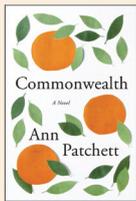


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Commonwealth: A Novel

By Ann Patchett

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"Patchett leaves behind the exotic locales and intricate plots of *State of Wonder* and *Bel Canto* for an even darker and more difficult place to navigate—the interior of a blended family over the course of several decades. While more domestic than many of her previous novels,

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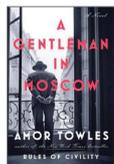


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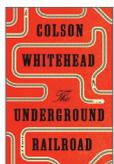


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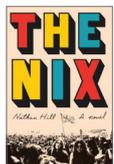


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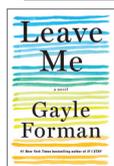


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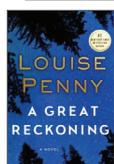


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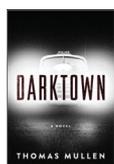


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By Louise Penny

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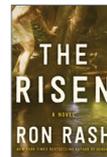


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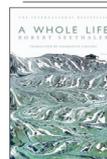


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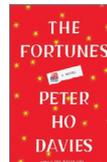


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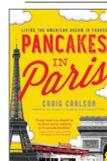


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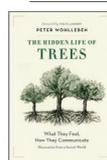


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By Craig Carlson

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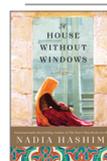


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By Peter Wohlleben

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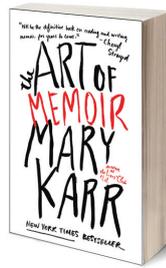
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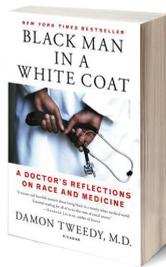
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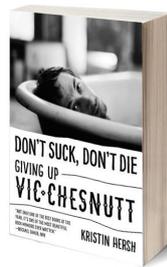
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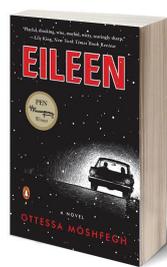
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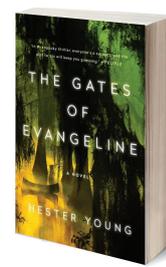
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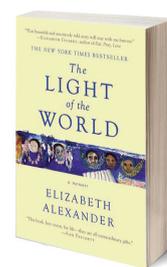
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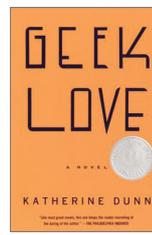


And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic

By Randy Shilts
(St. Martin's Griffin, 9780312374631,
\$21.99)

Originally published in hardcover in 1987
"And the Band Played On fuses
the thoughtfulness of history to
the urgency of a great news story. In writing about
the people affected by the AIDS epidemic – doctors,
politicians, and, most of all, gay men – Shilts power-
fully conveys not only his anger at official inaction,
but also his love and compassion for the victims.
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—Michael Barnard, Rakestraw Books, Danville, CA



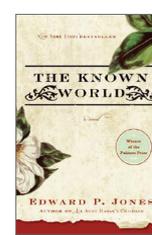
Geek Love: A Novel

By Katherine Dunn
(Vintage, 9780375713347, \$16)
Originally published in hardcover in
1989

"A stunning, gripping, and
profoundly unforgettable tale of
what it means to be a 'freak,' *Geek
Love* is the story of the Binewskis,
a couple whose traveling carnival

is failing, when they decide, through the use of pre-
scription drugs and radiation, to birth a line of 'freak-
ish' children to save their business. Narrator Oly, their
albino dwarf daughter, leads us through the unsettling
journey of her siblings. The humanity portrayed
through those whom we may see as the least human
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The Known World: A Novel

By Edward P. Jones
(Amistad, 9780061159176, \$16.99)
Originally published in hardcover in
2003

"When Jones' first novel, *The
Known World*, was published in
2003, it was a literary sensation;
Jones was even compared to Toni
Morrison and William Faulkner. Set

in a fictional antebellum Virginia county with a
protagonist who is a mixed-race slaveholder, this
complex examination of slavery won the 2004 Pulitzer
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depths of slavery's harsh realities and anomalies. It is a
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