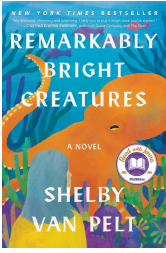


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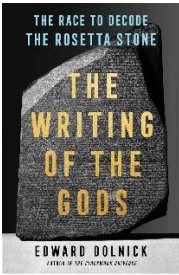
Remarkably Bright Creatures: a Novel by Shelby Van Pelt; 368 pg



This debut novel of a mysterious disappearance, a detective octopus, and a lonely woman is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

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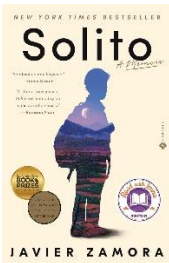
The Writing of the Gods: the Race to Decode the Rosetta Stone by Edward Dolnick; 336 pg



Carved in ancient Egypt, the Rosetta Stone carried the same message in different languages—in Greek using Greek letters, and in Egyptian using hieroglyphs. A compelling historical novel of two rival geniuses who decode the writing.

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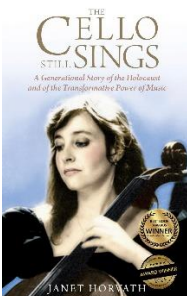
Solito by Javier Zamora; 416 pg



The true story of a nine-year-old boy who immigrates from El Salvador to the US, this book is an intimate account of a treacherous journey and the miraculous kindness and love he experiences at unexpected moments. (You also can read this story in Spanish or German!)

January 15

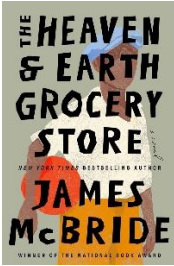
The Cello Still Sings: a Generational Story of the Holocaust and of the Transformative Power of Music by Janet Horvath; 420 pg



A sweeping history of three generations darkened by the long shadow of the Holocaust. The child of professional musicians and a musician herself, Horvath offers a vivid, moving, and true story of personal discovery after stumbling on a clue to her parents' past in Europe.

February 19

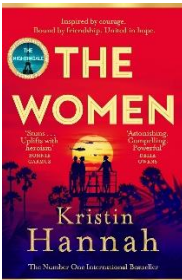
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store: a Novel by James McBride; 400 pg



A murder mystery is at the heart of this compelling novel of love and community that weaves magic, mythology, and the workings of the underground railroad with one man's desire to restore his family.

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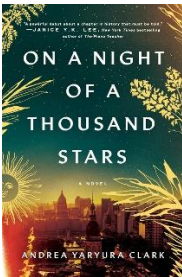
The Women: a Novel by Kristin Hannah; 472 pg



A historical novel of the women of the Army Nurse Corp who served in Vietnam. War is chaotic and destructive, each day a gamble, but coming home to a changed and divided America has its own difficulties.

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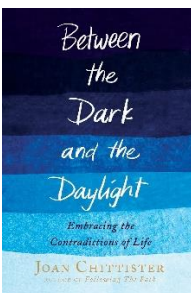
On a Night of a Thousand Stars by Andrea Yaryura Clark; 352 pg



Argentina's Dirty War comprised a decade of state-sponsored terrorism. A daughter pursues learning about her father's role at that time and place. This is a compelling story of relationships, morality, and identity and the understanding—and redemption—people crave in the face of tragedy.

May 21

Between the Dark and the Daylight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life by Sr Joan Chittister; 176 pg



“There is a part of the soul that stirs at night, in the dark and soundless times of day, when our defenses are down and our daylight distractions no longer serve to protect us from ourselves. It's then, in the still of life, when we least expect it, that questions emerge from the damp murkiness of our inner underworld...These questions do not call for the discovery of data; they call for the contemplation of possibility.” In this book, Sr Chittister gives us simple and poignant meditations to better understand ourselves, one another, and God.