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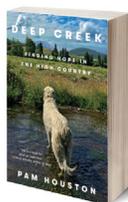
## The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls: A Novel

By Anissa Gray

(Penguin, 9781984802446, \$16)

"For lovers of *An American Marriage* comes a thoughtful debut about family, secrets, and the damage one's choices can cause to those you love. Told from many perspectives within one complex family, this novel tugged at me from all angles. I found myself understanding and empathizing with all the characters at different times, even though their choices and the consequences of those choices were vastly in contrast to one another. A very strong debut."

—Jamie Southern, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC



## Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country

By Pam Houston

(W. W. Norton & Company, 9780393357660, \$15.95)

"I can't decide if Mineral County, Colorado, is a piece of heaven or if it's actually heaven. Either way, it is a wondrous Rocky Mountain paradise—a paradise beset by bitter cold, fires, and various degrees of hardship, but always exquisite beauty. Pam Houston has 120 acres of it, and readers get a glimpse of life and death on the ranch in this marvelous combination of memoir and nature writing. Both deeply personal and wide-reaching, *Deep Creek* is about the human capacity to feel grief and joy all at once for the ground beneath one's feet and the planet as a whole."

—Stan Hynds, Northshire Bookstore, Saratoga Springs, NY



## Ghost Wall: A Novel

By Sarah Moss

(Picador, 9781250234957, \$16)

"Sarah Moss writes with a lyricism and an intelligence unlike any other author, and in *Ghost Wall* she deftly weaves threads of history, power, gender, and obsession into a stunning story that envelops you from the very first page. Lovely and haunting, *Ghost Wall* is both a powerful glimpse at how humanity interprets its history and a chilling reminder that the lines between past, present, and future are not always as clear as they seem."

—Rebecca Speas, One More Page Books, Arlington, VA



## Golden State: A Novel

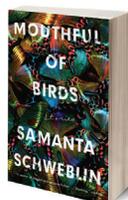
By Ben Winters

(Mulholland Books, 9780316505437, \$16.99)

"*Golden State* is a gripping and brainy page-turner. Winters asks his readers to imagine California as a sovereign (and surveillance) state in which intentionally lying is the greatest federal offense. The 'Byzantine business of reality maintenance' is carried out by a team of federal agents, including our hero, Laszlo

Ratesic. *Golden State* is a mystery in both form and content. In addition to the seemingly simple incident Laszlo investigates at the start of the novel, there's the bigger question of what a novel really is, or means, or can do in the 'good, golden, safe' world its readers are transported to. Winters is especially good at keeping his readers off-balance. Not even his biggest fans will see some of the twists and turns he's built into this, his best book yet."

—John Francisconi, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT



## Mouthful of Birds: Stories

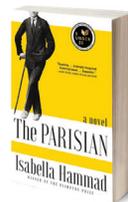
By Samanta Schweblin

(Riverhead Books, 9780399184635, \$16)

"Samanta Schweblin set a high standard with her translated debut novel *Fever Dream*, a standard she has now miraculously surpassed with this unnerving new collection of short stories, a must-read for anyone who doubts the written word's ability to touch reality. *Mouthful of Birds* will rattle your bones, infiltrate your

mind, and engulf you in a surreal dream-state of bewilderment and ferocity that will leave you fearing to turn the page, even as you beg for more."

—Tianna Moxley, the river's end bookstore, Oswego, NY



## The Parisian: A Novel

By Isabella Hamad

(Grove Press, 9780802148803, \$18)

"*The Parisian*, a captivating novel of cultural assimilation, deprivation, and sacrifice in times of war, is quite simply a beautifully vivid, immersive love story. While these attributes alone would make *The Parisian* a compelling read, it is Hamad's writing that marks this work as one of the greatest novels I've read in recent years. The descriptions are sharp and lush, and her depictions of her characters feel recognizably familiar yet are expressed with a felicity for language that is altogether exceptional. This is a novel for everyone who craves a timeless love story and admires superb writing."

—Lori Feathers, Interabang Books, Dallas, TX

### YOUNG ADULT CROSSOVER FAVORITES



## Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America

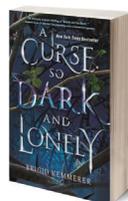
By Ibi Zoboi

(Balzer + Bray, 9780062698735, \$10.99)

"Jam-packed with stories by rock star authors like Jason Reynolds, Nic Stone, and Rita Williams-Garcia, this anthology explores multiple ways of being black in the United States. The entries vary in themes and identities held, showcasing everything from gay and

lesbian romance to police brutality to class divisions to issues of faith. The book made me laugh, cry, and think."

—Christine Stamper, Bookbug, Kalamazoo, MI



## A Curse So Dark and Lonely

By Brigid Kemmerer

(Bloomsbury YA, 9781681195100, \$10.99)

"*A Curse So Dark and Lonely* is billed as a retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* but it is so much more than that. Yes, there is a cursed kingdom, a prince that turns into a monster, and a girl he hopes will love him and break the curse. But the girl is from modern D.C. and has cerebral palsy, which is part of her but does not define her, and

she becomes a badass who completely changes the game. This book is nonstop action from the opening sentence to the last paragraph. I fell in love with all of the characters and the world they inhabit. I really, really hope there is a sequel, as I will be first in line to read it!"

—Carrie Deming, The Dog Eared Book, Palmyra, NY



## The Disasters

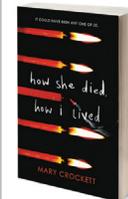
By M.K. England

(HarperTeen, 9780062657688, \$10.99)

"In this exhilarating space adventure story, *Star Trek* meets *The Breakfast Club* meets *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Five ragtag teens, known throughout the intergalactic colonies of Earth as treasonous thieves and murderers, face charges for a crime they didn't commit. Four of them were rejects from the elite space

academy that patrols the galaxy, and the other, the daughter of a crime lord, is trying to break free from her surroundings. To save the people of the space colonies from a genocide beyond imagination, they must fight against all odds while being hunted down themselves. Great page-turner!"

—Anna Rose Carleton, The Well-Read Moose, Coeur d'Alene, ID



## How She Died, How I Lived

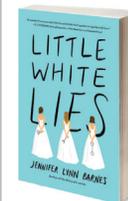
By Mary Crockett

(Little, Brown Books for Young Readers,

9780316523820, \$10.99)

"One of my absolute favorite books of 2018! The unnamed main character is one of five girls that were textured by a local boy with murder on his mind—only one girl replied, and only one girl was brutally murdered. A year later, our heroine is dealing with survivor's guilt, the upcoming sentencing for the murderer, and a crush on the dead girl's boyfriend. A life forever changed by the what-ifs of one fateful day—the violence that can so easily end the life of any woman—makes for an unforgettable and unputdownable read."

—Kate Towery, The Fountain Bookstore, Richmond, VA



## Little White Lies

By Jennifer Lynn Barnes

(Freeform, 9781368023757, \$9.99)

"A great, fun read that contains a dash of love and lots of humor. Sawyer is a mechanic; working keeps her busy and it helps her mom pay the bills. She never expected her estranged grandmother to show up and offer her a way out of the paycheck-to-paycheck life she leads. But there's a catch: Sawyer must become a debutante and live the 'good' life her grandmother has laid out for her. And as a bonus, maybe she'll find out who her dad is. All of it sounds like an old soap opera to her, but Sawyer's going to milk it for everything it's worth."

—Alexis Sky, Market Block Books, Troy, NY



## We Set the Dark on Fire

By Tehlor Kay Mejia

(Katherine Tegen Books, 9780062691323, \$10.99)

"There are only two outcomes when you finish at the Media School for Girls: a Primara, or First Wife, who is to act as the partner to her husband and run his household, or a Segunda, or Second Wife, who is in charge of being beautiful and bearing his children. Each man gets one of each. Dani is the school's best student and the top

Primara pick, so it's no surprise when she's chosen by the candidate favored to become their country's next president. But Dani has a past that she will do everything in her power to protect. If you enjoy *The Handmaid's Tale*, but are looking for a YA twist, this is the book for you. I definitely recommend this one."

—Jennifer Jones, Bookmiser, Roswell, GA