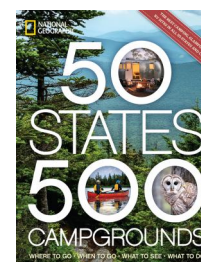
Shetty offers words of wisdom from the past and present. He delves into the importance of having time in solitude, being one another's teacher, and understanding that love comes in different forms.



50 STATES, 500 CAMPGROUNDS: WHERE TO GO, WHEN TO GO, WHAT TO SEE, WHAT TO DO

JOSEPH R YOGERST 796.54097 YOG

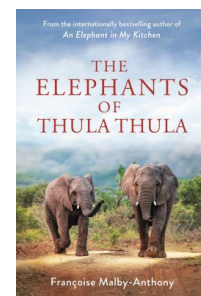
Covering all fifty states, this camping guide has something for everyone from picky "glampers" to rugged outdoors-people and open everyone in between.



THE ELEPHANTS OF THULA THULA

FRANÇOISE MALBY-ANTHONY 599.67409 MAL

Frankie is the vivacious matriarch of an elephant herd in Thula Thula, a South African game reserve. Her resiliency in the face of challenge and dedication to her herd inspire others to continue to expand sanctuaries that protect animals in the wild.



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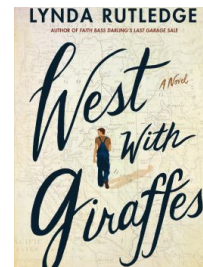
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WEST WITH GIRAFFES

LYNDA RUTLEDGE FIC **RUTLEDGE L**

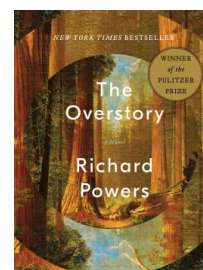
Based on true events during the Depression-era, a fast-talking farmhand scores a job traveling across the United States while escorting two giraffes to the San Diego Zoo.



THE OVERSTORY

RICHARD POWERS FIC **POWERS R**

The stories of nine strangers brought together by the common goal of protecting a threatened forest is intertwined with much longer stories of humanity as observed over time by trees across the globe.



FLIGHT BEHAVIOR

BARBARA KINGSOLVER FIC **KINGSOLVER B**

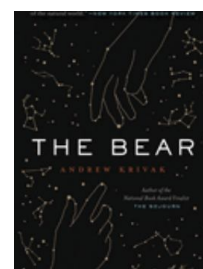
A dissatisfied Appalachian housewife finds her life changed by the arrival of millions of butterflies that were disrupted from their normal flight pattern by climate change.



THE BEAR

ANDREW KRIVAK FIC **KRIVAK A**

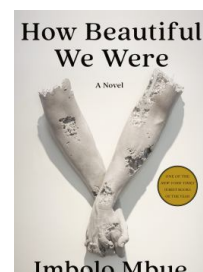
A father and daughter struggle to survive in a postapocalyptic world in which nature has returned to dominance.



HOW BEAUTIFUL WE WERE

IMBOLO MBUE FIC **MBUE I**

Told from the perspective of children, villagers in a fictional African village fight back against the oil corporation that has destroyed their farmland.



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THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP

NINA GEORGE FIC GEORGE N

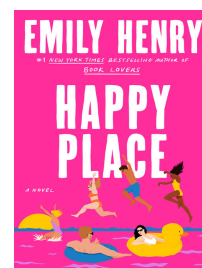
Parisian Jean Perdu is gifted at matching books to the readers who visit his floating bookshop. He is unable to remedy his own heartsickness until a new tenant inspires him to try.



HAPPY PLACE

EMILY HENRY FIC HENRY E

A former couple must pretend to still be engaged when they find themselves on the same friends trip.



THE AUTHENTICITY PROJECT

CLAIRE POOLEY FIC POOLEY C

A widowed artist leaves a notebook labeled The Authenticity Project in a café. A lonely 37-year reads it then adds her own story, unknowingly setting off a chain of authentic sharing between strangers in this uplifting tale.



THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS

RUTH HOGAN FIC HOGAN R

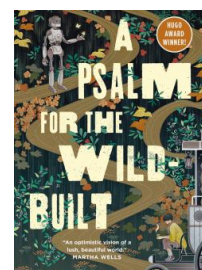
A recently-divorced woman becomes the housekeeper for an eccentric writer who collects lost items. When he dies, she is tasked with reuniting everything with their original owners.



A PSALM FOR THE WILD-BUILT

BECKY CHAMBERS FIC CHAMBERS B

A wandering monk and a robot meet to contemplate "what do humans need?" in this lovely antithesis of dystopian sci-fi.



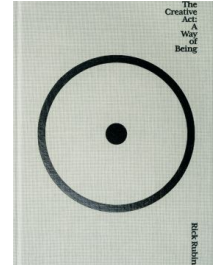
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THE CREATIVE ACT: A WAY OF BEING

RICK RUBIN 153.35 RUB

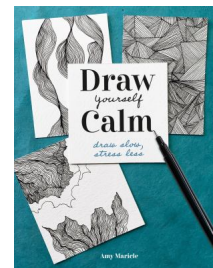
Legendary musician whisperer Rick Rubin set out on a five-year journey to document how to be creative. He found it was less a series of steps and more a “way of being.”



DRAW YOURSELF CALM: DRAW SLOW, STRESS LESS

AMY MARICLE 741.2 MAR

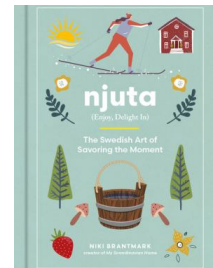
This guide features 25 nature-themed drawing exercises designed to slow down your brain and help you relax.



NJUTA (ENJOY, DELIGHT IN): THE SWEDISH ART OF SAVORING THE MOMENT

NIKI BRANTMARK 170.44 BRA

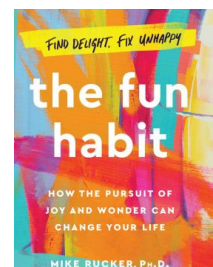
Learn how to “njuta” or savor the little moments in life that make it worth living.



THE FUN HABIT: HOW THE PURSUIT OF JOY AND WONDER CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

MICHAEL RUCKER 158 RUCK

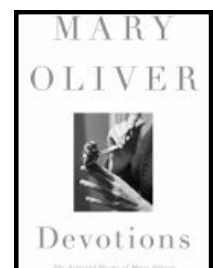
A realistic and research-based approach to adding more fun to life by examining your own habits and making small changes.



DEVOTIONS: THE SELECTED POEMS OF MARY OLIVER

MARY OLIVER 811.54 OLI

Mary Oliver’s poems are deceptively simple, reflecting the interconnectedness of the natural world.



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THE MITFORD AFFAIR: A NOVEL

MARIE BENEDICT FIC BENEDICT

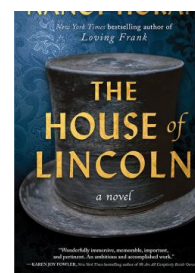
The six Mitford sisters dominate the English social scene until one sister causes a scandal and others become spies for the Nazi Party. Which will win out...loyalty to family or country?



THE HOUSE OF LINCOLN: A NOVEL

NANCY HORAN FIC HORAN N

Explore Abraham Lincoln's run for president and his presidency during the Civil War as seen through the eyes of three people: his housemaid, a journalist, and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln.



THE GOOD LEFT UNDONE: A NOVEL

ADRIANA TRIGIANI FIC TRIGIANI A

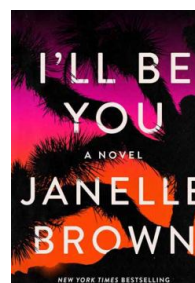
Delve into this historical romance that intersects two timelines. In the present, Matelda faces the end of her life and is determined to share a long-held secret with her family. In the past, we follow Matelda's mom and her great love story on the brink of World War II.



I'LL BE YOU: A NOVEL

JANELLE BROWN FIC BROWN J

Washed-up child star Sam is an addict. Her twin sister Elli leads a seemingly idyllic life in Santa Barbara. When Elli suddenly vanishes, Sam finds clues that her sister's disappearance may involve a cult.



THE COLLECTOR: A NOVEL

DANIEL SILVA FIC SILVA D

An art-restorer and spy recruits a master thief to help recover a priceless painting. Instead they find themselves on a new mission to stop an impending war between Russia and the West.



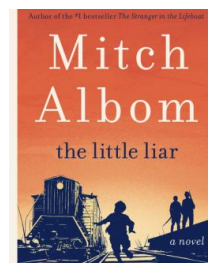
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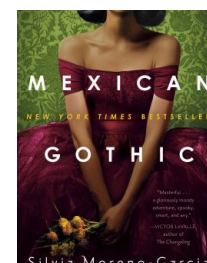
THE LITTLE LIAR: A NOVEL **MITCH ALBOM FIC ALBOM M**

Two Greek Jewish brothers deal with the aftermath of the Holocaust. One blames his 11 year-old self for being tricked into delivering his village to the Nazi trains and the other hunts for his lost brother.



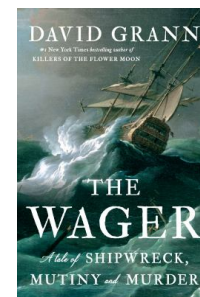
MEXICAN GOTHIC **SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA FIC MORENO-GARCIA S**

Young debutante Noemí is sent to a remote Mexican villa to check on her recently-married cousin whose letters indicate she may becoming delusional in this sci-fi-tinged gothic horror.



THE WAGER: A TALE OF SHIPWRECK, MUTINY AND MURDER **DAVID GRANN 910.91641 GRA**

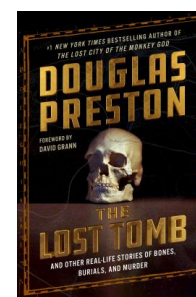
After the British warship HMS Wager was wrecked in 1741 off the Patagonian coast, two different groups of survivors have conflicting accounts of who is to blame.



THE LOST TOMB: AND OTHER REAL-LIFE STORIES OF BONES, BURIALS, AND MURDER

DOUGLAS PRESTON 930.1 PRE

Find the facts behind the fiction! Read the true stories that inspired Preston's best-selling novels, including the Sicilian serial killer in "The Monster of Florence" and the animal graveyard in "The Mystery of Hell Creek."



ON ANIMALS **SUSAN ORLEAN 591.5 ORL**

Best-selling author Susan Orlean explores the many ways humans interact with animals through a collection of stories, ranging from household pets to wild animals and all types of animals Susan has encountered over the years.

