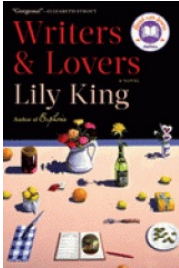


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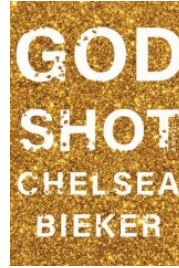
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Writers & lovers : a novel

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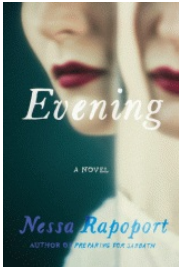
A portrait of the artist as a young woman, yes! It's funny even when it focuses on death, it grapples with grief and creative pursuits and financial hardship, and it is SO romantic. I plan to reread it often.



Godshot

Bieker, Chelsea

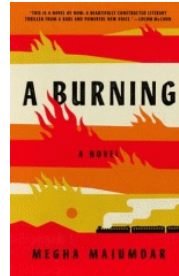
Surprising, sad and intense, full of sparkly capes and unforgettable characters. The ending made me cry!



Evening

Rapoport, Nessa

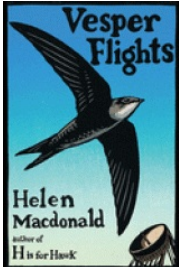
A shiva story, a love story, a sister story, a mystery, and an ode to book-loving, Type B girls everywhere.



A burning

Majumdar, Megha, author.

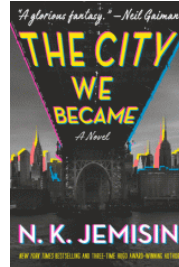
Strong, individually-voiced characters; devastating story; couldn't put it down!



Vesper Flights

MacDonald, Helen

A stunning, captivating essay collection about birds and boars, migration and meadows, butterflies and deer and so much more.



The city we became

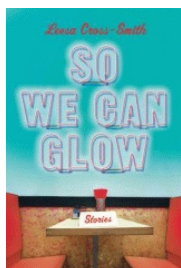
Jemisin, N. K., author.

NYC literally comes to life and fights against unseen evil, and isn't that the energy we need now?

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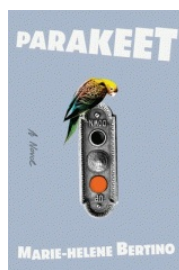
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So we can glow : stories

Cross-Smith, Leesa, 1978- author.

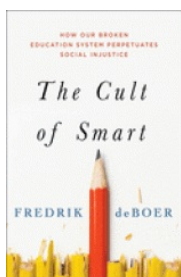
Bite-size, lyrical, delicious stories with titles like "Tim Riggins Would've Smoked" and "Girlheart Cake with Glitter Frosting." I opened this collection every time I needed to counteract the news.



Parakeet

Bertino, Marie-Helene, author.

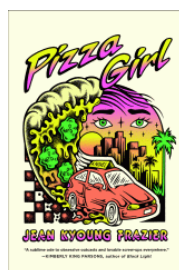
A bride-to-be is suffering from cold feet when her dead grandma returns to her in bird form. The story is fast-paced and the writing is incredible, you'll want to jot down every line.



The cult of smart : how our broken education system perpetuates social injustice

deBoer, Fredrik, author.

This book explains how heuristics and private money have led us down the wrong road in education.



Pizza girl : a novel

Frazier, Jean Kyoung, author.

Sad, funny, weird, unexpected: a wild ride! This is also my favorite book cover of 2020.