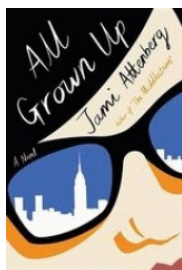


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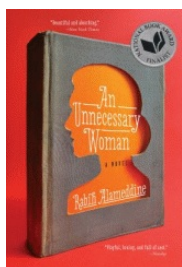


All grown up

Attenberg, Jami, author.

Who is Andrea Bern? When her dippy therapist asks the question, Andrea knows the right things to say: she's a designer, a friend, a daughter, a sister. But it's what she leaves unsaid—she's alone, a drinker, a former artist, a shrieker in bed, captain of the sinking ship that is her flesh—that

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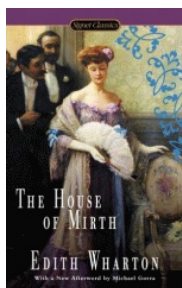


An unnecessary woman

Alameddine, Rabih, author.

Aaliya Sohbi lives alone in her Beirut apartment, surrounded by stockpiles of books. Godless, fatherless, childless, and divorced, Aaliya is her family's 'unnecessary appendage.' Every year, she translates a new favorite book into Arabic, then stows it away. The thirty-seven books

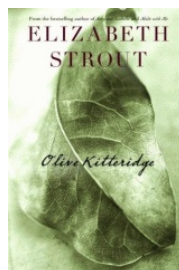
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The house of mirth

Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937.

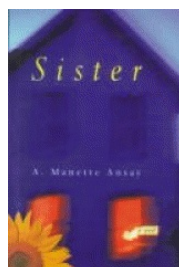
An oldie but a goodie--one of the most painful books I know. Lily Bart is a deeply flawed heroine caught in a deeply flawed system, and House of Mirth is a beautifully written book. Living on the fringes of great wealth, broke society beauty Lily Bart drifts, flirts, and dabbles her way through the...



Olive Kitteridge

Strout, Elizabeth.

The world of Olive Kitteridge, a retired school teacher in a small coastal town in Maine, is revealed in stories that explore her diverse roles in many lives, including a lounge singer haunted by a past love, her stoic husband, and her own resentful son.

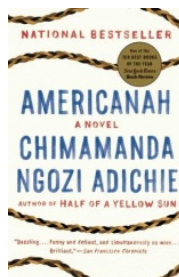


Sister

Ansay, A. Manette.

Abigail Schiller lives a seemingly normal childhood in a rural Catholic community in Wisconsin. But that life is shattered when her younger brother, Sam, vanishes at the age of seventeen, fleeing their father's rigid rules of masculinity and the violence their mother denies. Finally, thirty years

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Americanah

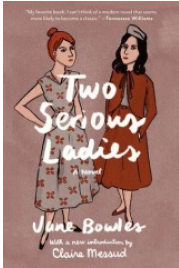
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi, 1977- author.

Hardly obscure, but if you haven't read it yet, I'd highly recommend it--it's deep and complicated and uncompromising to its characters. "Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite he...

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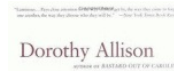
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Two serious ladies

Bowler, Jane, 1917-1973.

"Christina Goering, eccentric and adventurous, and Frieda Copperfield, anxious but enterprising, are two serious ladies who want to live outside of themselves. Old friends, each will take a surprising path in search of salvation: during a visit to Panama, Mrs. Copperfield abandons her husband, findi...



Cavedweller

Allison, Dorothy, 1949-

A multi-generational coming of age and redemption story by one of the best storytellers in America. Rock and roll runaway Delia returns to her small town Georgia roots to reclaim her abandoned daughters, bringing one more daughter, the caustic and cave-diving Cissy, reluctantly along for the ride. R...