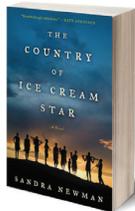




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The Country of Ice Cream Star: A Novel

By Sandra Newman
(Ecco, 9780062227119, \$16.99)

"Newman drops the reader into a small tribe of scavengers, hunting and thieving out a meager survival in the woods of Massachusetts, approximately 80 years after an unnamed plague

has wiped out most of the U.S. population. At turns violent, romantic, funny, and touching, *The Country of Ice Cream Star* wraps an exploration of power, American institutions, race, and human nature into a ripping, twisting, and turning post-apocalyptic tale that is epic in scope and achievement."

—Matt Nixon, The Booksellers at Laurelwood, Memphis, TN



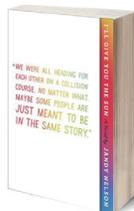
Descent: A Novel

By Tim Johnston
(Algonquin Books, 9781616204778, \$15.95)

"*Descent* is a gripping, utterly engrossing account of a girl's disappearance in the Rocky Mountains. The aftermath of this tragedy is told in alternating voices: the injured brother at the scene of the accident when she left with a stranger to get help; the mother who has been

hospitalized and stunned into breathtaking grief; the father who has been unable to leave the small town where the family was vacationing when his daughter disappeared—and most stunning of all, through the words of the victim herself. A real page-turner with a brilliantly conceived climax!"

—Kelly Estep, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY



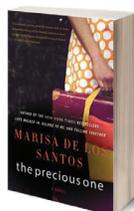
I'll Give You the Sun

By Jandy Nelson
(Speak, 9780142425763, \$10.99)

"Noah and Jude have always been competitive, but also completely inseparable, as only twins can be. As they approach their teen years, the competitiveness, plus a multitude of other life changes, rips them apart until misunderstanding and hatefulness are all they

seem to know. What will it take for them to forgive each other—and themselves—and once again be 'NoahandJude,' forever together? This is a beautifully written, unforgettable book about love, art, and recognizing truth."

—Judy Hobbs, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



The Precious One: A Novel

By Marisa de los Santos
(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780061670916, \$15.99)

"In *The Precious One*, de los Santos offers a tale of family secrets, love, rejection, and forgiveness. The point of view shifts between two half-sisters who have met only once in 16 years: Taisy Cleary, now 35, and 16-year-old Willow.

Why would their father bring his daughters together now, after he has kept them apart for all these years? The story is both warmly funny and heartbreaking as the two sisters share their perceptions and insights into the man who abandoned his first family. This is a thoroughly enjoyable read!"

—Fran Duke, Where the Sidewalk Ends, Chatham, MA



Skink: No Surrender

By Carl Hiaasen
(Ember, 9780307930590, \$9.99)

"Adult fans of Hiaasen know Skink's colorful past. Here Hiaasen does a masterful job of making his most iconic character accessible to younger audiences. Fiercely independent Skink joins with a teenage acquaintance to rescue an abducted girl in trouble way over her head. No

one metes out justice quite like Skink. It's great to see 'The Governor' back in action!"

—Rosemary Pugliese, Quail Ridge Books & Music, Raleigh, NC



Unbecoming: A Novel

By Rebecca Scherm
(Penguin Books, 9780143128311, \$16)

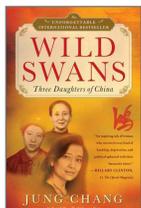
"Julie rents a room in a dilapidated house outside of Paris. She repairs antiques, mostly things no one else wants, and is a loner with no friends or social life. In her room at night, she reads the news from Garland, Tennessee, her hometown, where two men are about to be let out on parole

for a crime for which she was the mastermind. Julie is terrified of being found and is just trying to survive. This is an exhilarating page-turner with multi-layered characters and several good twists. Once you hit the halfway point, it's a race to the finish to find out what's going to happen."

—Amanda Skelton, Union Avenue Books, Knoxville, TN

Revisit & Rediscover

Take a fresh look at these old favorites.



Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China

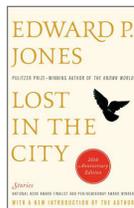
By Jung Chang

(Touchstone, 9780743246989, \$18)
Originally published in hardcover in 1991

"The wrenching swiftness of cultural change in China comes alive in Jung Chang's memoir

of 3 generations of women in her family. Her grandmother's feet are bound as a baby to secure her future as a general's concubine, while her parents must routinely demonstrate their loyalty to Mao's Communist Party above their family. Chang herself is inducted into the Red Guard while her parents suffer re-education during the Cultural Revolution. The rapid changes play out with devastating force in this memorable book."

—Jeanne Costello, Maria's Bookshop, Durango CO



Lost in the City: Stories

By Edward P. Jones

(Amistad, 9780062193216, \$14.99)
Originally published in hardcover in 1992

"The stories of Edward P. Jones are deeply grounded in the geography of Washington, D.C.—in the black side of the city, not the "land of white people," as one character puts

it. For all their realism, these stories have the quality of fables, summing up lives and their consequences (not necessarily the ones they've earned) in an astonishing way that's made him the District's most essential writer."

—Tom Nissley, Phinney Books, Seattle, WA



About Grace: A Novel

By Anthony Doerr

(Scribner, 9781476789019, \$16)
Originally published in hardcover in 2004

"Having fled the wife and child he loves to prevent a death his dreams have forecast, David Winkler washes up in the Caribbean, where he is becalmed for 25 years before returning in search of them—and of redemption. We grow to care for this lost dreamer and for the natural world he inhabits, bewitched as always by Doerr's dazzling prose and his abiding compassion."

—Betsy Burton, The King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City, Utah