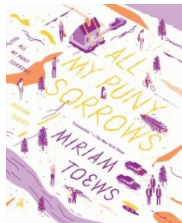


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All my puny sorrows

Miriam Toews.

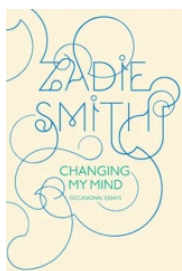
Mental health challenges can be utterly grim, yes. In the hands of Toews, it can also be utterly hilarious. Based on the author's own family stories.



The blue fox

Sjaon ; translated from the Icelandic by Victoria Cribb.

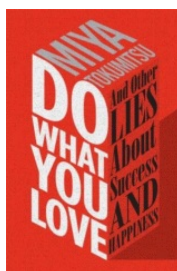
Magical and surprising novella that weaves together the story of a girl's life and the hunt for a rare creature.



Changing my mind

Zadie Smith.

Essays primarily tackling writing, film, and consumership/consumption.



Do what you love

Miya Tokumitsu.

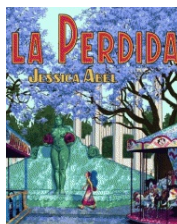
Slim tome expanding on author's 2014 article in Slate. Among other things, challenges elitist notions of being passionate about work(ing).



Hark!

Kate Beaton.

Comic takes on history, literature, politics, and a bit of Canada, to boot.



La perdida

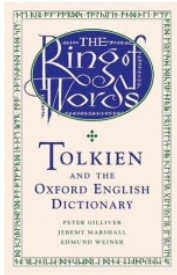
Jessica Abel.

American girl heads to the land of her father and gets caught up in an intricate geopolitical tangle.

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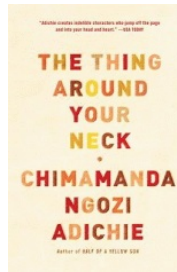
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The ring of words

Peter Gilliver, Jeremy Marshall, Edmund Weiner.

For philologists and Tolkien fans alike. Details his work with the venerable dictionary, as well as the etymology of words like "orc" and "mithril."



The thing around your neck

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Short story collection by a critical darling (and Beyoncé's, too).



A week at the airport

Alain de Botton ; photographs by Richard Baker.

Philosopher camps out for a week at London's Heathrow airport. Has conversations, records observations. An acquired taste, for sure.



Why not me?

Mindy Kaling.

Being a successful and visible WOC in Hollywood is (____). I had a hard time not reading the text in a Valley Girl register.