

The Most Anticipated Books of Summer 2025

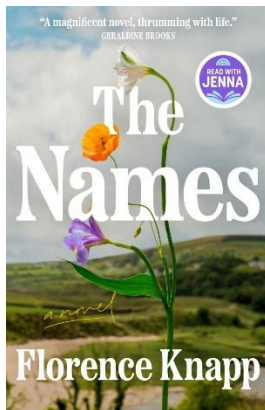
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Atmosphere

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

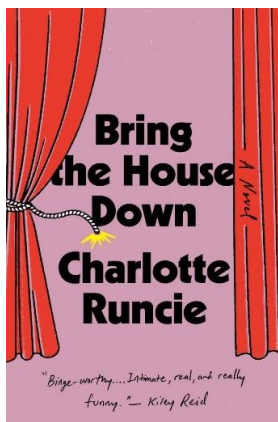
Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, *Atmosphere* is Taylor Jenkins Reid at her best: transporting readers to iconic times and places, creating complex protagonists, and telling a passionate and soaring story about the transformative power of love—this time among the stars.



The Names

by Florence Knapp

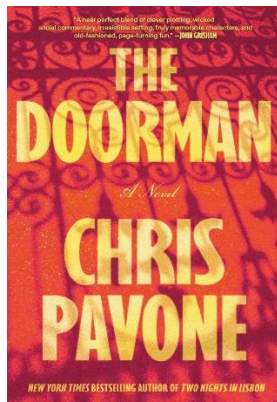
A stunning story about the power of language and lineage, *The Names* follows the life and legacy of a mother and son through alternating timelines.



Bring the House Down

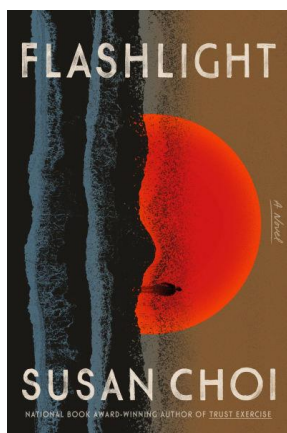
by Charlotte Runcie

A theater critic at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe writes a vicious one-star review of a struggling actress he has a one-night stand with in this sharply funny, feminist tinderbox. One of *Glamour's* Best Books for Book Clubs



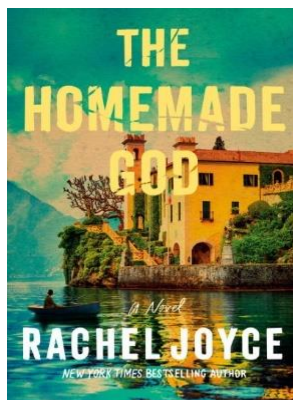
The Doorman by Chris Pavone

The Doorman explores humanity's elite at their lowest under the careful watch of one man. Witty, sharp and twisty, this is perfect for fans of *Only Murders in the Building*. **A pulse-pounding novel of class, privilege, sex, and murder, from the New York Times bestselling author of *Two Nights in Lisbon* and *The Expats*.**



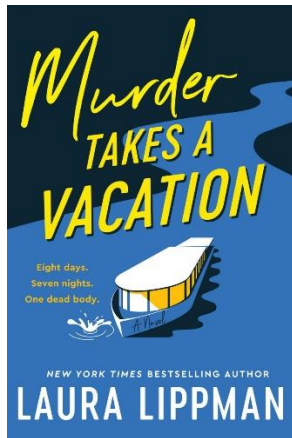
Flashlight by Susan Choi

Flashlight chases the shock waves of one family's catastrophe, even as they are swept up in the invisible currents of history. A monumental new novel from the National Book Award winner Susan Choi, *Flashlight* spans decades and continents in a spellbinding, heart gripping investigation of family, loss, memory, and the ways in which we are shaped by what we cannot see.



The Homemade God by Rachel Joyce

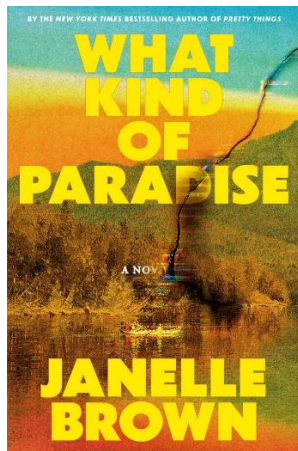
Four estranged siblings, one dead father, a mystery that needs solving and a family that needs healing. With these powers combined, *The Homemade God* is a rewarding read full of hope and human connection.



Murder Takes a Vacation by Laura Lippman

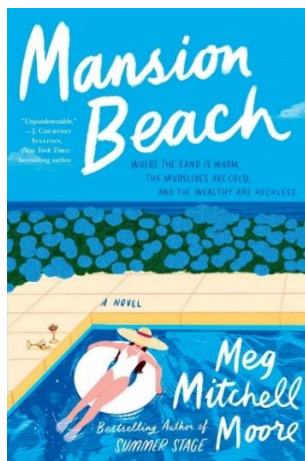
Devilishly clever and powered by a charming protagonist, this cozy caper through Paris is a fun and fruitful mystery with the perfect blend of playful and propulsive.

A *New York Times* “Best Beach Reads of Summer”



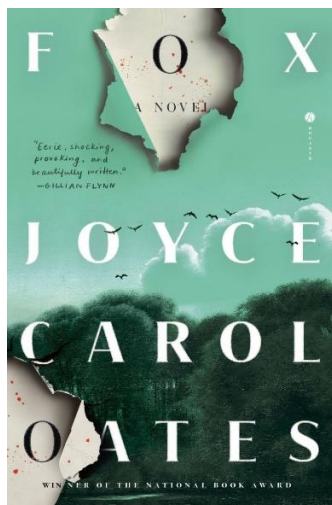
What Kind of Paradise by Janelle Brown

A teenage girl breaks free from her father's world of isolation to discover that her whole life is a lie in this propulsive new novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Pretty Things* and *Watch Me Disappear*. *The engaging characters and fast-paced plot take readers on a journey from the isolated mountains of Montana to the tech boom of 1990's Silicon Valley.*



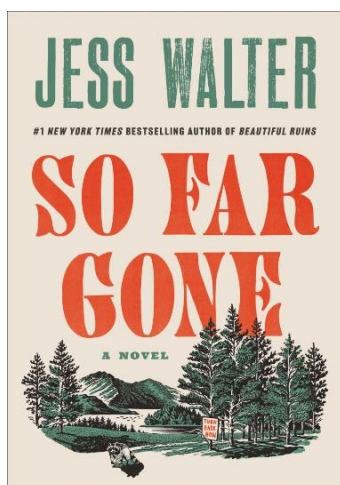
Mansion Beach by Meg Mitchell Moore

From national bestselling author Meg Mitchell Moore comes a sparkling new novel following a young woman entwined in the opulent lives of her neighbors, set against a backdrop of scandal, secrets, and a not-so-subtle love triangle, perfect for readers of ***The Wedding People*** and ***Pineapple Street***.



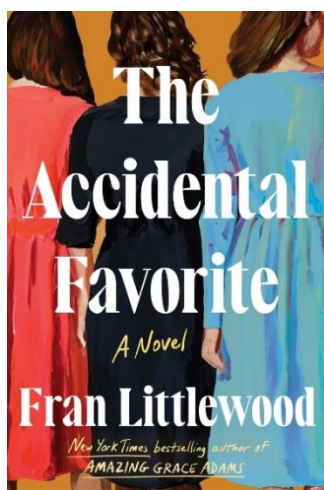
Fox by Joyce Carol Oates

A spellbinding novel of literary and psychological suspense about the dark secrets that surface after the shocking disappearance of a charismatic, mercurial teacher at an elite boarding school—by the legendary author “who is surely on any shortlist of America’s greatest living writers.” NYT.



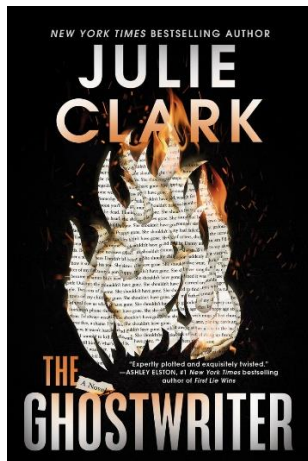
So Far Gone Jess Walter

Steeped in the sociopolitical landscape of the nation, this timely thriller is an action-packed emotional journey about a man reuniting with his family. Unique, funny and thought-provoking, this is a deeply human and engaging story of disorder and eventually healing.



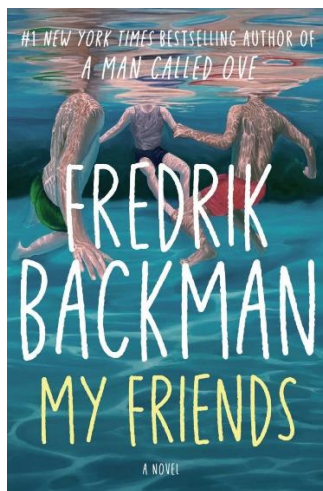
The Accidental Favorite by Fran Littlewood

A seemingly perfect family proven imperfect by a surprising revelation — Dad has a favorite daughter. Packed with humor, heart and fascinating family dynamics, this is a read that makes you ponder what it is to be a part of a familial unit.



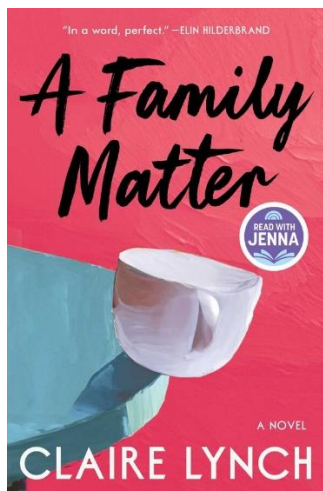
The Ghostwriter by Julie Clark

With a fast-paced plot that blurs boundaries between present and past, along with a psychologically compelling cast of characters, this new thriller is perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell. With a mesmerizing mystery and meaningful themes, this is a twisted tale full of secrets that are a thrill to uncover.



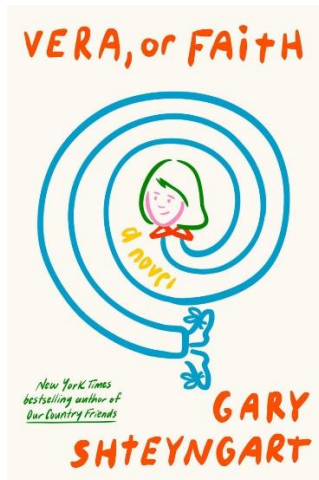
My Friends by Fredrik Backman

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Fredrik Backman returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later. *My Friends* is a testament to love and the mysteries of life from the author of *A Man Called Ove*.



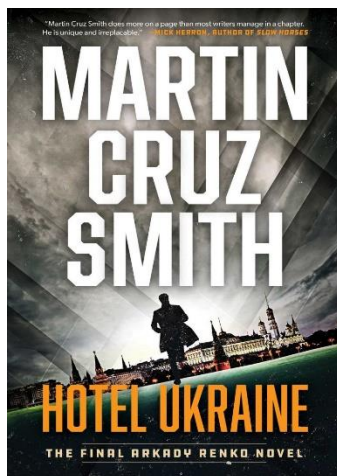
A Family Matter by Claire Lynch

A young wife following her heart. A husband with the law on his side. Their daughter, caught in the middle. Forty years later, a family secret changes everything in this “perfect” debut novel. **A READ WITH JENNA BOOK CLUB PICK AS FEATURED ON TODAY • A Most Anticipated Book of 2025: USA TODAY, Goodreads, and Today.com**



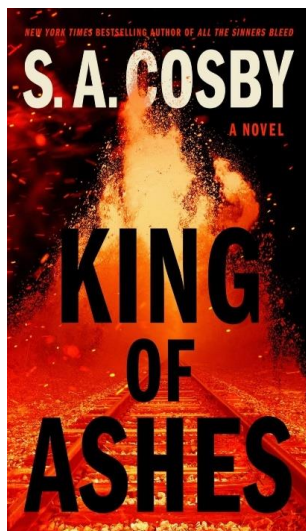
Vera, or Faith by Gary Shteyngart

A poignant, sharp-eyed, and bitterly funny tale of a family struggling to stay together in a country rapidly coming apart, told through the eyes of their wondrous ten-year-old daughter, by the bestselling author of *Super Sad True Love Story* and *Our Country Friends*.



Hotel Ukraine by Martin Cruz Smith

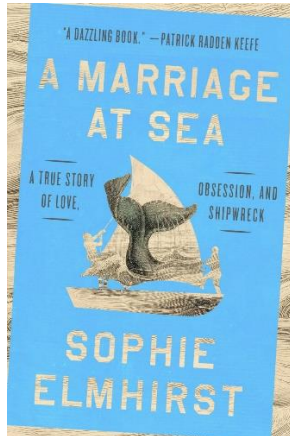
In the latest installment of Martin Cruz Smith's celebrated Arkady Renko series, the legendary Moscow investigator seeks to solve the murder of a diplomat as Russia's invasion of Ukraine wears on all of it leading to a thrilling and action-packed climax. *Hotel Ukraine* upholds Martin Cruz Smith's reputation as a master of modern detective fiction and Arkady Renko's standing as one of the genre's most complex protagonists.



King of Ashes S.A. Cosby

Edge-of-your-seat thrills and spills (of blood), an action-packed, high-octane quest for vengeance and a family up against the mob. You'll have to catch your breath after reading

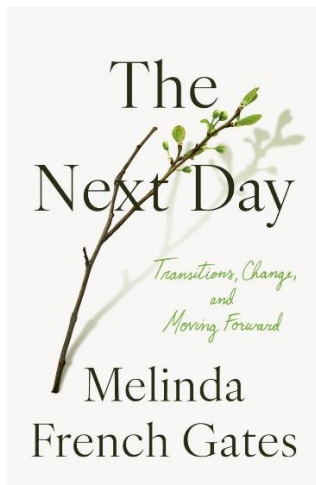
Award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author S. A. Cosby returns with *King of Ashes*, a *Godfather*-inspired Southern crime epic and dazzling family drama.



A Marriage at Sea Sophie Elmhirst

Part love story, part peril on the high seas, this is a harrowing **true** story of near-tragedy and discovering what it really means to find yourself in another.

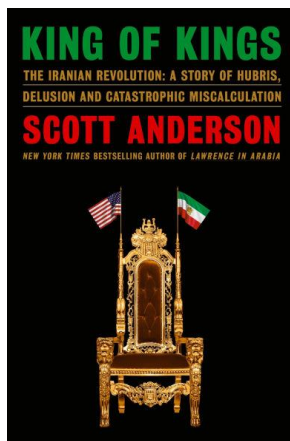
“This is nonfiction that reads like fiction – the best kind. Elmhirst’s retelling is a triumph, second only to the seemingly impossible feat of Maurice and Maralyn themselves. You won’t be able to put it down.” – USA Today



The Next Day Melinda French Gates

All about change, from a woman who is an expert in transition and reinvention. This is an inspirational look at what it means to evolve as humans.

Deeply personal... Gates takes readers inside the moments that have defined her — becoming a mother, grieving the loss of one of her best friends, and grappling with the hard-earned lessons of philanthropy.



King of Kings by Scott Anderson

From the author of the acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller *Lawrence in Arabia*, a stunningly revelatory narrative history of one of the most momentous events in modern times, the jaw-dropping stupidity of the American government, and the dawn of the age of religious nationalism.

