

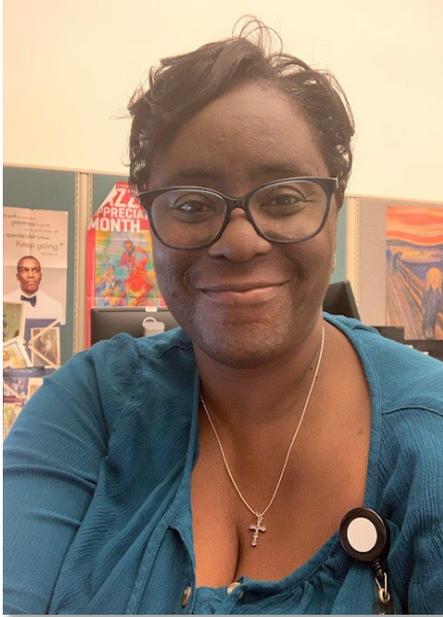
CRASH COURSE

IN NARRATIVE
NONFICTION

NoveList



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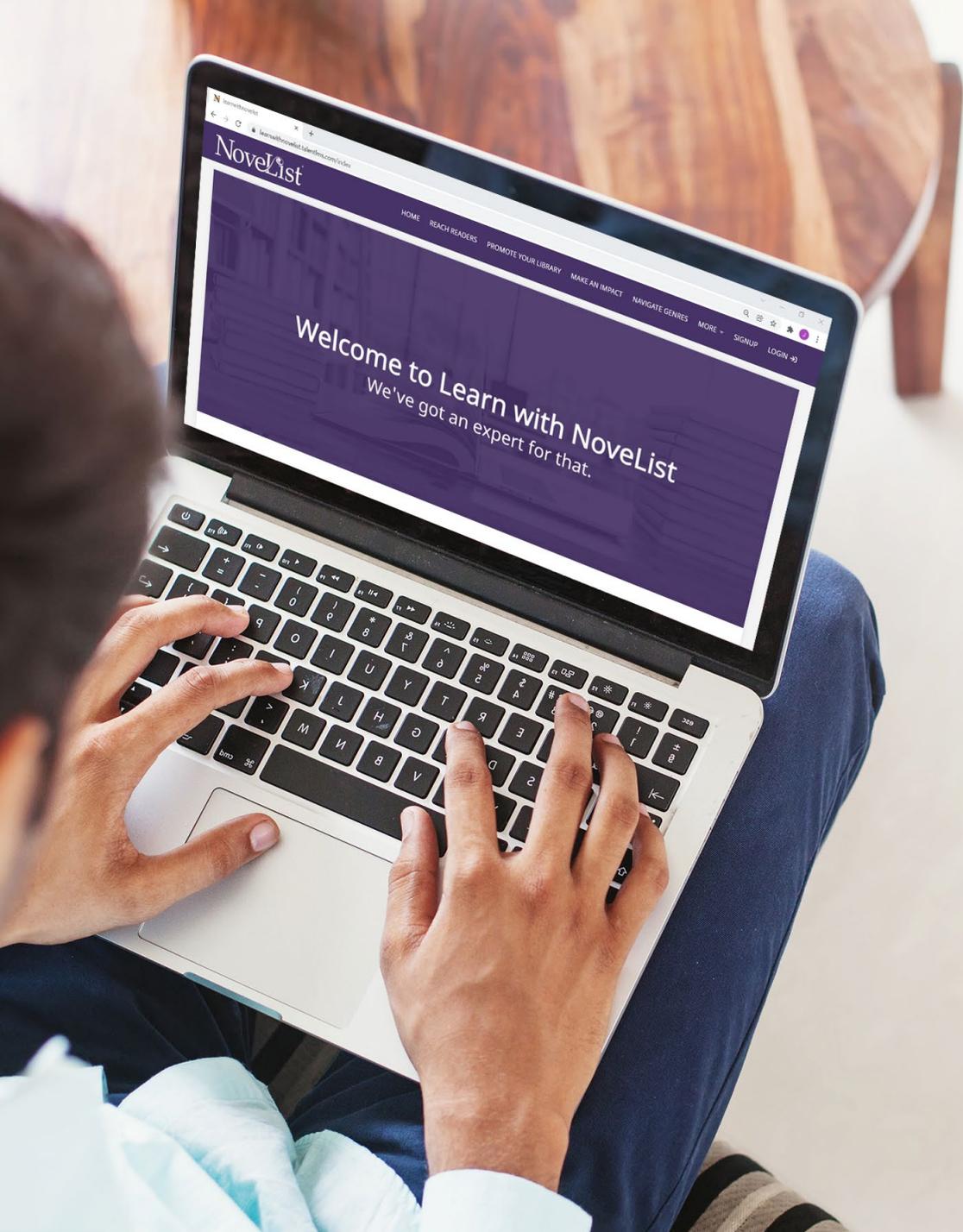
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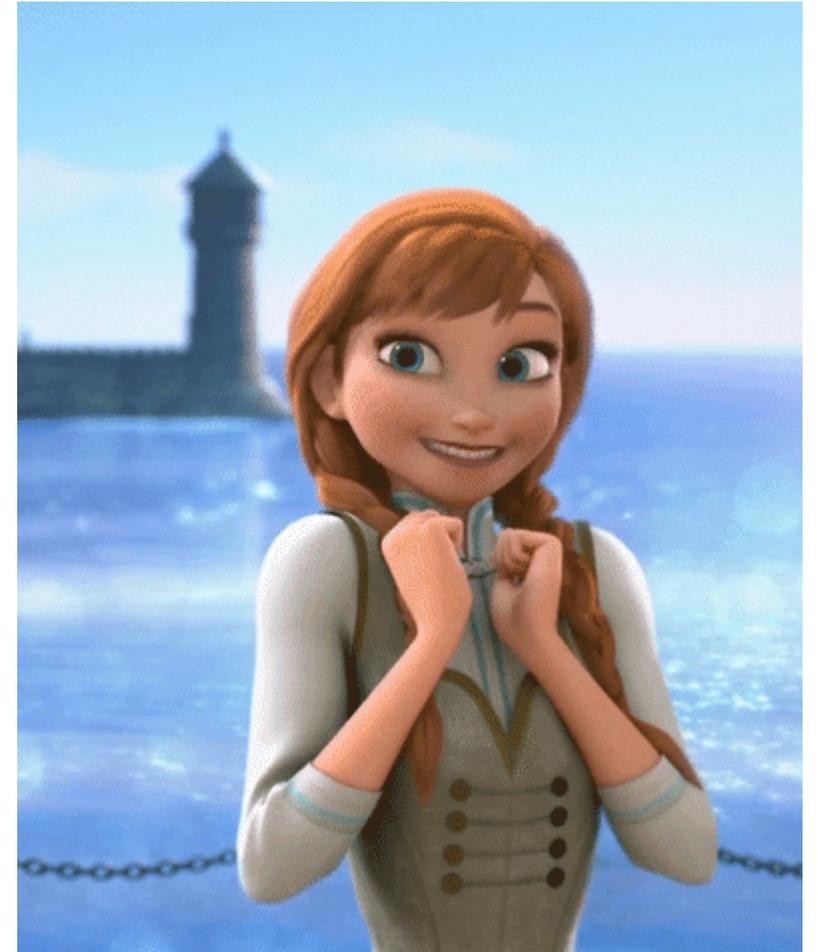
Prices vary by course and additional information is available on the website at:

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Can you do RA for nonfiction?

For all the reasons you do RA for fiction:

- Nonfiction is POPULAR. You're missing some great books if you shy away from nonfiction.
- People read for stories and narrative nonfiction is truth told through a story.
- Stories help build empathy and connection, to you, to people like you, and to people different than you.

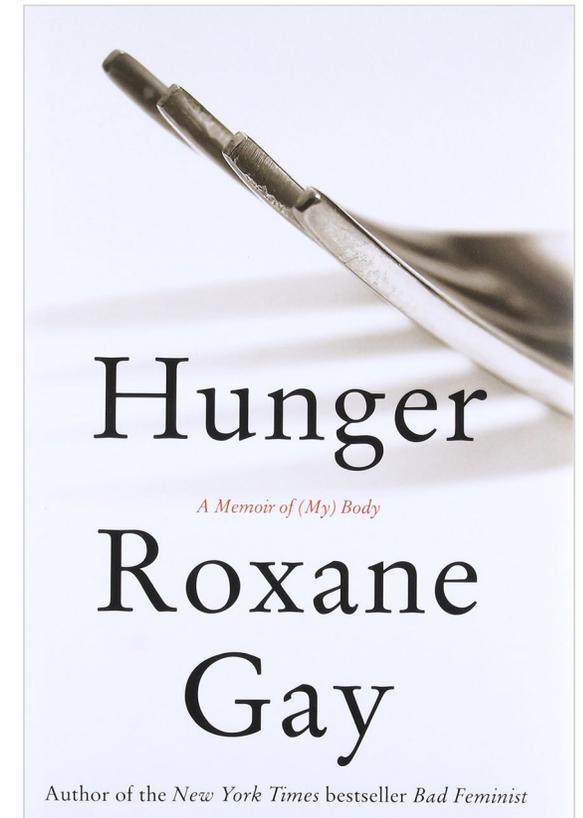
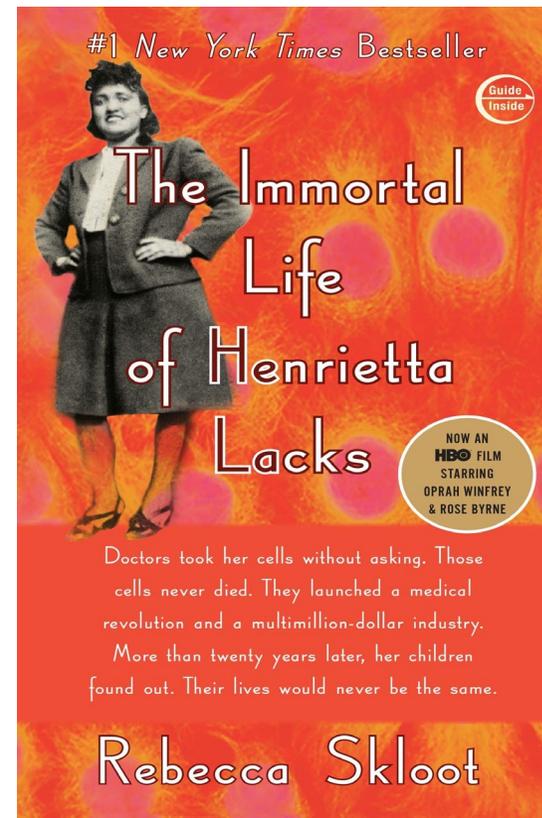
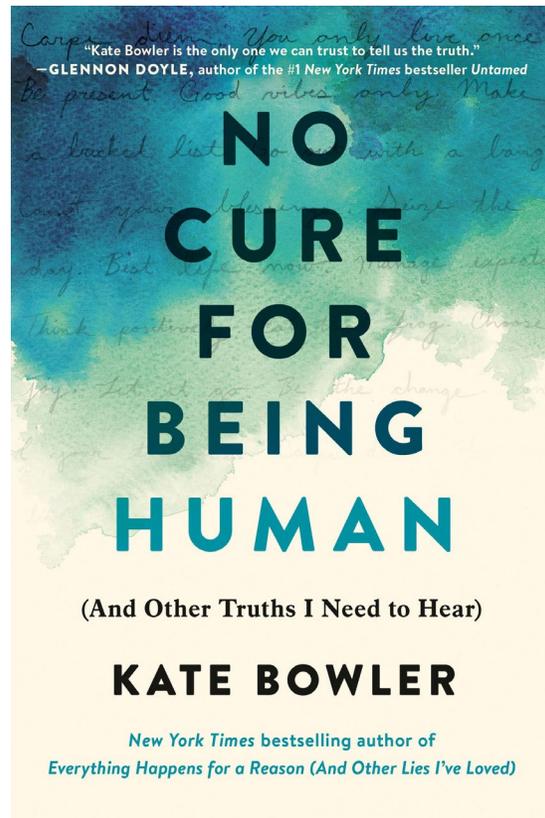
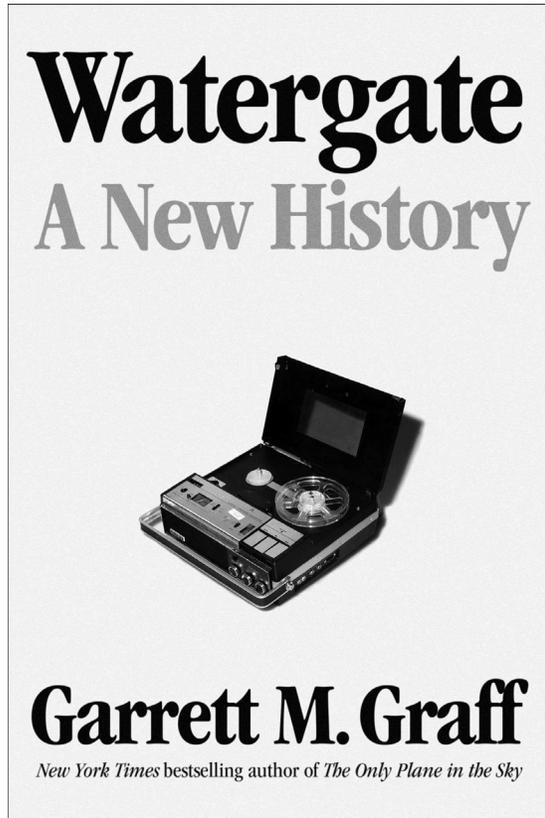


This course is a survey,
rather than a deep dive.



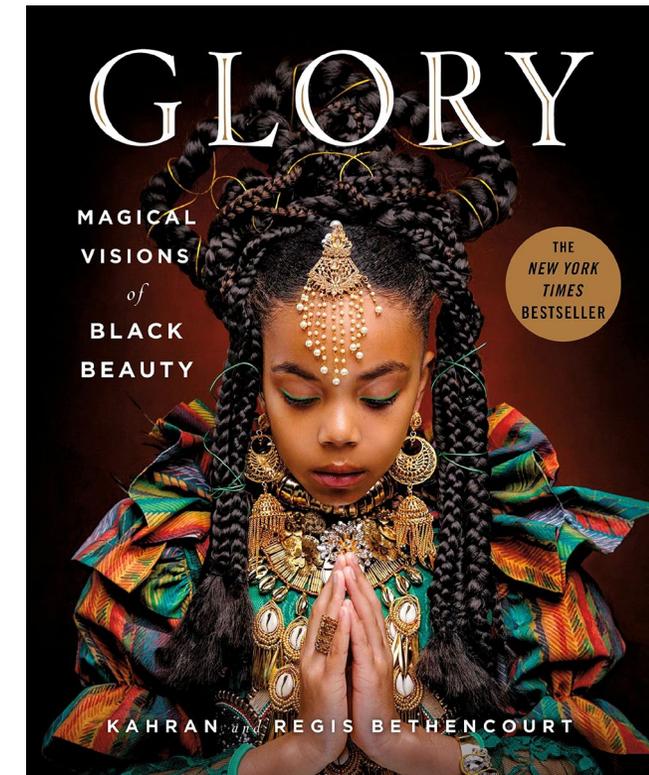
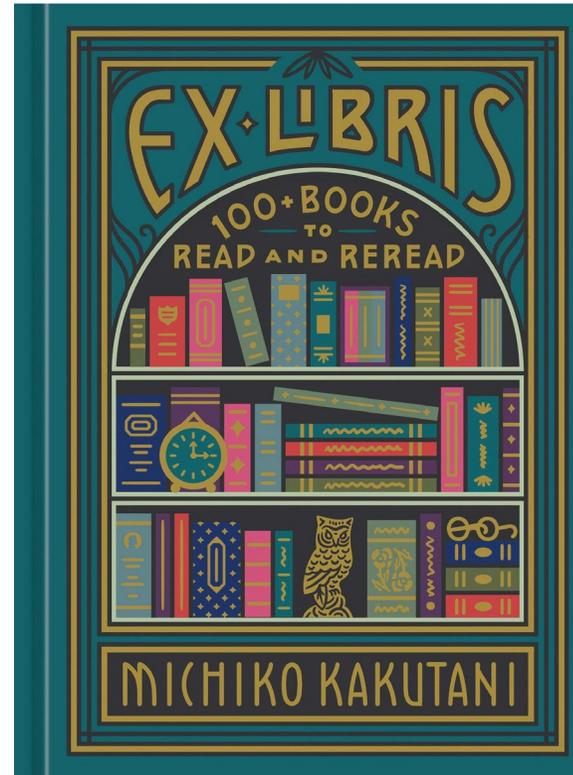
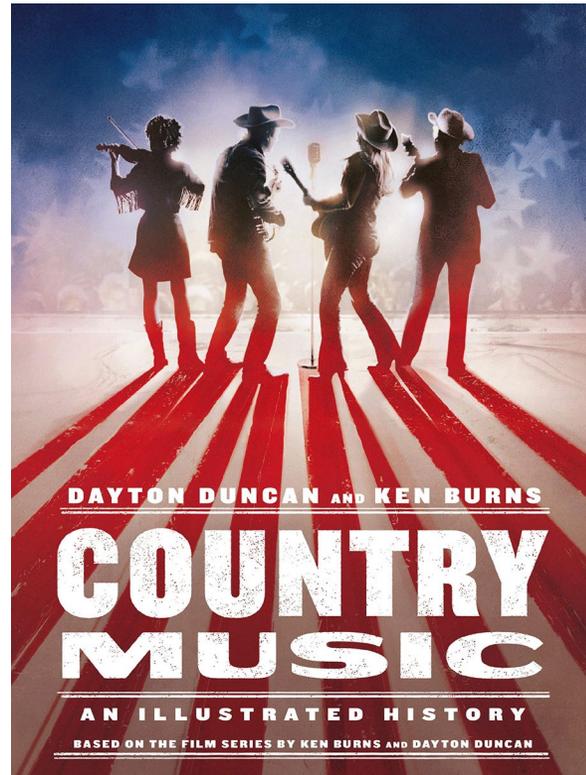
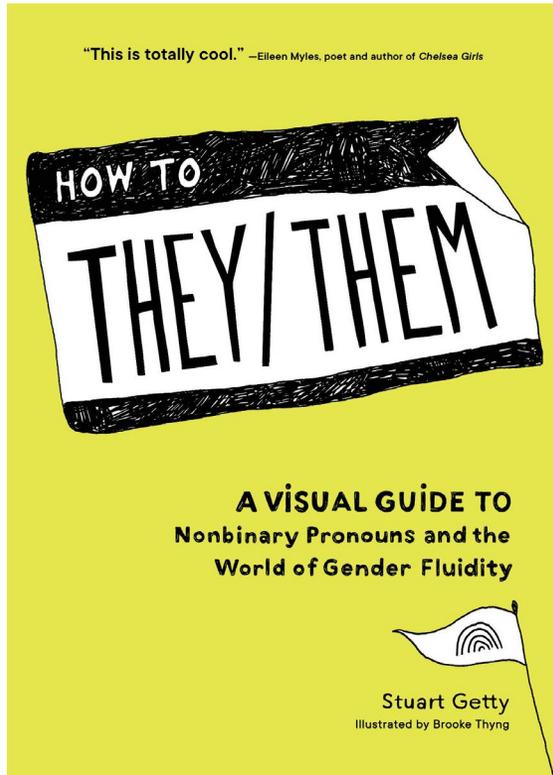
What is Narrative Nonfiction?

Narrative nonfiction is a true story written in the *style* of a novel.



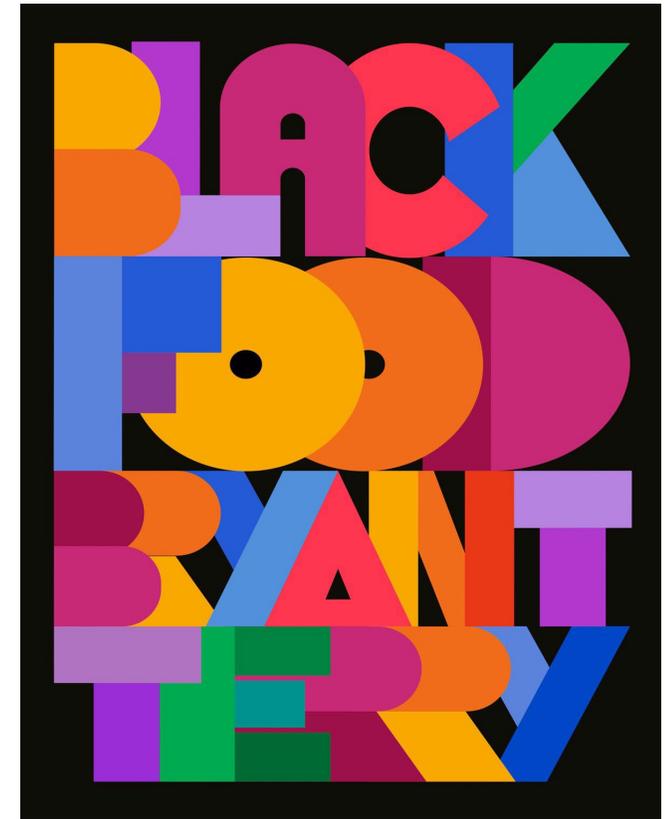
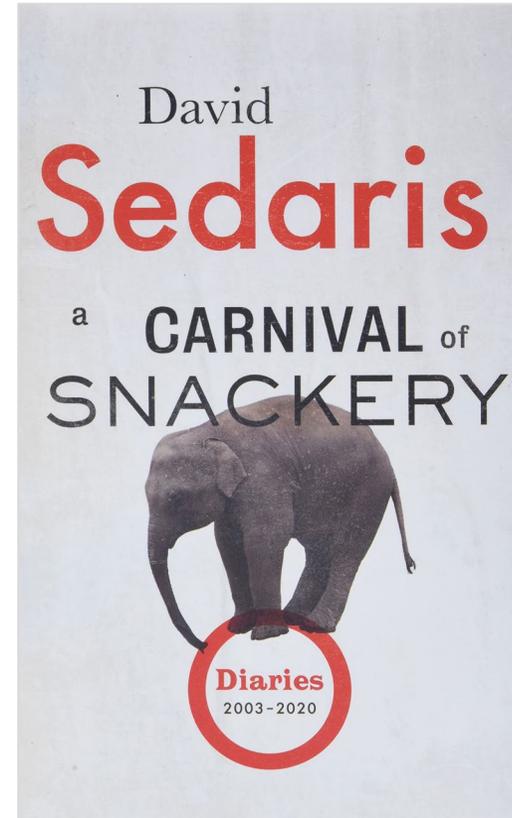
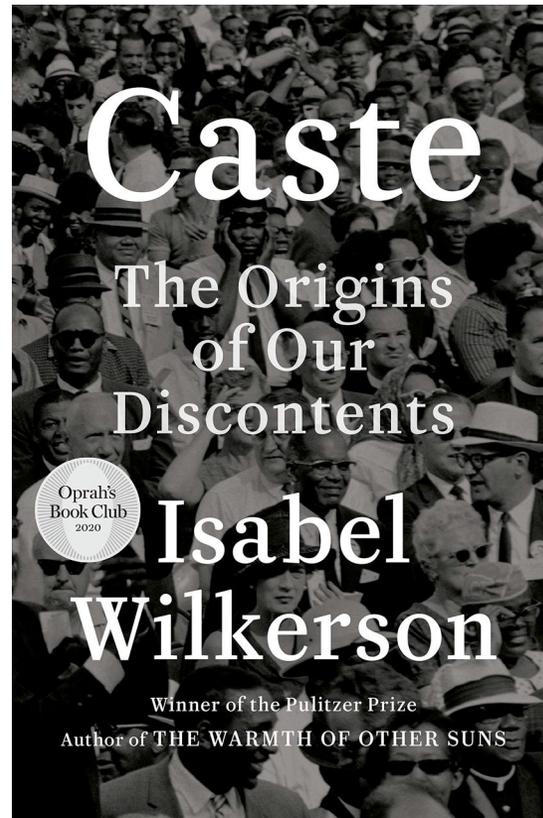
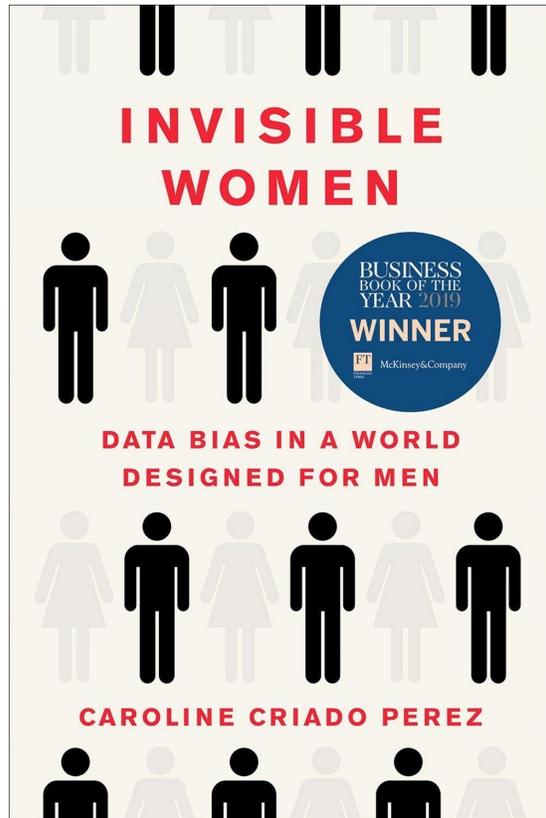
What Narrative Nonfiction is NOT

These nonfiction titles are written to inform you about a topic in an *expository* style.



Where the lines gets blurred

The structure of diaries, research writing, and cookbooks is a little *different*.



Why read Narrative Nonfiction?



Why read Narrative Nonfiction?

“Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn’t.”
– Mark Twain



Nonfiction allows a reader a chance to take deep dives into people, time periods, subjects, etc.



Like fiction, nonfiction is a way to understand a time, place, and people different from your own and to feel a connection to them.

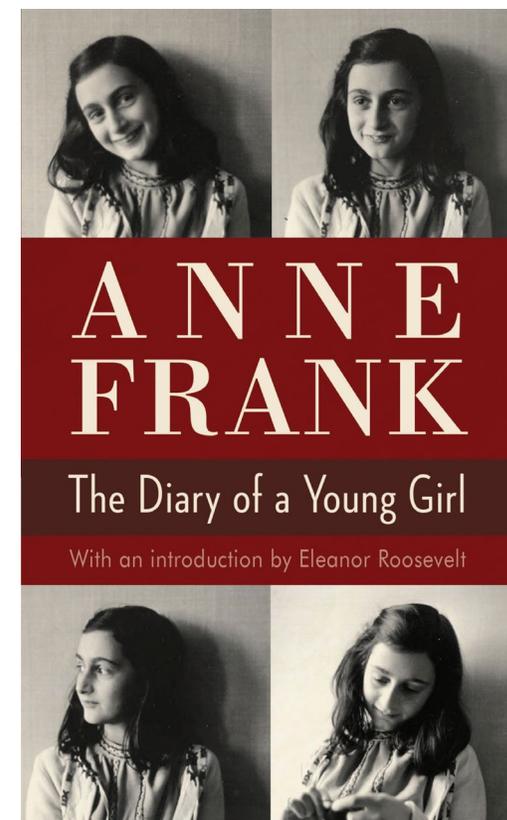
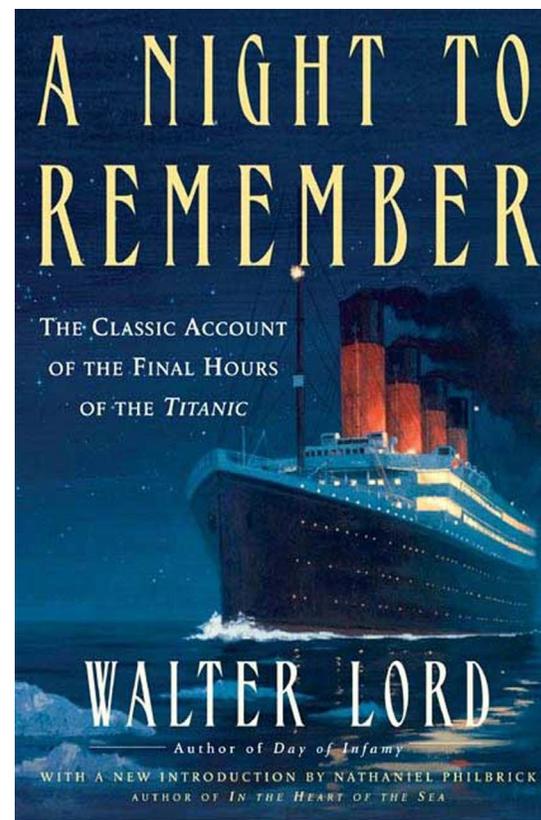
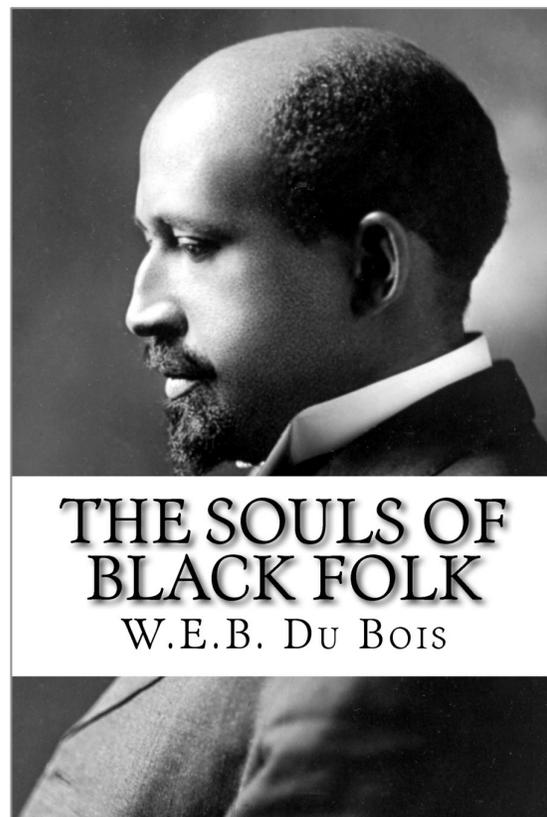
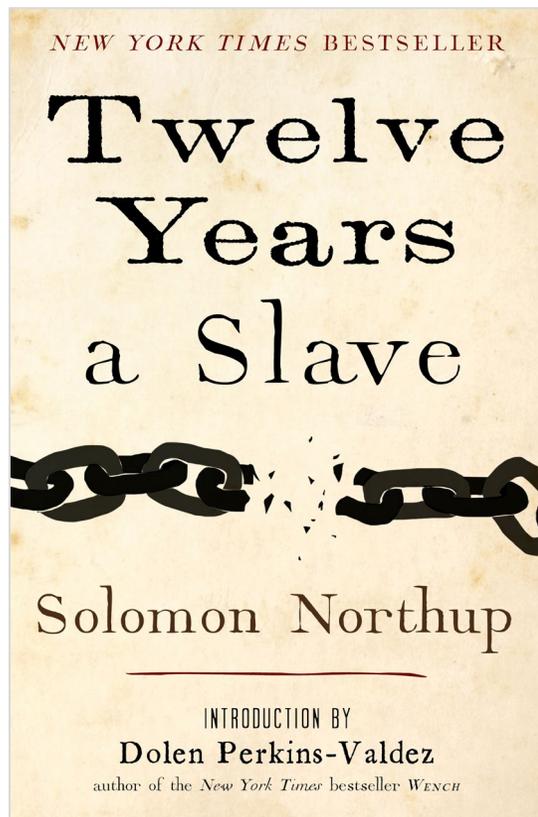


People like to feel better informed, and nonfiction is a way to do that.



Nonfiction is a way to better understand your own history, culture, condition, etc. and to work through your feelings about it.

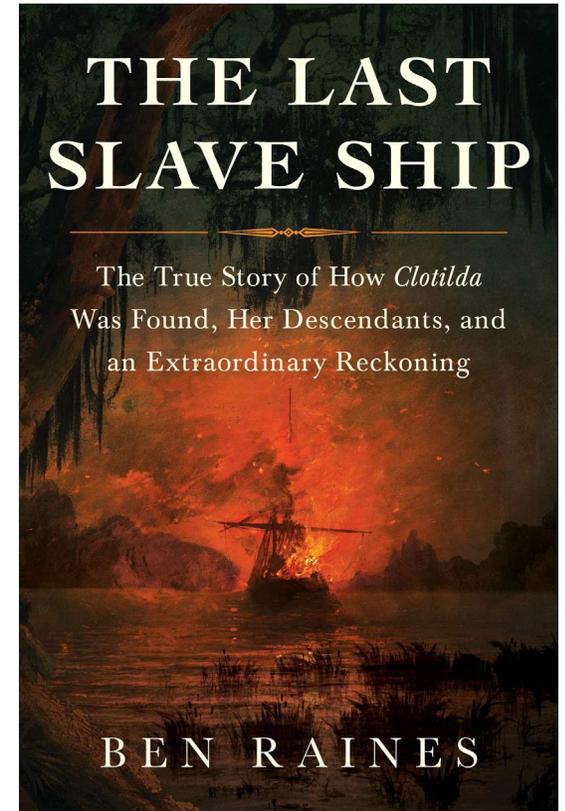
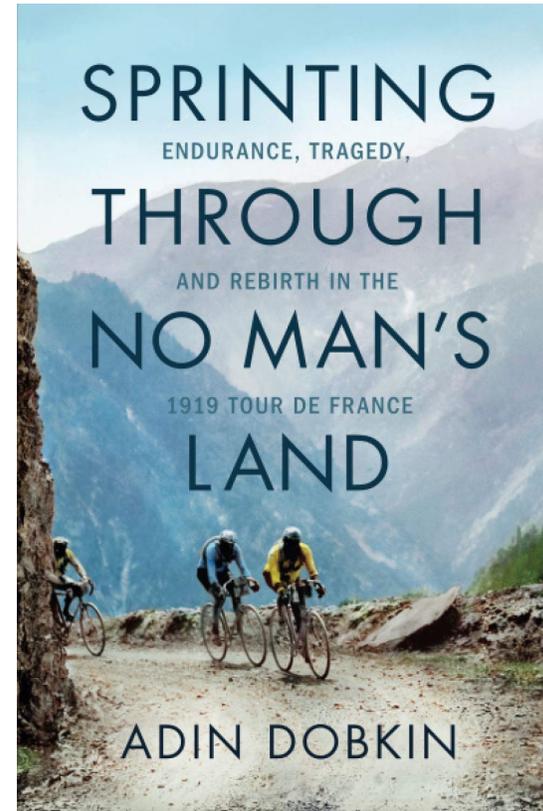
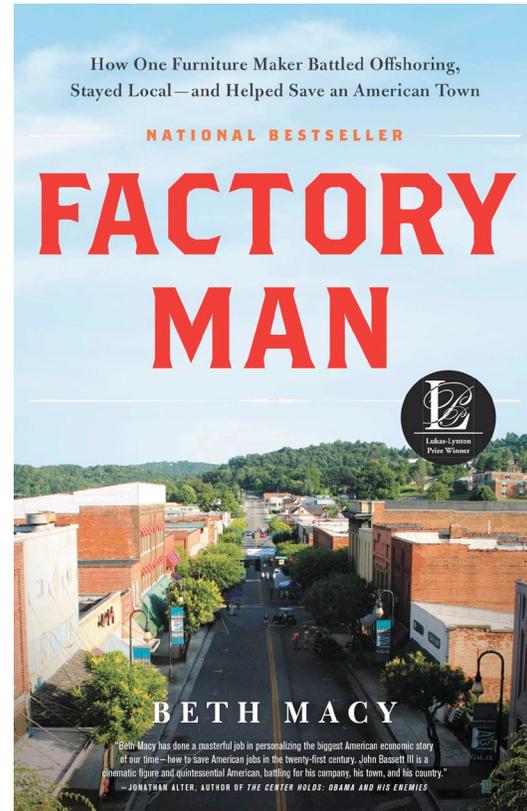
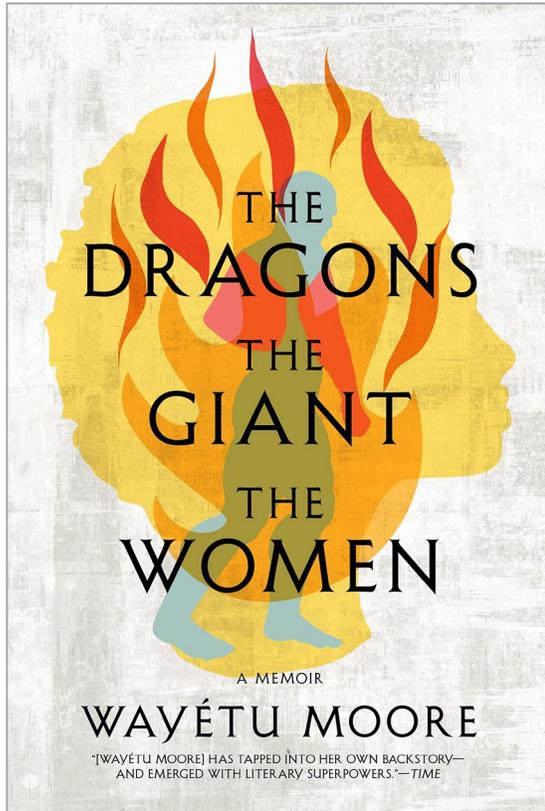
Early works of Narrative Nonfiction



Subgenres

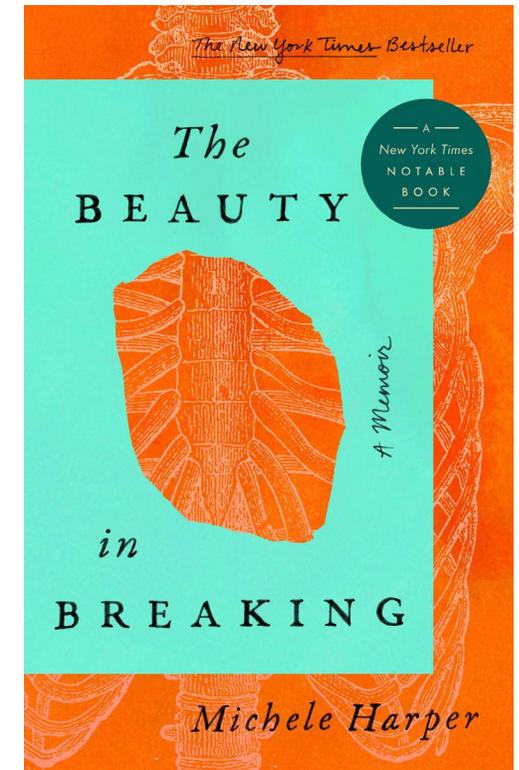
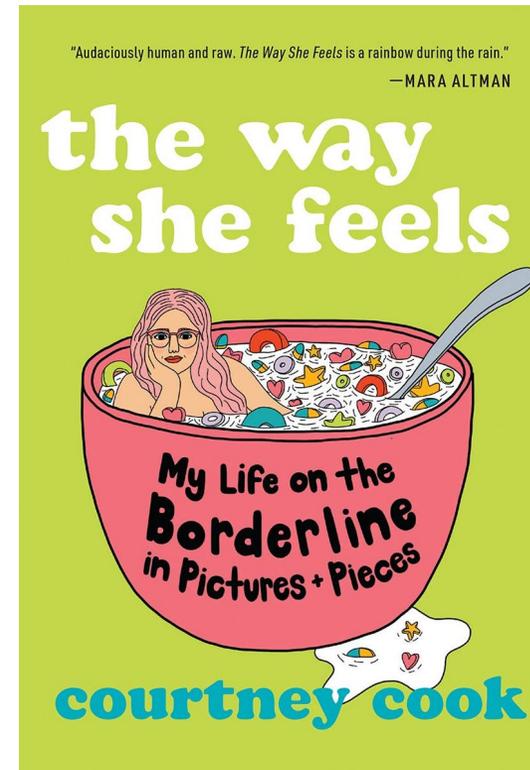
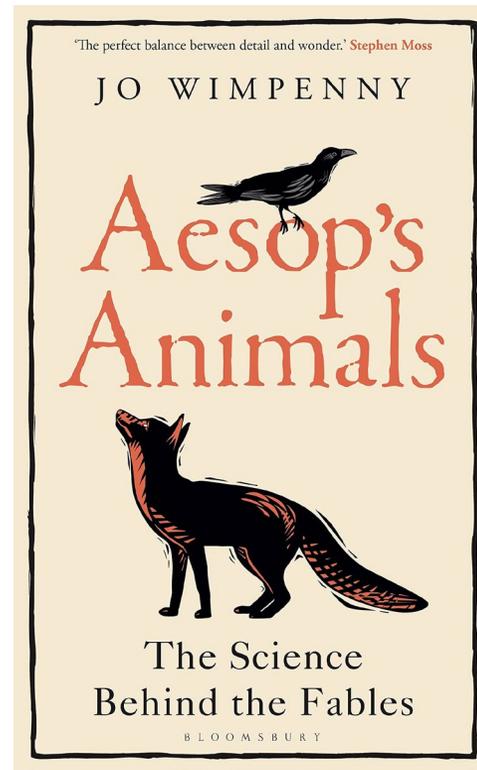
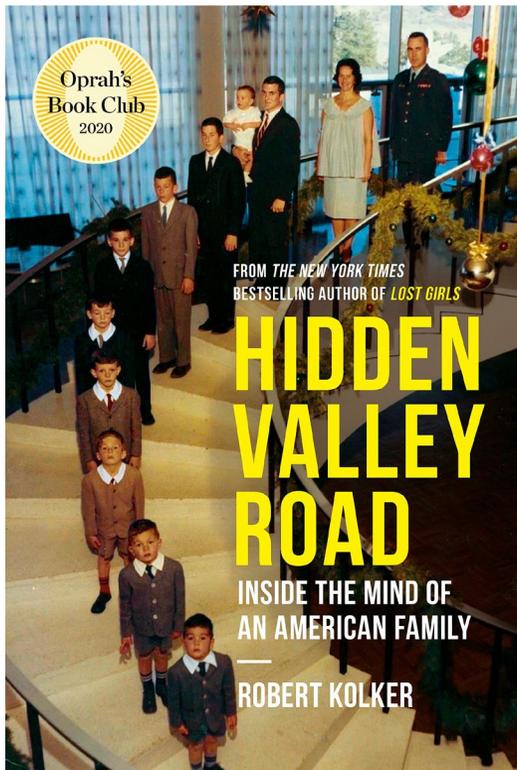
Nonfiction that reads like fiction

The NoveList genre heading that's your best "first stop" when looking for nonfiction.



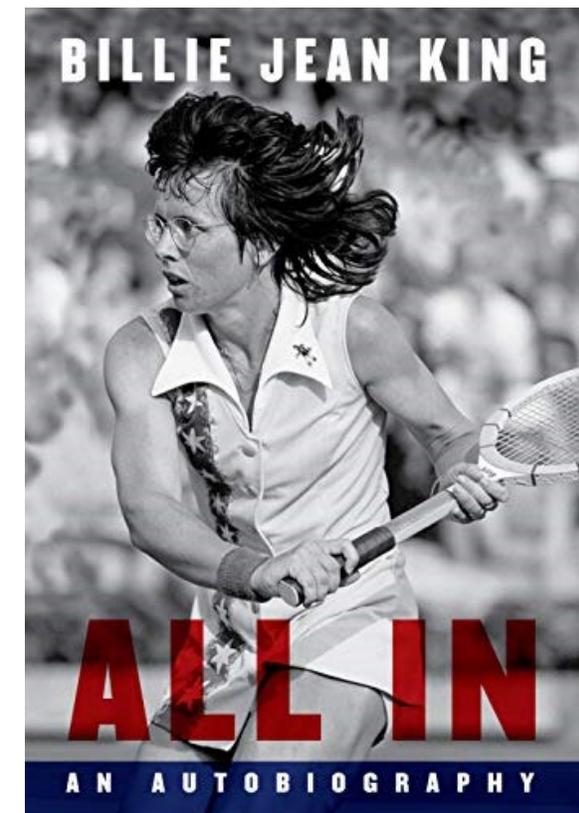
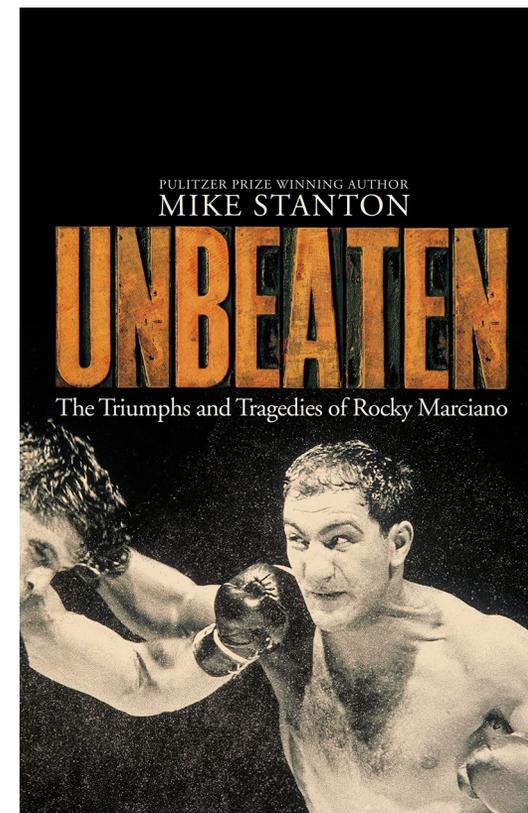
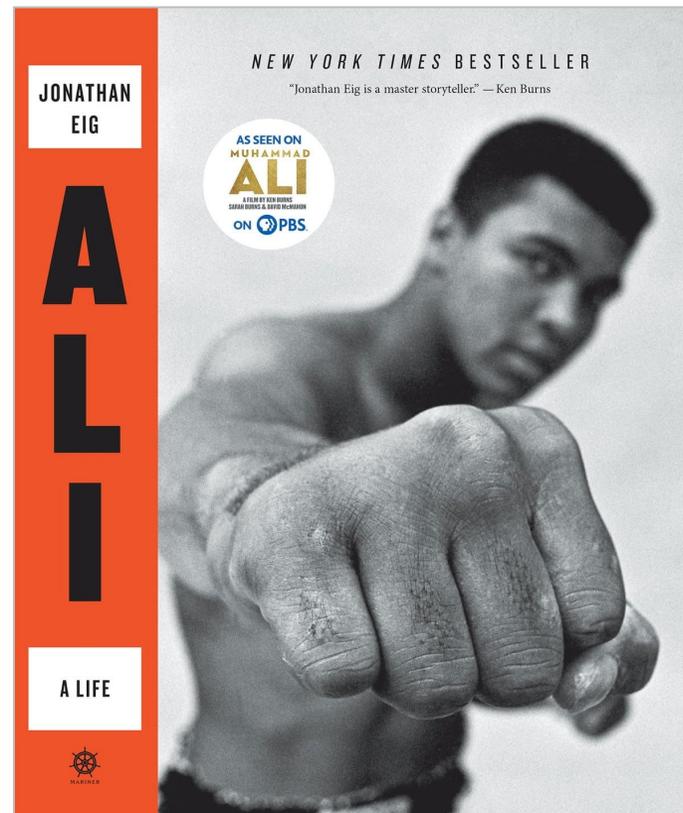
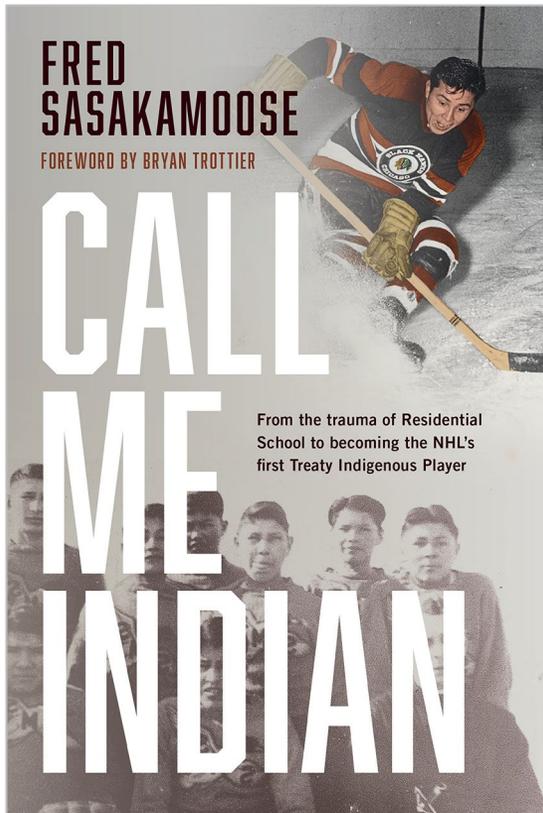
Science writing

We learn about our society and who we are through the science we choose to research and talk about.



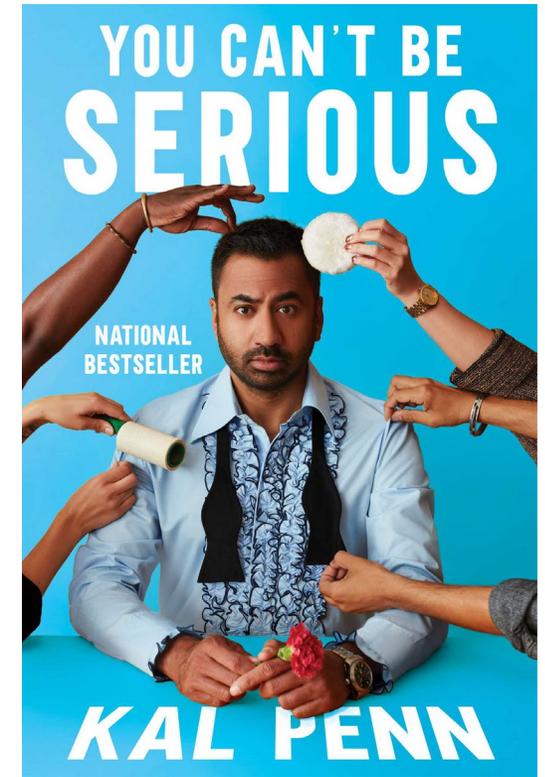
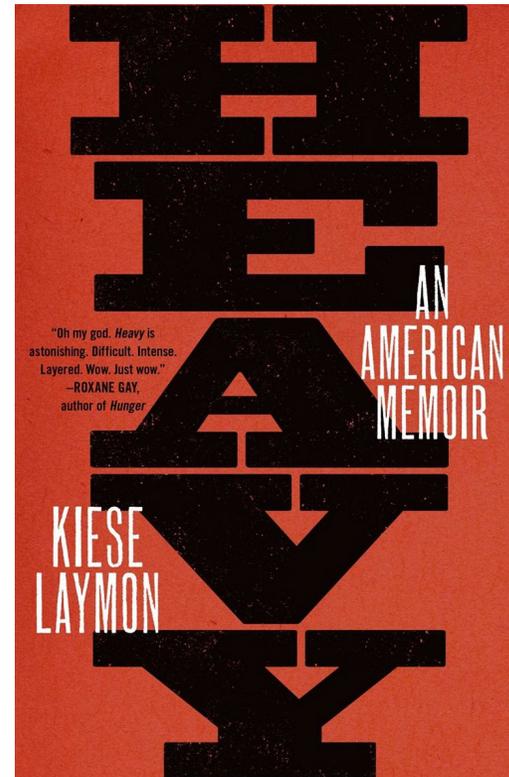
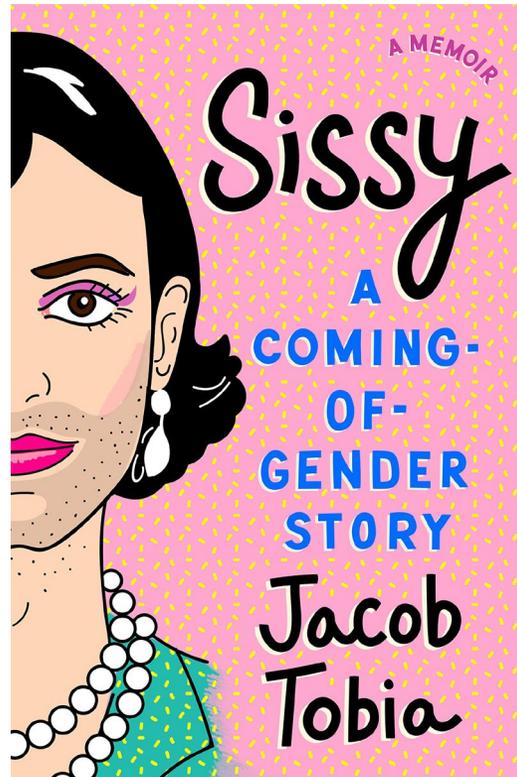
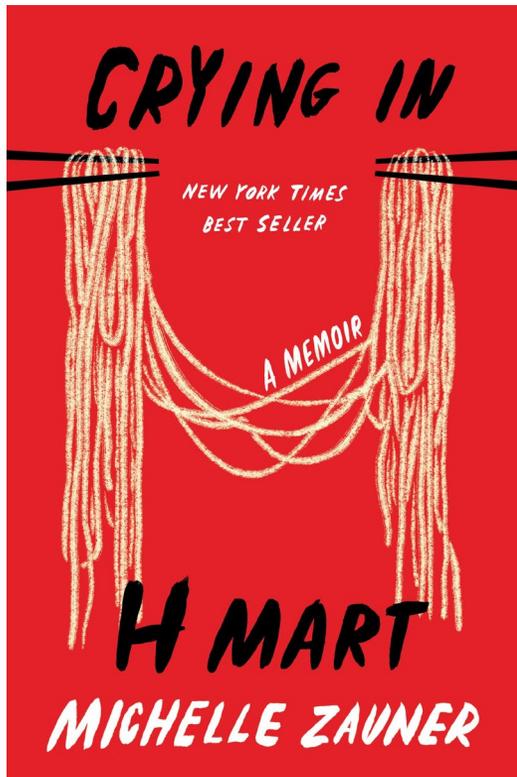
Sports and Competition

The personal and political lives of athletes.



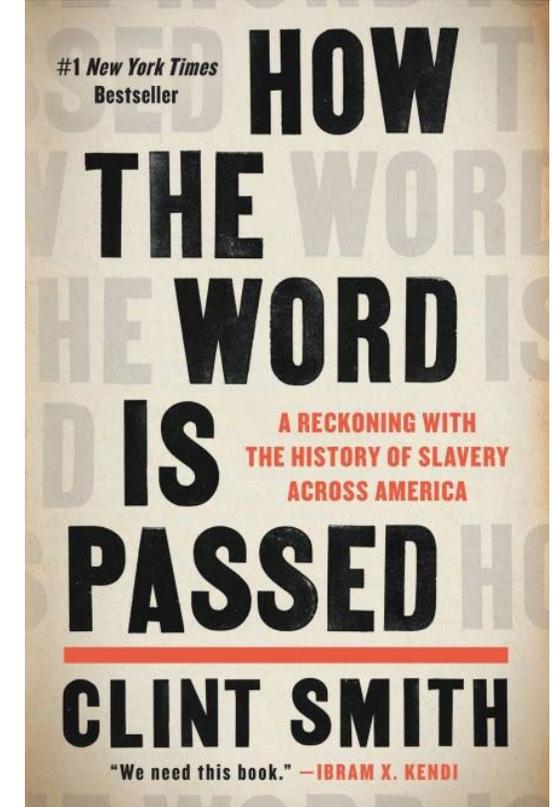
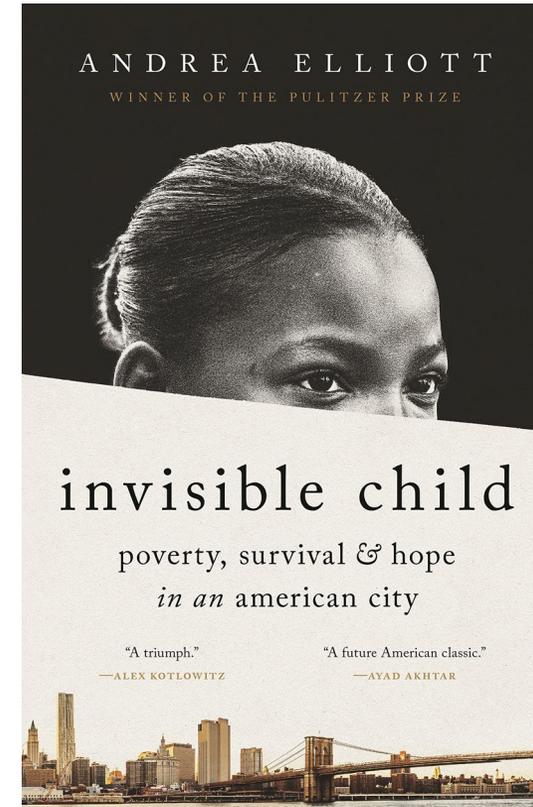
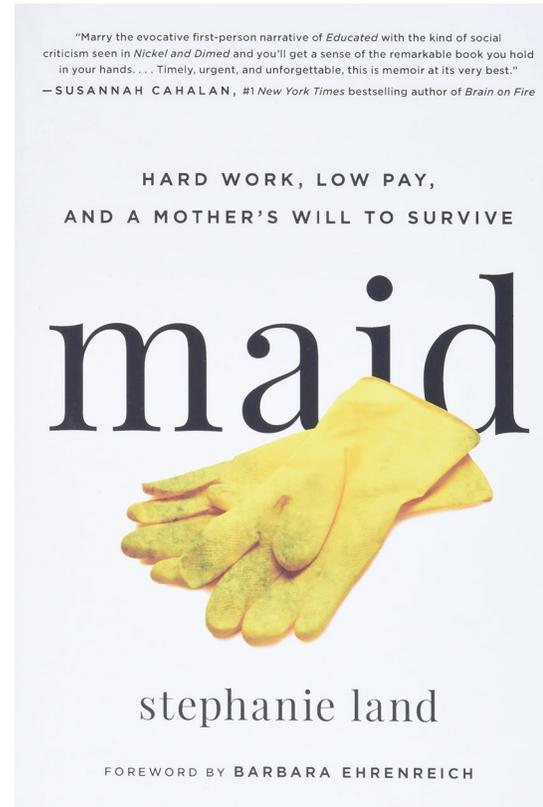
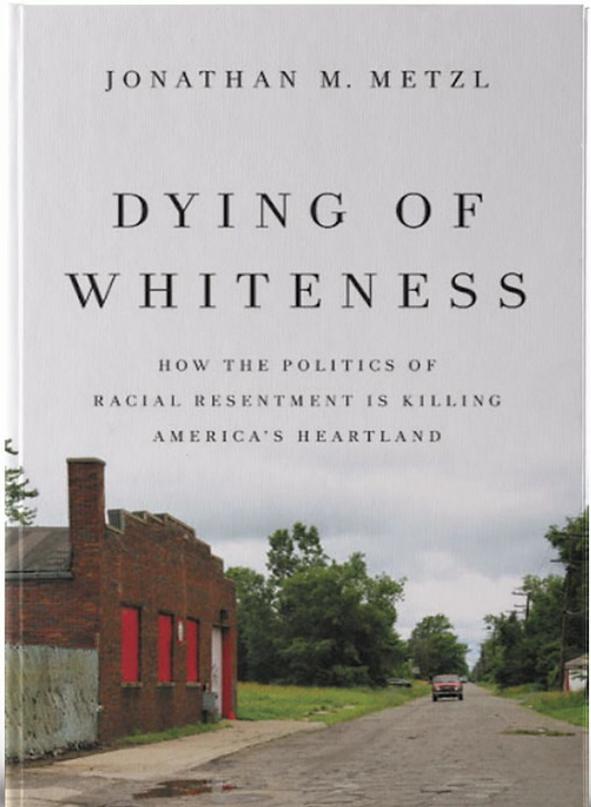
Memoir

Take a moment to listen to someone tell their story like you're sitting by the fire with them.



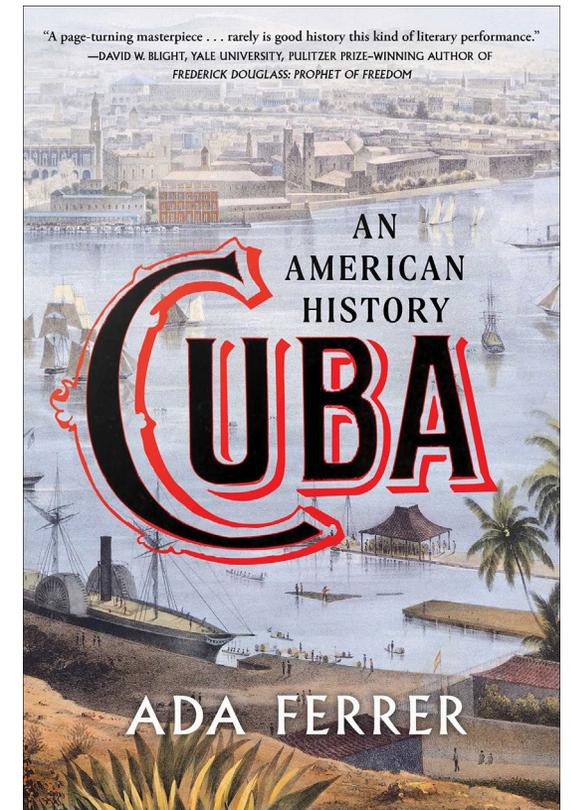
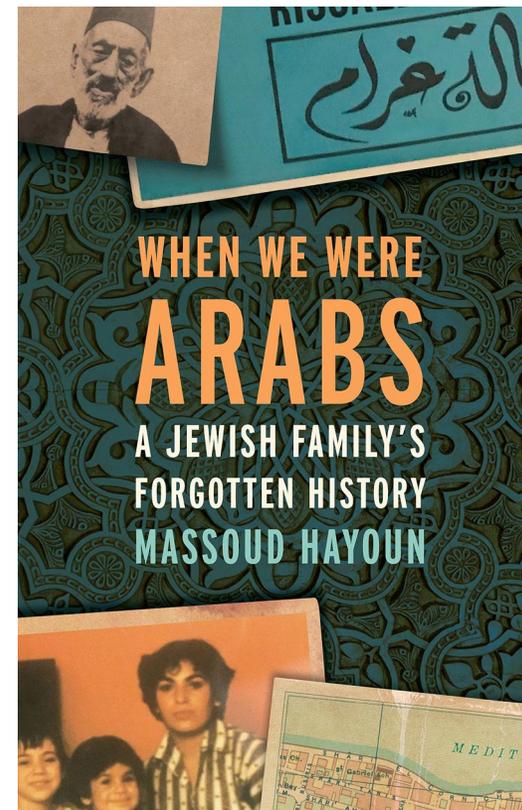
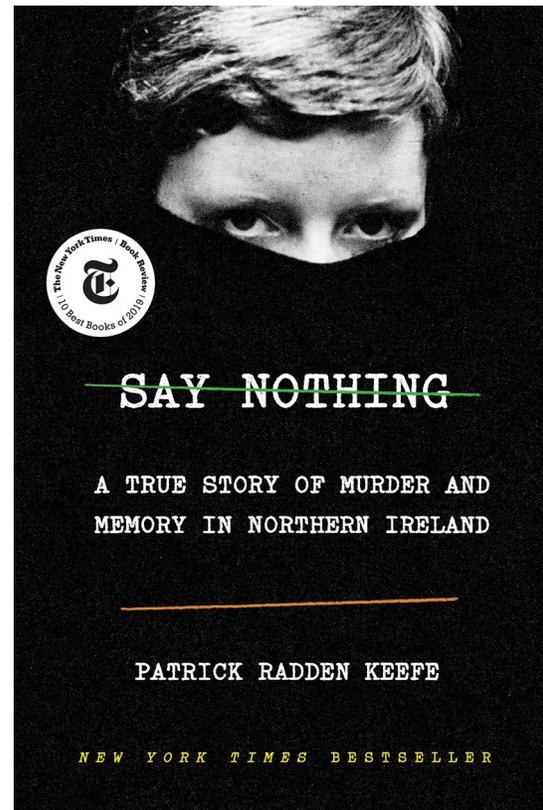
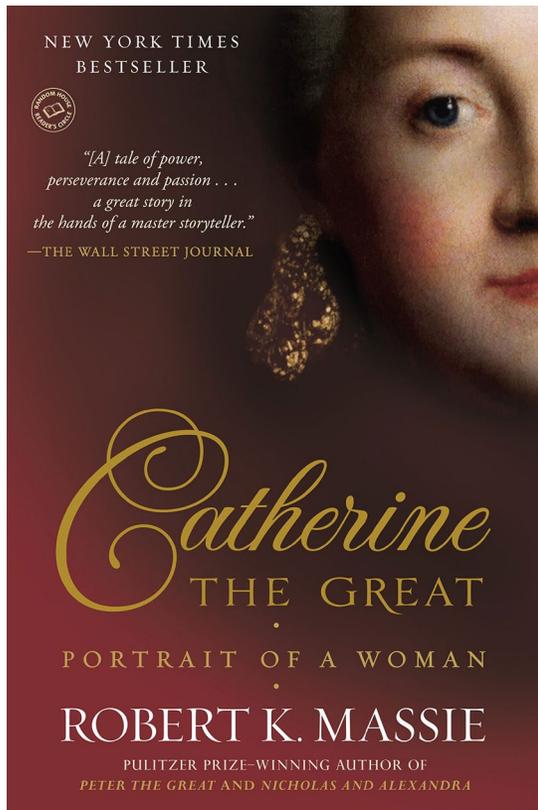
Society and culture

Books about how we live and what we live for.



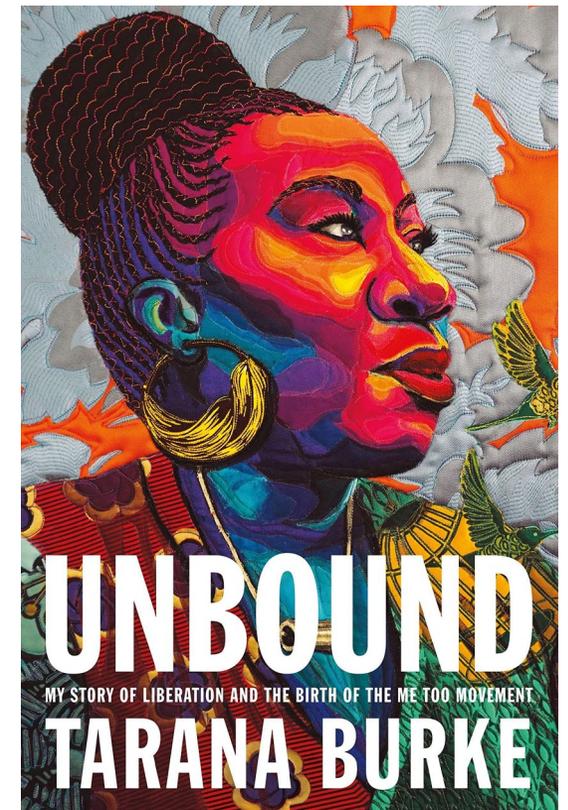
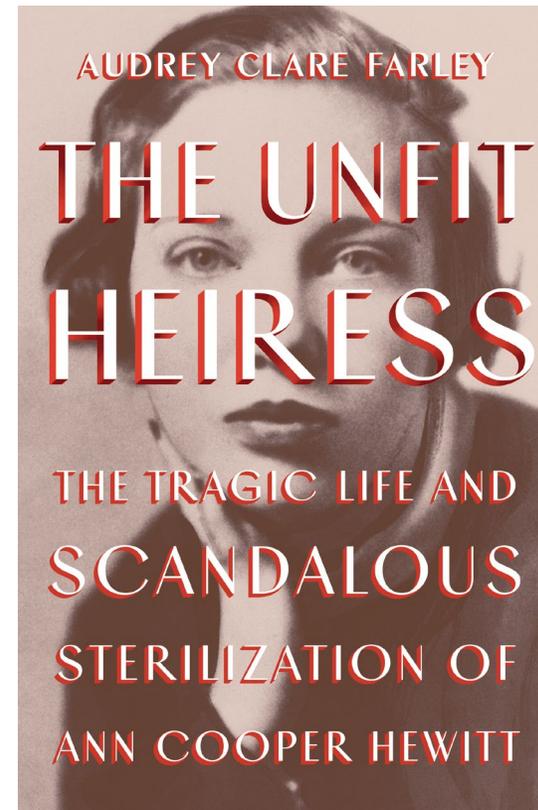
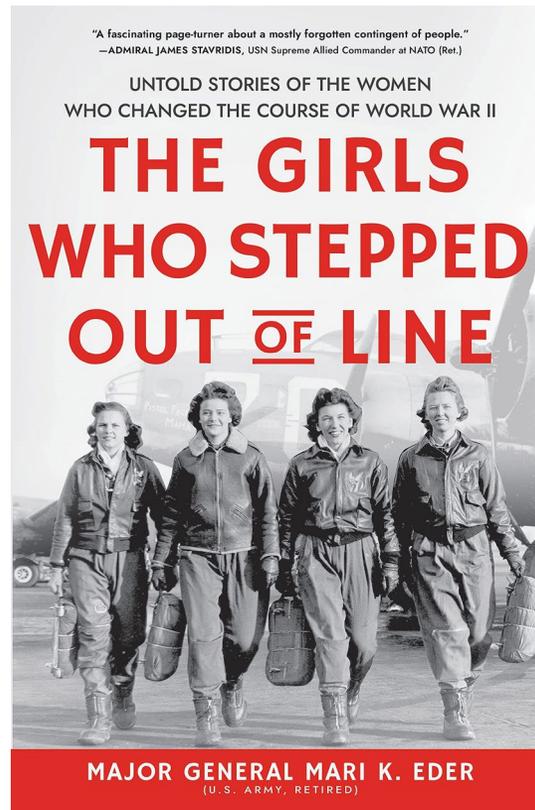
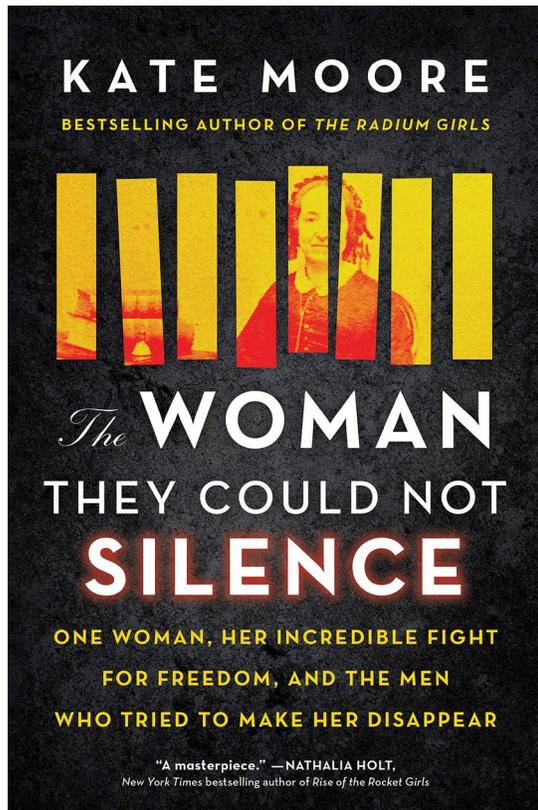
History writing

The past reveals truths about us now.



Life stories

Voices of courageous women, past and present, who would not be silenced.

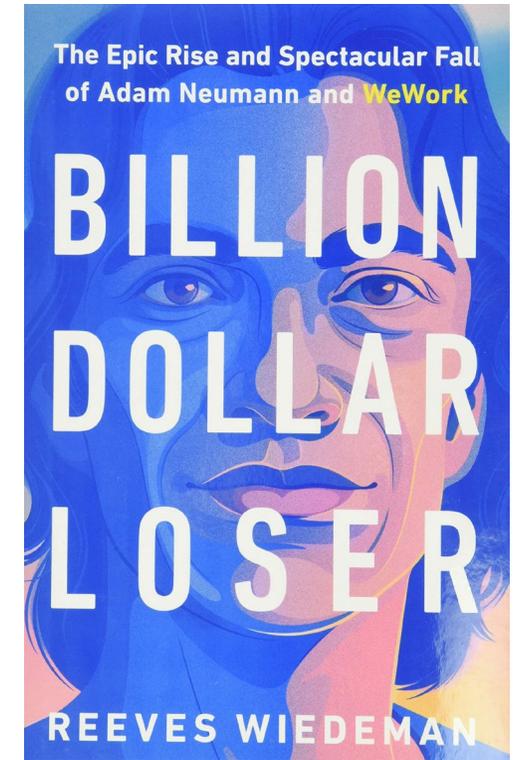
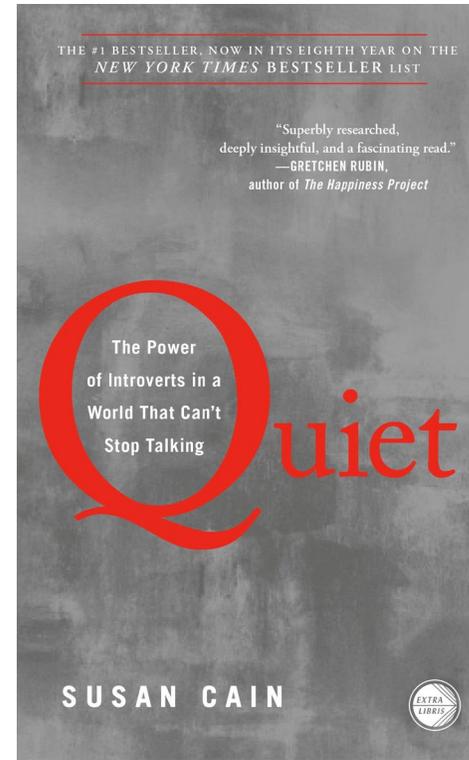
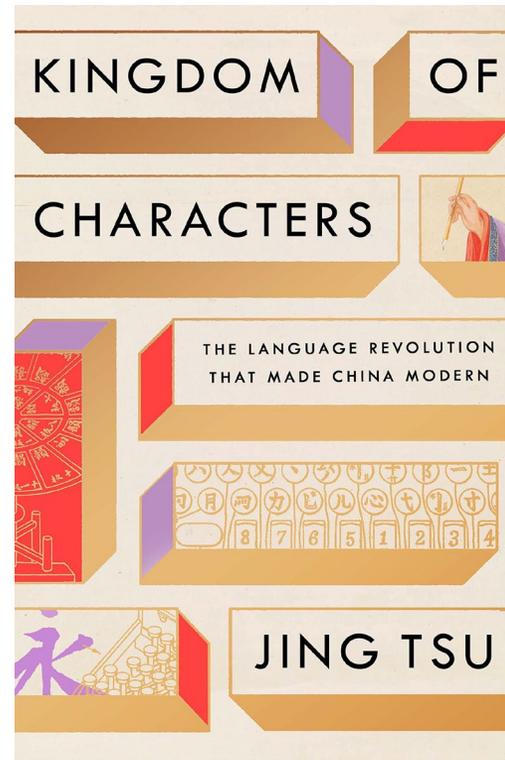
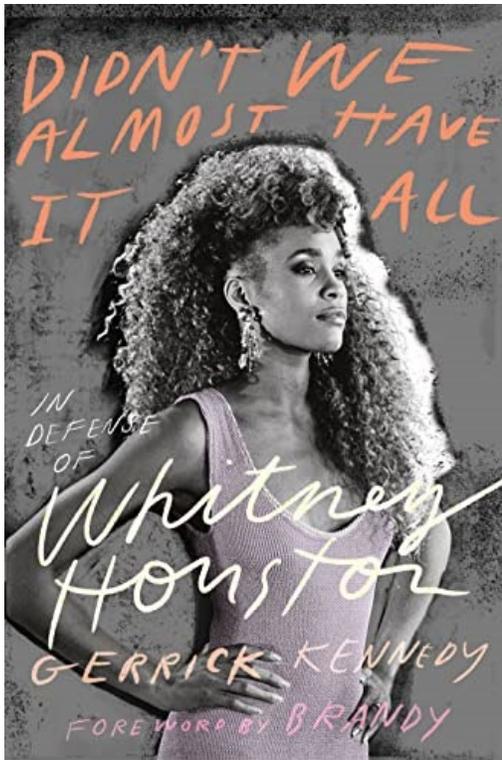


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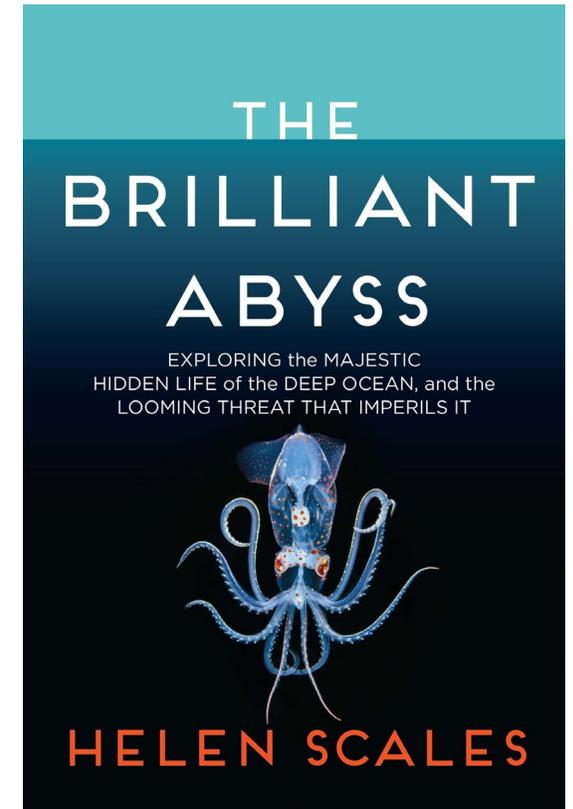
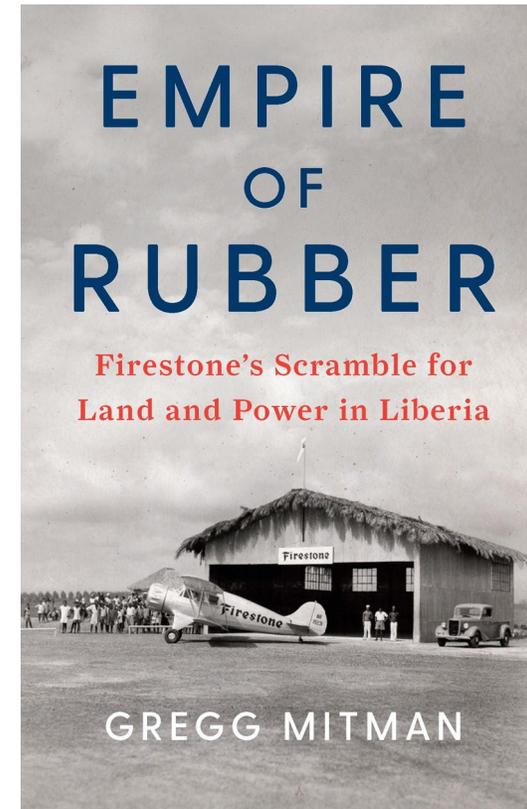
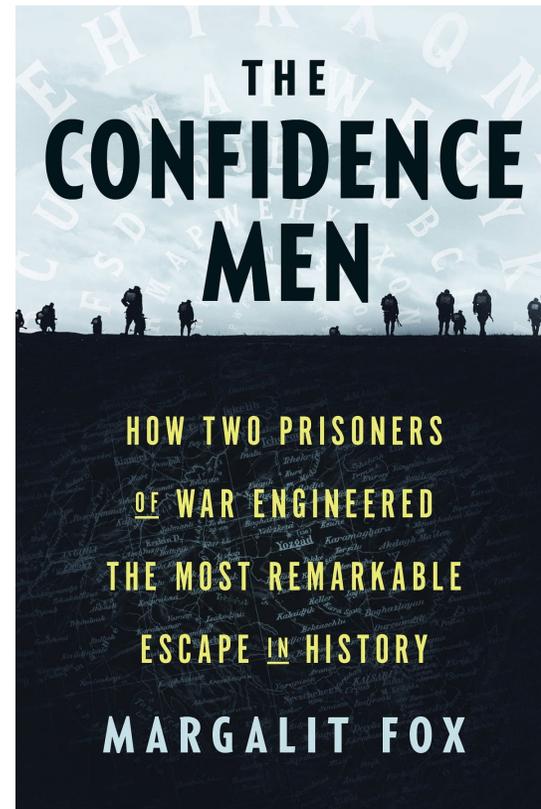
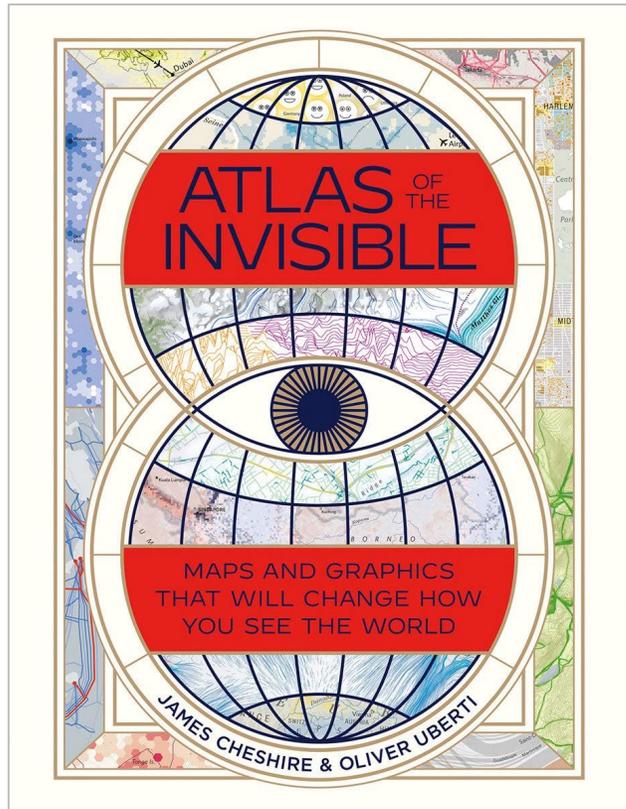
Engaging

These books capture the imagination of readers through narrative style, character, or use of detail.



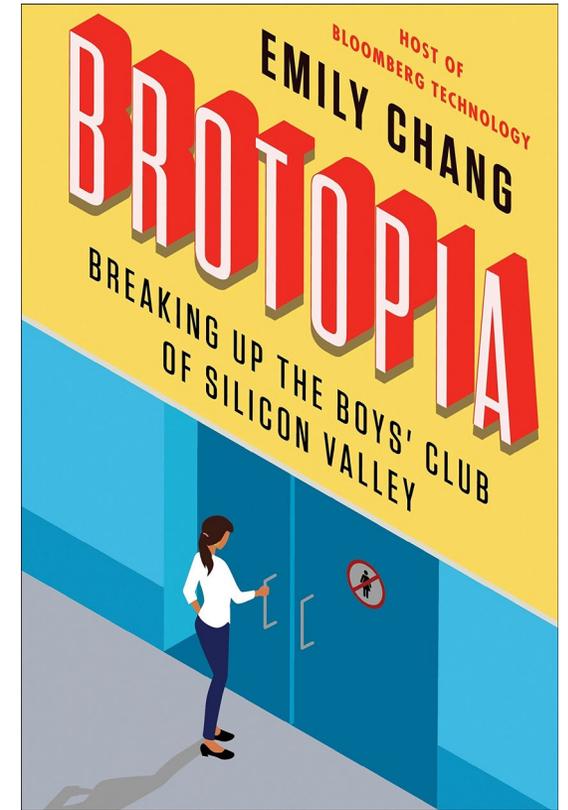
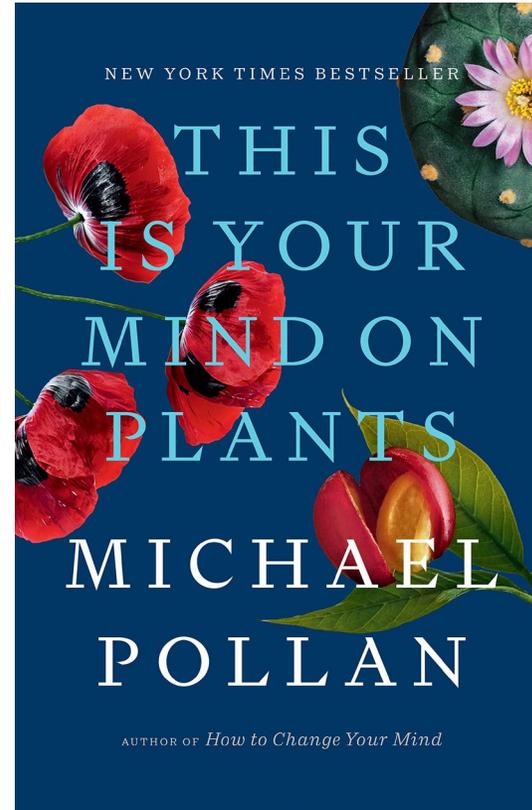
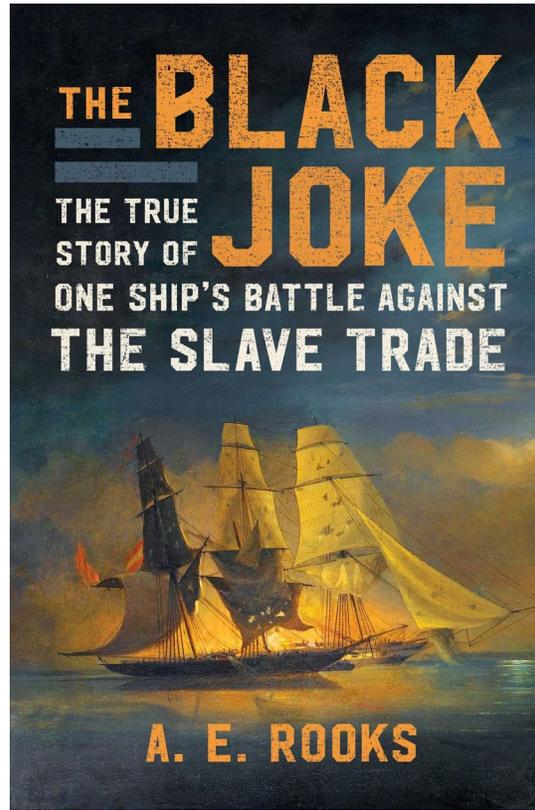
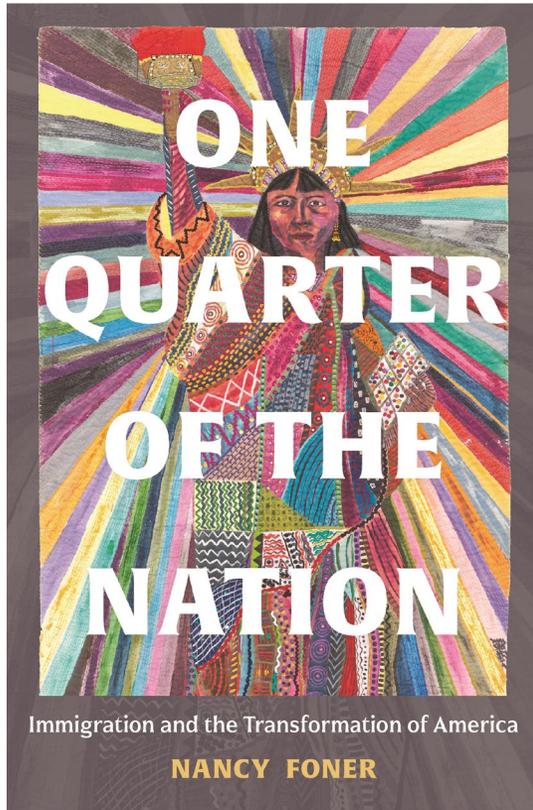
Richly detailed

Details enrich these stories, sometimes focusing on a special body of knowledge.



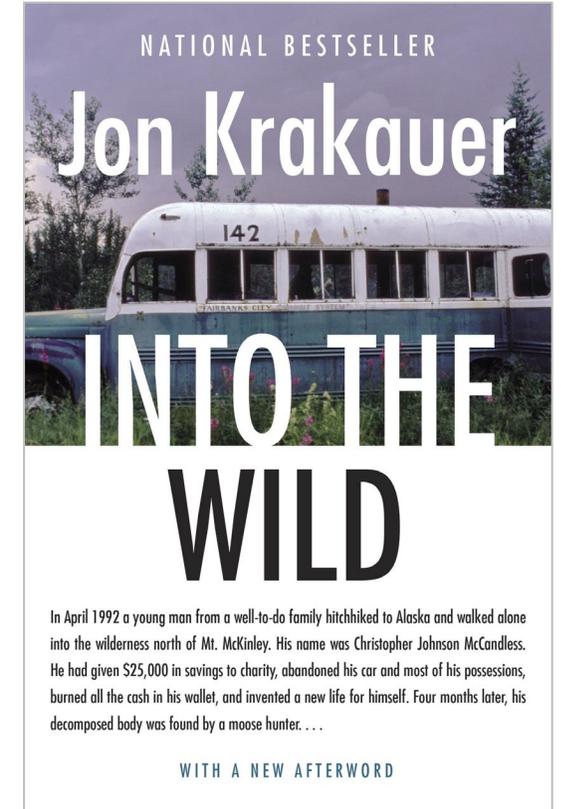
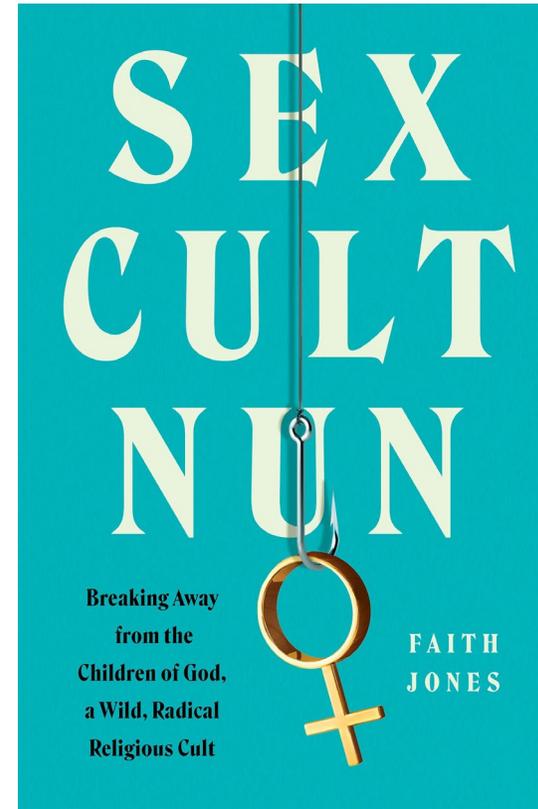
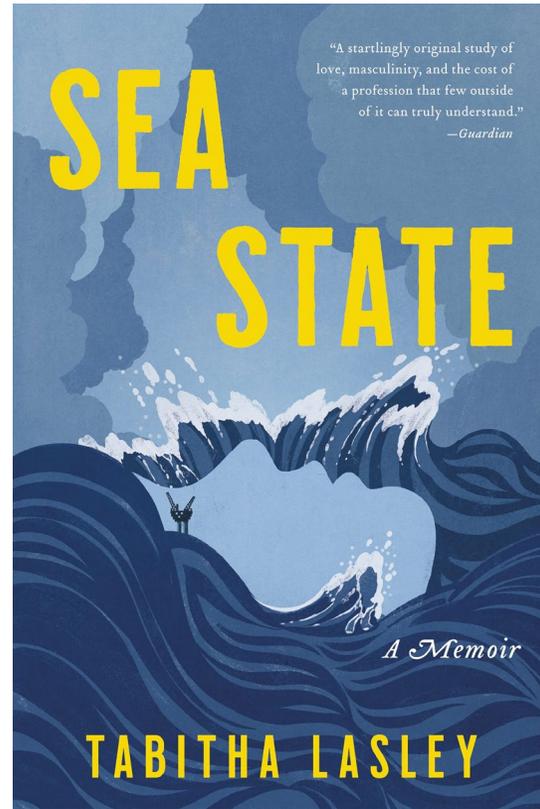
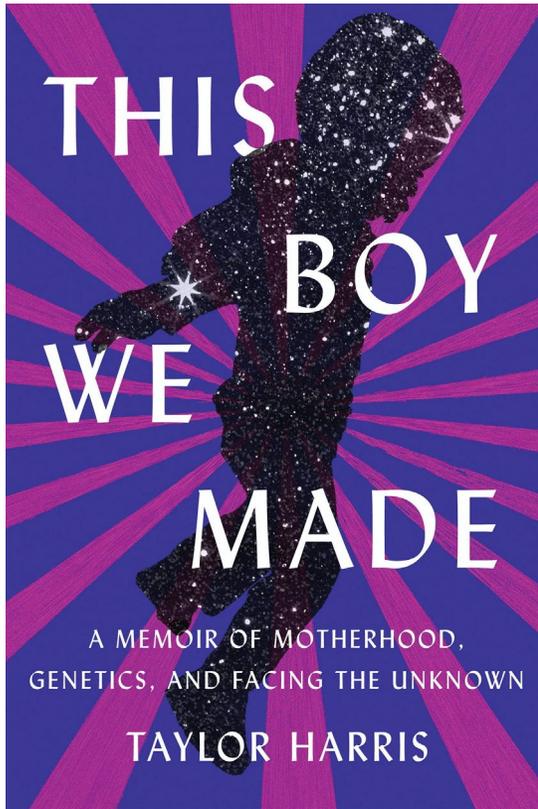
Accessible

These books explain a complicated or technical issue in an approachable manner.



Moving

Emotionally resonant books that make readers feel invested in both the characters and the story.



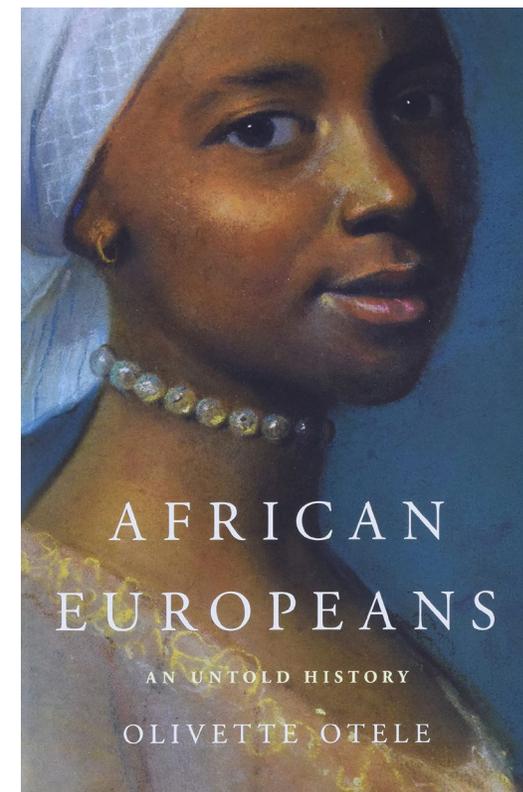
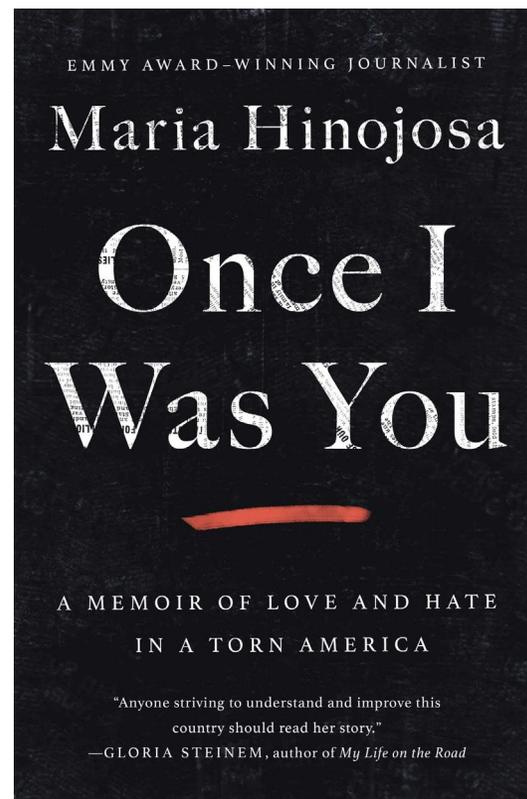
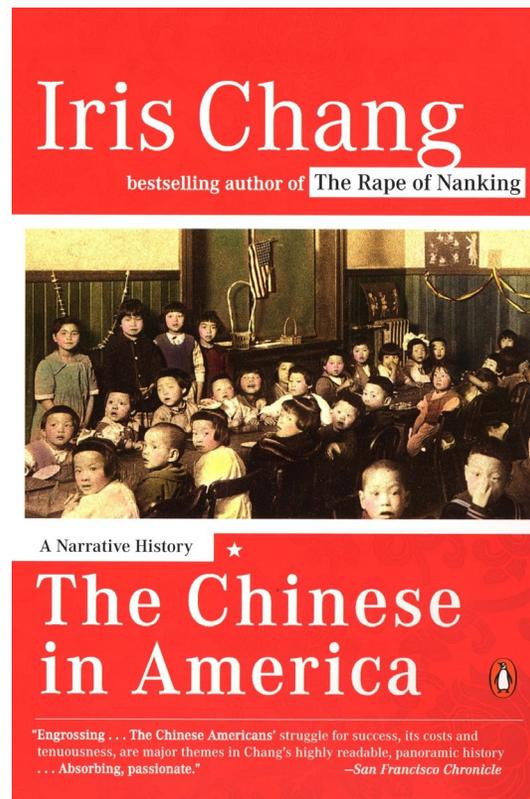
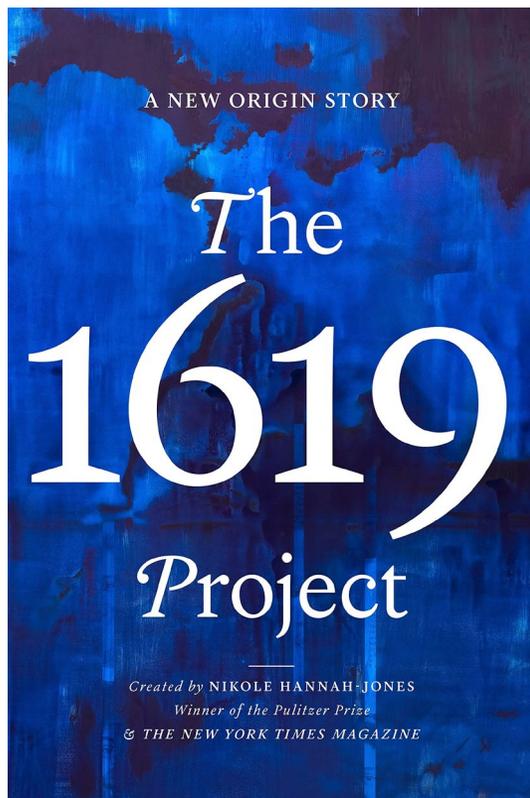
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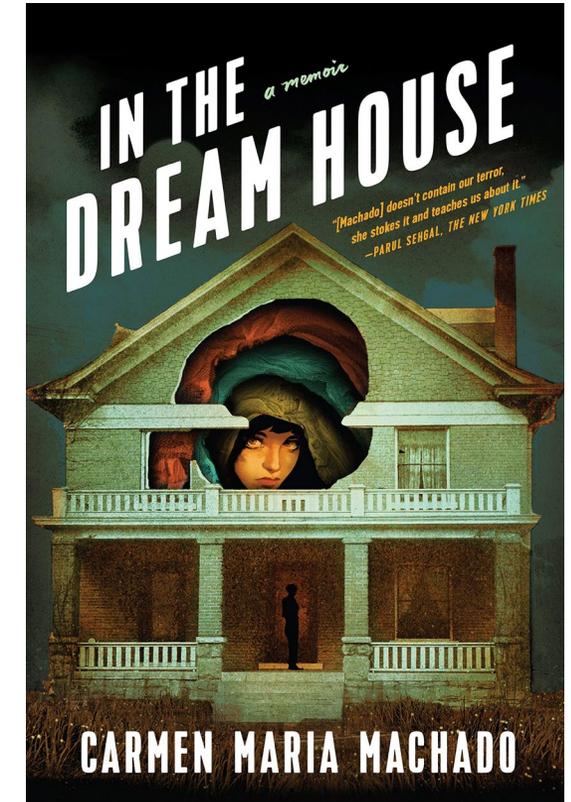
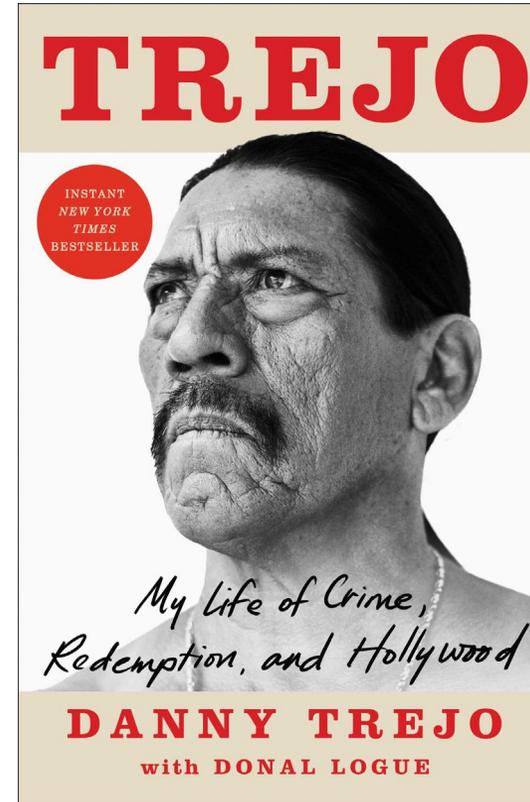
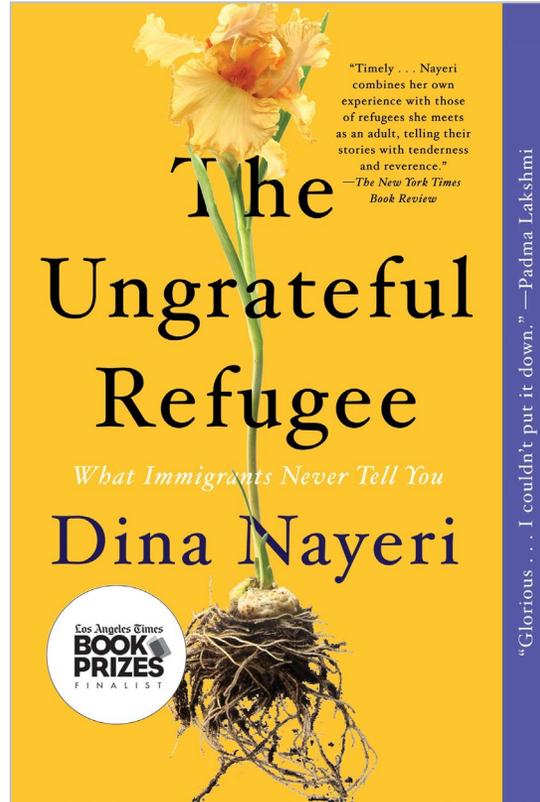
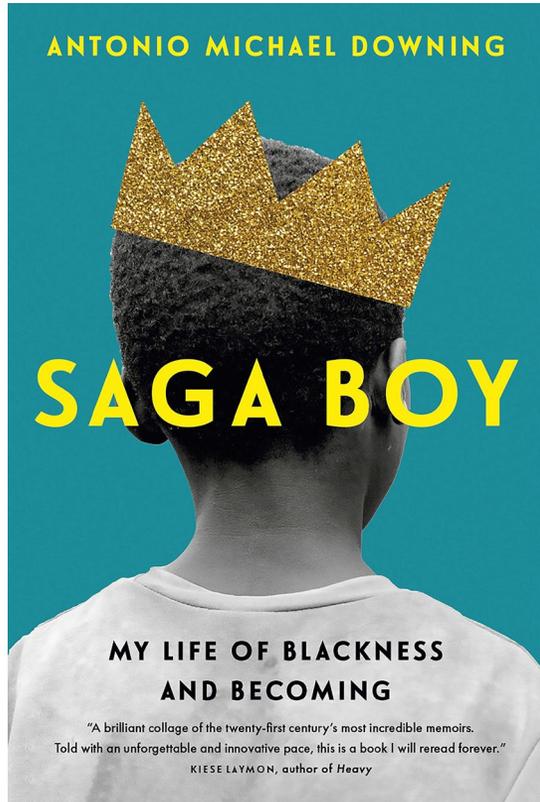
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My story, my voice

Who gets to tell the story?



My story, my voice



Helping
readers



Ask Questions!

What subjects or topics are you into right now?

One story or a vignette?

Do you want to read about something current or historical?

How do you want to feel when you're done?

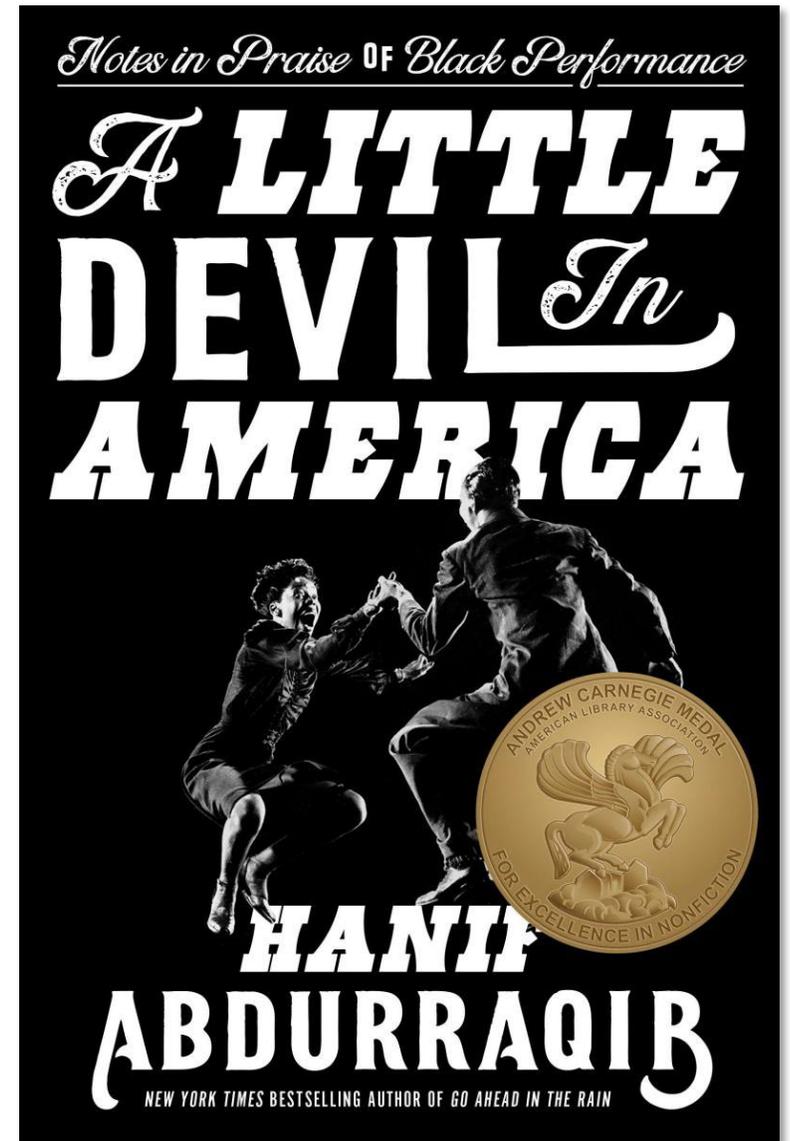
Interested in a true story?

Who's POV do you want to be in?

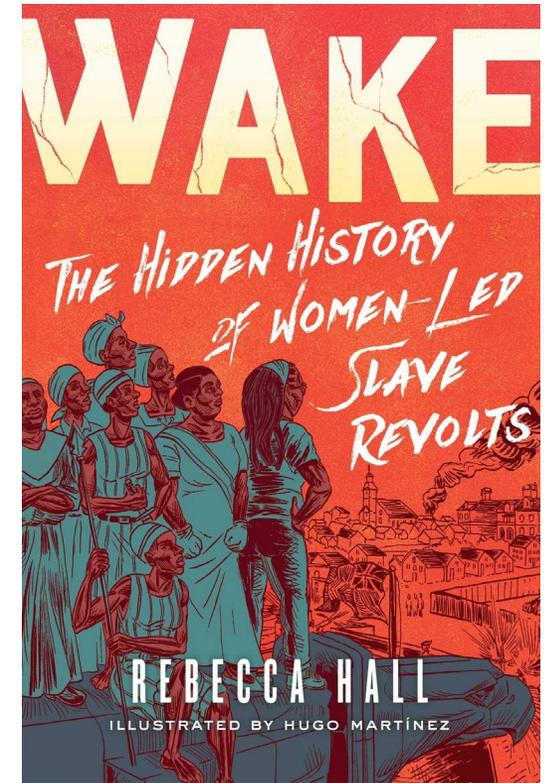
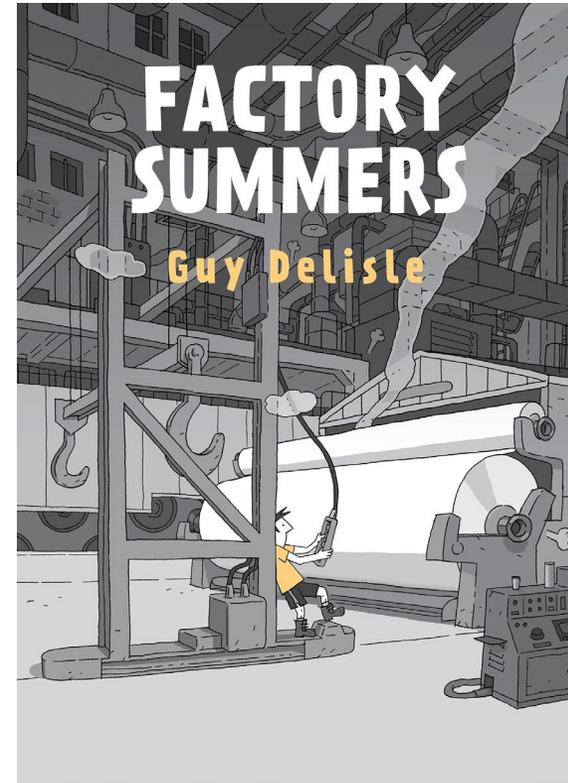
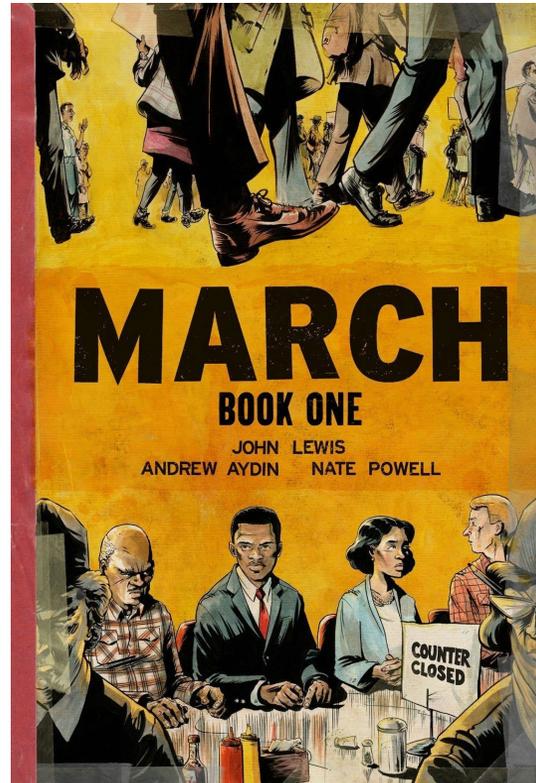
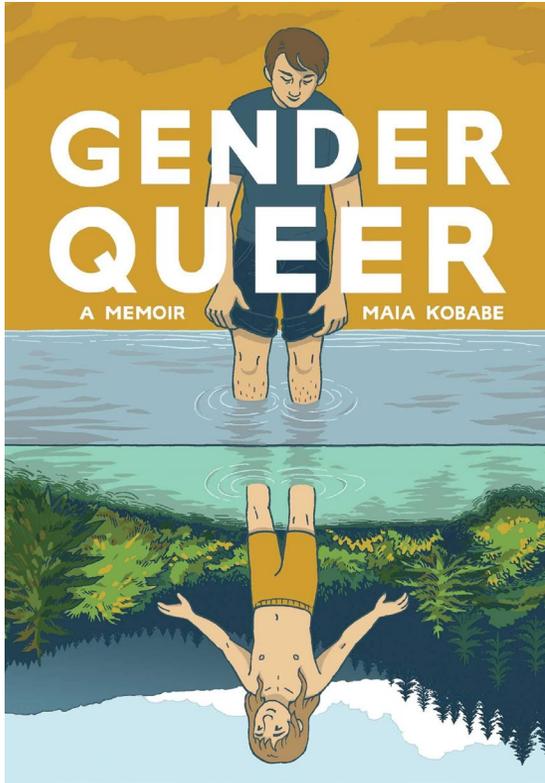
Is there a writing style you're interested in?

Awards

- Pulitzer Prize in Biography or Autobiography
- Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction
- Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction
- National Book Awards for Nonfiction



Maybe go graphic?



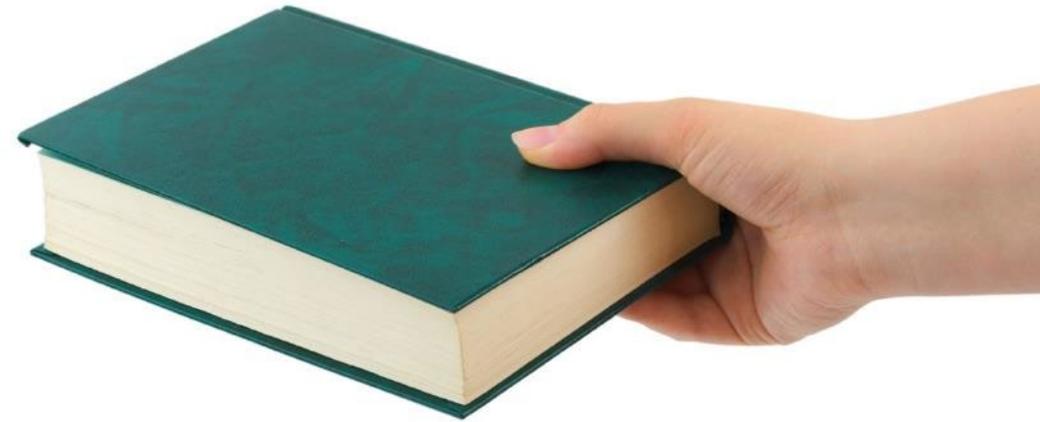
Narrative Nonfiction Starter Pack

Representative of genre

Well-reviewed

Wide appeal

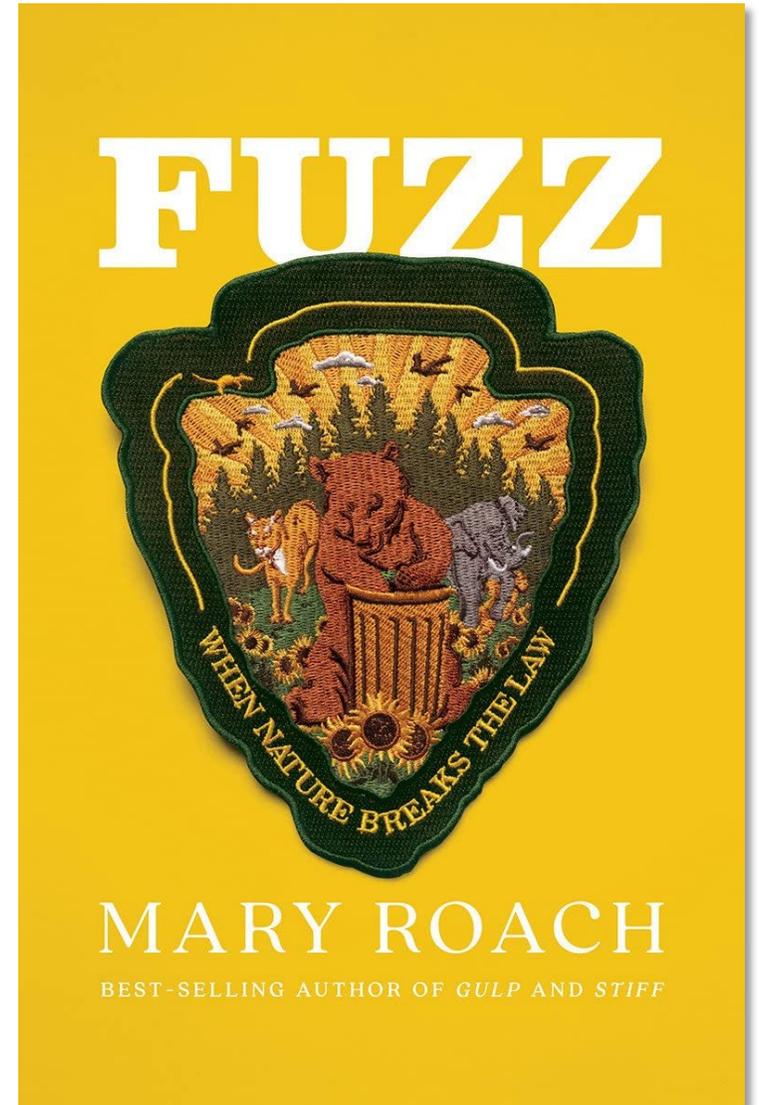
Available on audiobook



FUZZ

by Mary Roach (2021)

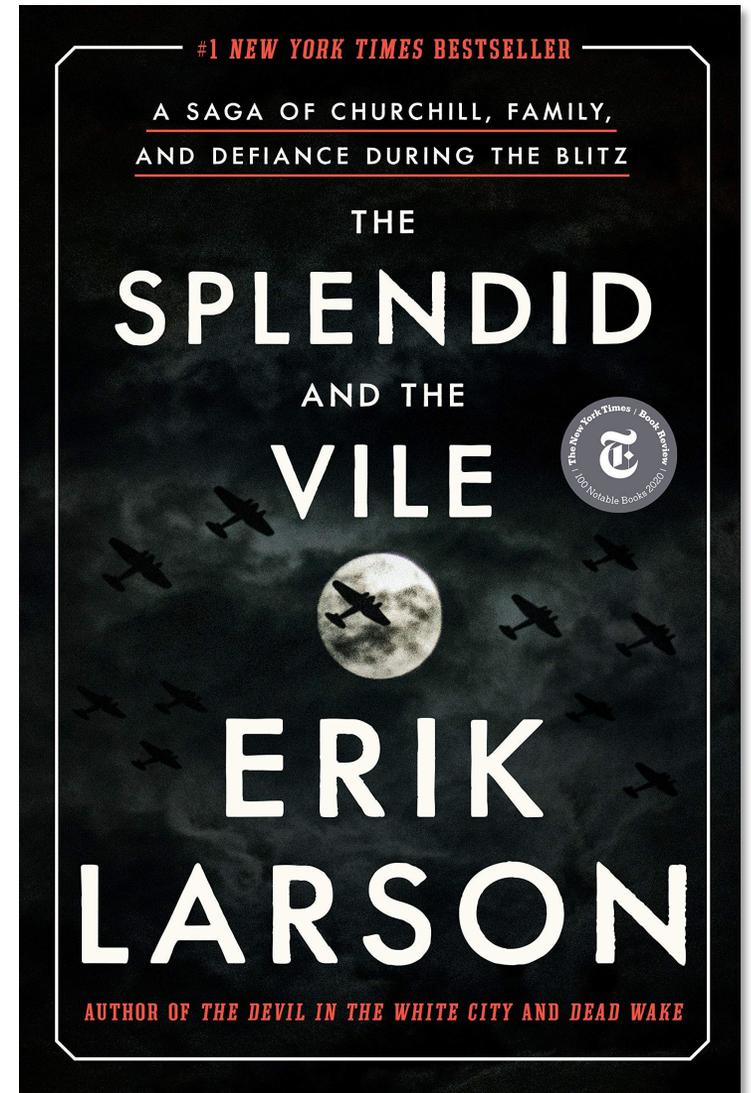
- Witty science writing
- You didn't know you had the questions she finds answers for
- Popular nonfiction author with a solid backlist



The Splendid and the Vile

by Erik Larson (2020)

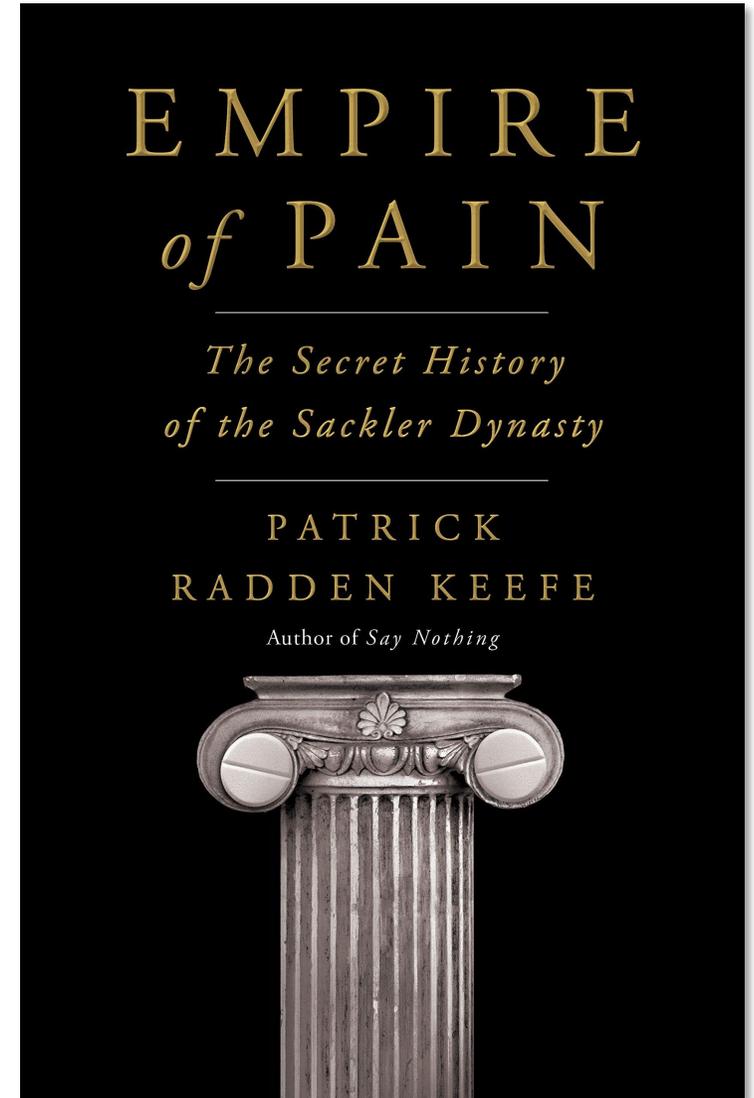
- Popular history writer
- Compelling nonfiction that reads like fiction
- Long, varied backlist to introduce readers to



Empire of Pain

by Patrick Radden Keefe (2021)

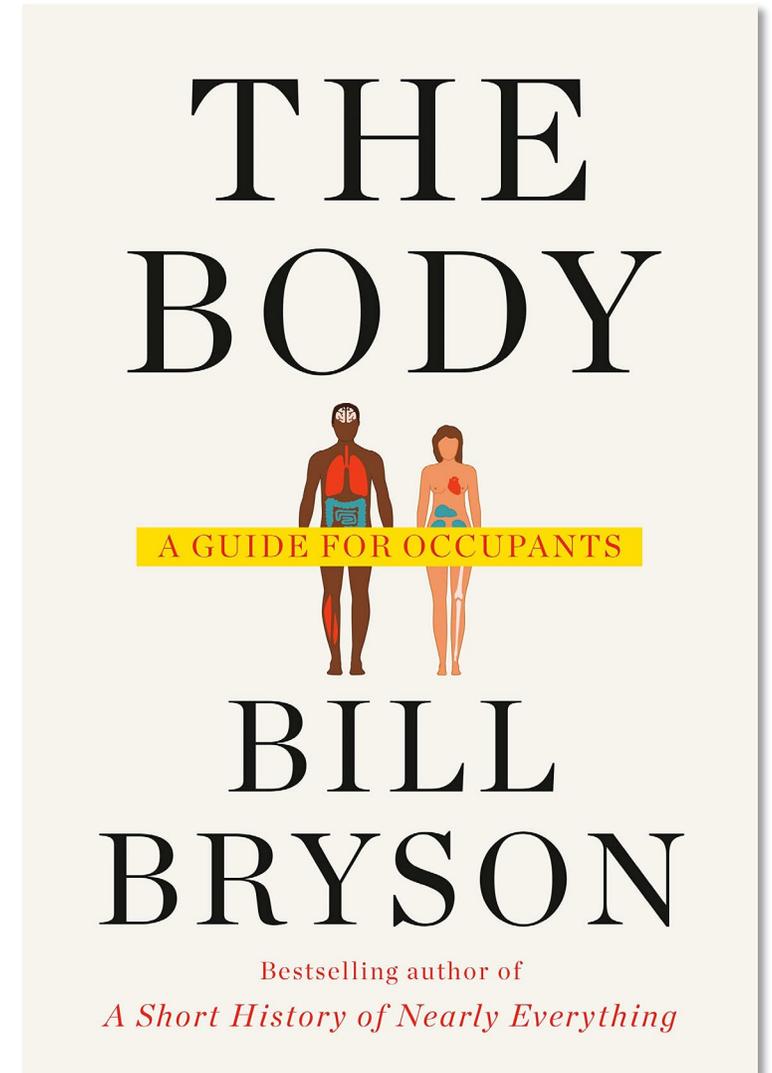
- Science meets crime meets business
- Compelling, richly detailed
- Will be especially interesting to patrons with the TV series *Dopesick* (also a book)



The Body

by Bill Bryson (2019)

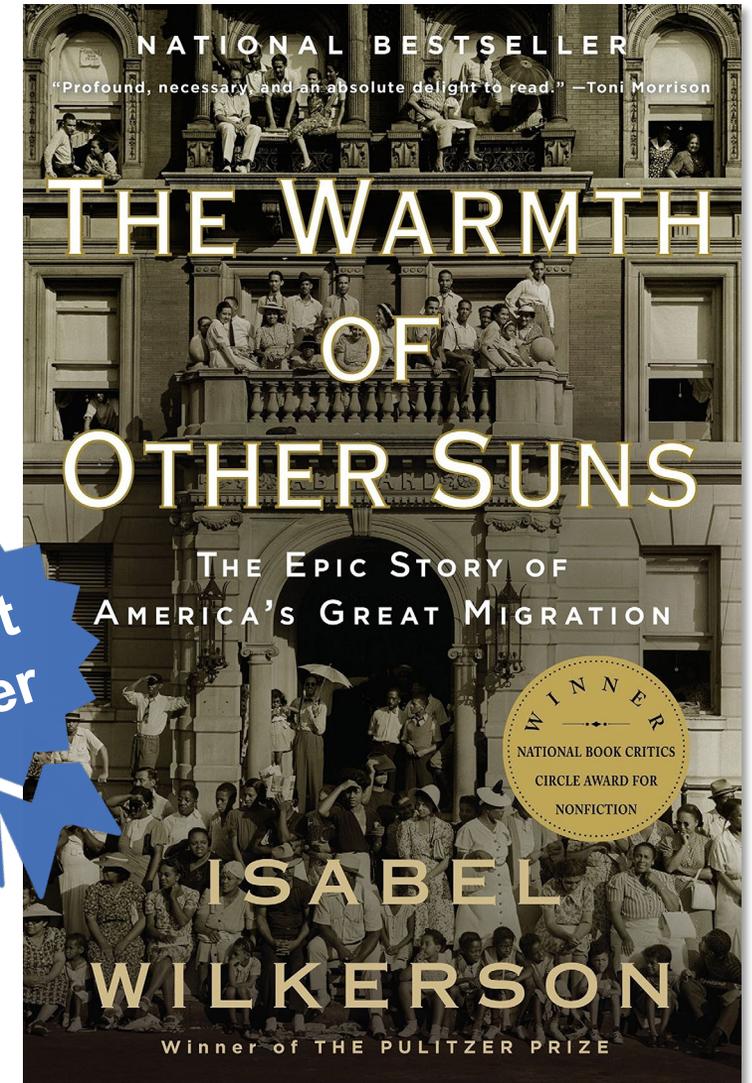
- Humor writing
- Covers science, history, and travel
- Funny and conversational



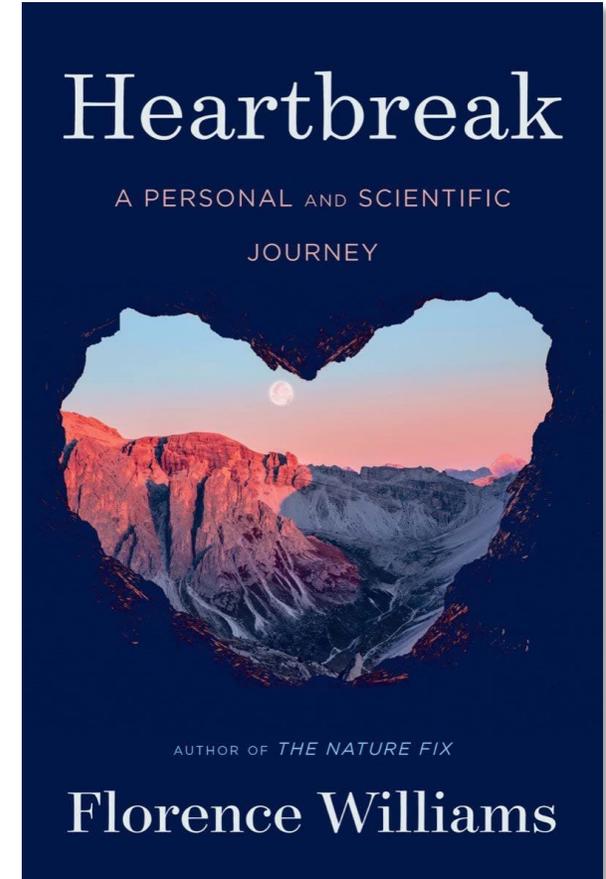
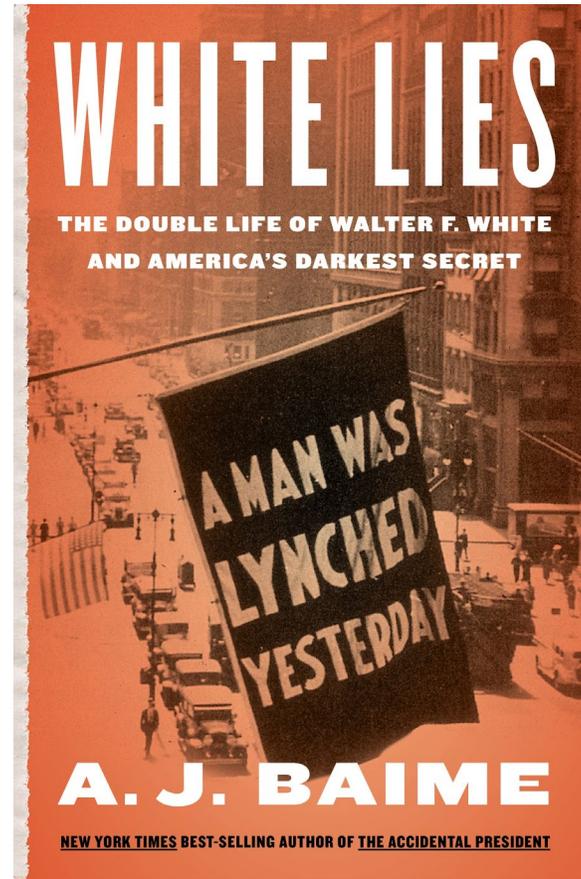
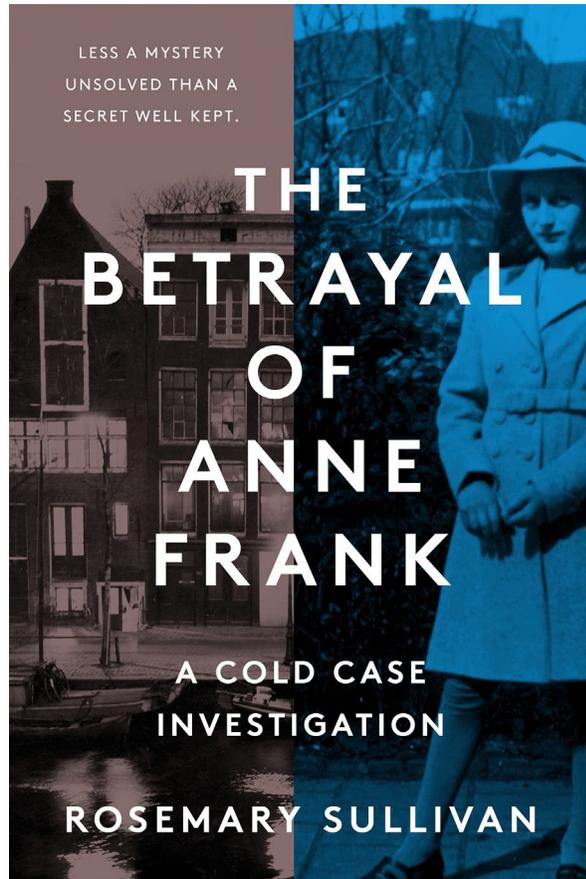
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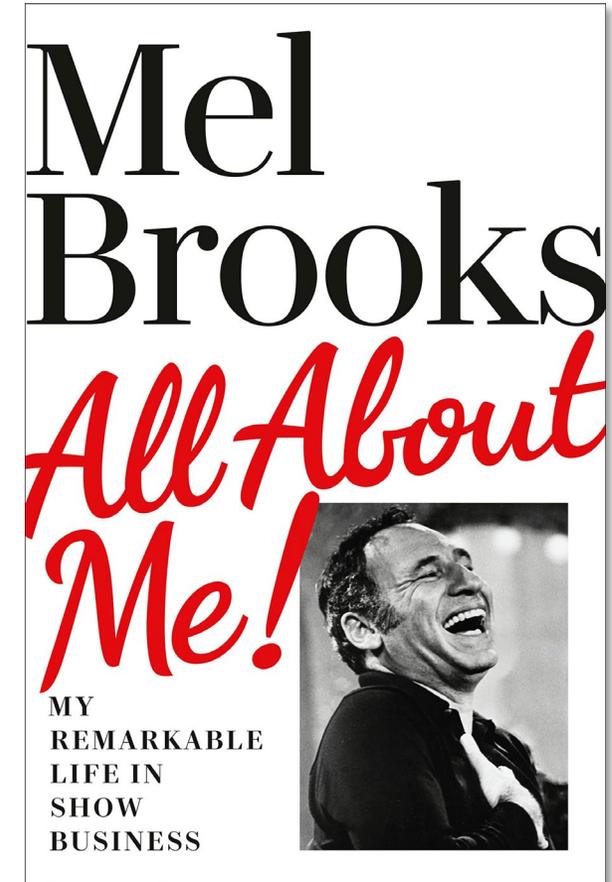
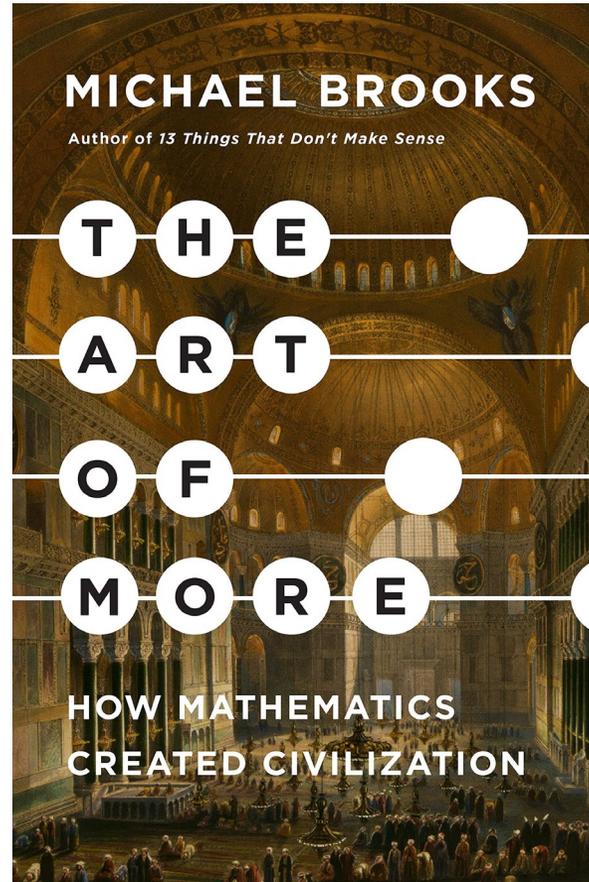
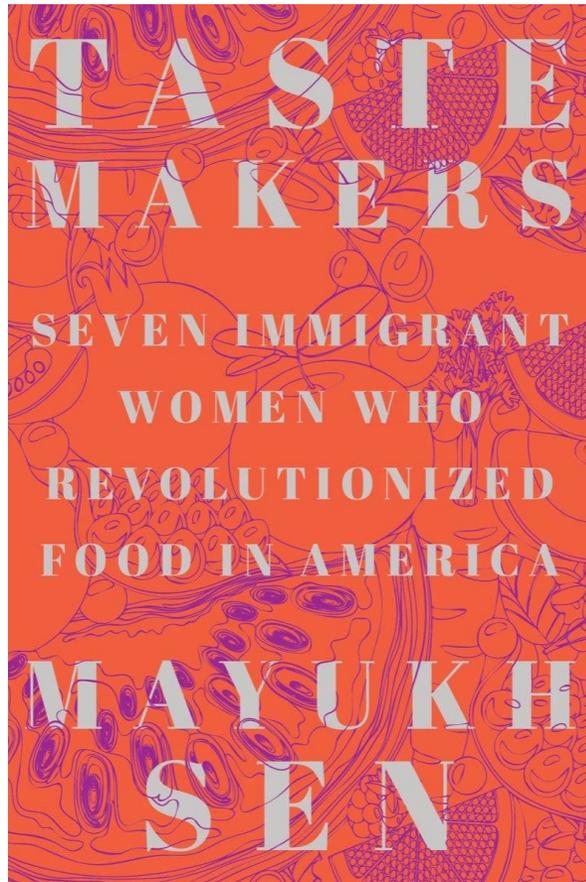
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