

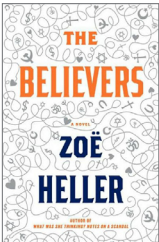
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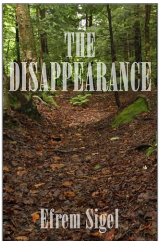
The Believers

by **Zoe Heller**

(HarperCollins, \$25.99, 9780061430206/006143020X)

“The Believers is a story of a dysfunctional Jewish family, including a bizarre, demanding mother; an overweight daughter; and a drug-addicted son. Heller gives us an interesting, enjoyable journey, as the reader becomes a part of the day-to-day events in the lives of this family.”

—Lona Shields, Echo Books, Inc., Chester Springs, PA



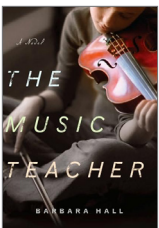
The Disappearance

by **Efram Sigel**

(Permanent, \$28, 9781579621803/1579621805)

“A beautifully and emotionally told story of a child’s disappearance and how the tragedy affects a marriage. Efram Sigel has written what is sure to become a book that will be remembered by many as one of their favorites.”

—Pam White, Skyland Books, West Jefferson, NC



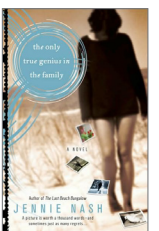
The Music Teacher

by **Barbara Hall**

(Algonquin, \$22.95, 9781565124639/1565124634)

“Barbara Hall’s story of a teacher and a violin prodigy is told with wit and resonance—for those musical or not. This would make a great book club read.”

—Dana Brigham, Brookline Booksmith, Brookline, MA



The Only True Genius in the Family

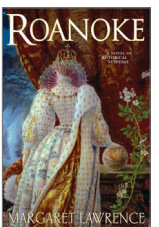
by **Jennie Nash**

(Berkley, \$14 paper, 9780425225752/0425225755)

“Growing up in the shadow of a legendary photographer, Claire has fought doubts about her own artistic ability. At the time of her estranged father’s death, Claire’s daughter finds her own artistic star rising, providing a complex mix of emotions for Claire. Jennie Nash has a gift for delivering

characters with whom the reader can readily connect—they are very human, less than perfect, and believable.”

—Gayle Wingerter, Inklings Bookshop, Yakima, WA



Roanoke

A Novel of Elizabethan Intrigue,
by **Margaret Lawrence**

(Delacorte, \$24, 9780385342377/0385342373)

“This story of the 16th century British outpost in America is a delightful read! It’s enthralling, well-researched, and filled with vibrant, realistic characters.”

—Donna Hawley, Howard’s Bookstore, Bloomington, IN



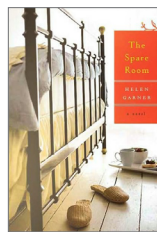
The Rules of the Game

by **Leonard Downie Jr.**

(Knopf, \$26.95, 9780307269614/0307269612)

“I’d add my voice of praise for The Rules of the Game, a debut with an insider’s look into both journalism and power shifts in Washington, D.C., by the veteran of the Washington Post.”

—Barbara G. Peters, The Poisoned Pen, Scottsdale, AZ



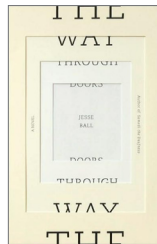
The Spare Room

by **Helen Garner**

(Holt, \$22, 9780805088885/0805088881)

“How much can one friend be asked to give another? The Spare Room is a moving, powerful, and even funny story of two women whose friendship is tested by cancer and an inability to let go of what was.”

—Aly Valentine, Harrison Street Books, Easton, MD



The Way Through Doors

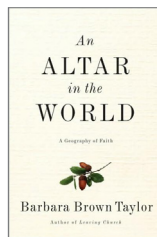
by **Jesse Ball**

(Vintage, \$13.95 paper, 9780307387462/0307387461)

“With a spare, mind-bending narrative that unfolds like a nearly endless Chinese scroll painting, The Way Through Doors will grab you by the lapels, continuously revealing new elements and going new places. A gem.”

—Jamil Zaidi, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA

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An Altar in the World

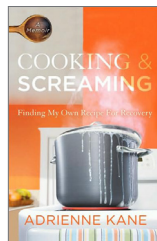
A Geography of Faith,

by **Barbara Brown Taylor**

(HarperOne, \$24.99, 9780061370465/0061370460)

“Barbara Brown Taylor shows how our ordinary, everyday lives are full of spiritual possibilities. In clear and direct language, she uses traditional spiritual disciplines to open up new avenues for discerning and experiencing the world as a spiritual place.”

—Blake Hardy, Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, Atlanta, GA



Cooking and Screaming

Finding My Own Recipe for Recovery,
by **Adrienne Kane**

(Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$24, 9781416587972/1416587977)

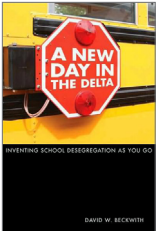
“Adrienne Kane’s voice comes through clear and strong from the first sentence to the final step of her journey in this memoir (with recipes) of her recovery from a hemorrhagic stroke that left her paralyzed on the right side of her body. I felt as if I was sitting down with a new friend and having a heartfelt talk.”

—Jaclyn Crawford, Bubba’s Book Swap, Kingsport, TN

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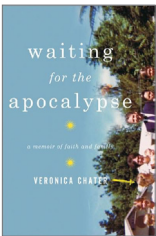


A New Day in the Delta
Inventing School Desegregation
As You Go, by David W. Beckwith

(University of Alabama Press, \$29.95, 9780817316334/0817316337)
"David Beckwith tells the graphic story of how he became a token white instructor in an all-black school in a Mississippi Delta school system that was about to be dismantled and refashioned by the Federal courts into a fully integrated system. This evolving landscape changed

him and his colleagues forever, as together they gained a heightened social consciousness and a new understanding of how to tolerate and respect each other."

—Cynthia Grabenbauer, Vero Beach Book Center, Vero Beach, FL



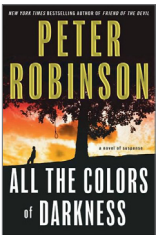
Waiting for the Apocalypse
A Memoir of Faith and Family,
by Veronica Chater

(Norton, \$23.95, 9780393066036/0393066037)
"Veronica Chater's father, believing that Vatican II has corrupted the Roman Catholic Church, drags his family—six children and a wife—off to Portugal to live near Fatima and find a traditional parish and mass in Latin. Waiting for the Apocalypse is a story of monomania inflicted on

loved ones, but Chater speaks of her coming of age with honesty, wit, and grace."

—Helen Sinoradzki, Annie Bloom's Books, Portland, OR

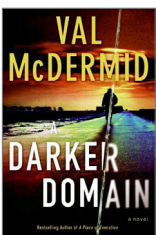
MYSTERY/SUSPENSE



All the Colors of Darkness
A Novel of Suspense, by Peter Robinson

(Morrow, \$25.99, 9780061362934/006136293X)
"Detective Inspectors Alan Banks and Annie Cabbot are back, this time trying to find out how a murder/suicide came about despite being warned off by their superiors."

—George Fox Rishel, The Sly Fox, Virden, IL



A Darker Domain
by Val McDermid

(HarperCollins, \$24.99, 9780061688980/0061688983)
"Dark secrets, passion, and greed create a complex web for DI Karen Pirie to untangle. Aided and obstructed by a journalist who is conducting her own investigation, Pirie juggles two cold cases that originated at the height of the national miner's strike. McDermid skillfully constructs a multi-layered page-turner, rich with detail and her usual fascinating characters and plot twists."

—Jennie Turner-Collins, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH

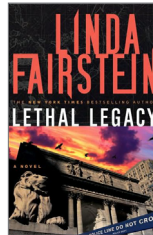


Fatal February
by Barbara Levenson

(Oceanview, \$22.95, 9781933515526/193351552X)

"Mary Katz was satisfied with her life as an attorney, engaged to one of the partners at the law firm, but a fender-bender brings many changes, including breaking her engagement, leaving the firm, and starting an intense war with her ex. You'll be surprised at how far he will go. I truly enjoyed the book and will recommend it."

—Andra Tracy, Out Word Bound, Indianapolis, IN

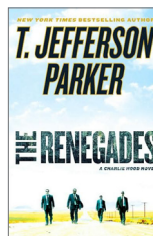


Lethal Legacy
by Linda Fairstein

(Doubleday, \$26, 9780385523998/0385523998)

"This is the perfect book for someone who loves both books and mysteries, as much of the action involves the New York Public Library. Assistant DA Alex Cooper becomes entangled in murder, rare book theft, and high society in this fast-paced novel. A great read!"

—Terry Lucas, The Open Book, Westhampton Bch, NY

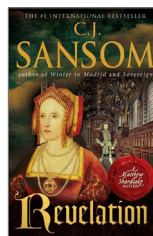


The Renegades

A Charlie Hood Novel, by T. Jefferson Parker
 (Dutton, \$26.95, 9780525950950/0525950958)

"Charlie Hood is once more the focal point of Parker's latest police procedural. When his partner is brutally murdered, Hood is drawn into the investigation, and, through the ongoing probe, the ugly underbelly of police corruption, Mexican drug cartels, and the darkest depths of the human soul are plumbed. A nonstop ride of a thriller."

—Barbara Hoagland, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



Revelation

A Matthew Shardlake Mystery, by C. J. Sansom
 (Viking, \$26.95, 9780670020515/0670020516)

"Lawyer Matthew Shardlake and his assistant, Jack Barak, follow the trail of a clever, merciless killer through London and its environs in this intense, engrossing mystery set in Tudor England."

—Heather Elia, Colgate Bookstore, Hamilton, NY



Silent on the Moor

A Lady Julia Grey Novel, by Deanna Raybourn
 (Mira, \$13.95 paper, 9780778326144/0778326144)

"Lady Julia Grey travels to Yorkshire to settle matters between herself and Nicholas Brisbane. However, she finds herself in a manor house straight out of a Gothic novel—with murder, attempted murder, and family secrets galore. This novel is an engaging mystery, a real page-turner."

—Linda Walonen, Bay Books, San Ramon, CA