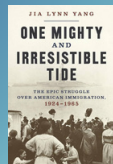


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LOVE | EDUCATION | RESPECT | DIVERSITY

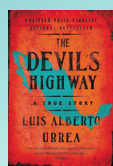
Nonfiction



One Mighty & Irresistible Tide
Jia Lynn Yang



Harvest of Empire
Juan Gonzalez



The Devil's Highway
Luis Alberto Urrea

Memoir



Detained: A boy's journal of survival and resilience
David Esperanza



Ma & Me
Putsata Reang

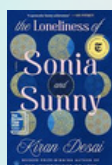


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Tsering Yangzom Lama

Fiction



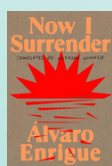
The Lion Women of Tehran
Marjan Kamali



The Loneliness of Sonia and Sonny
Kiran Desai



Transcendent Kingdom
Yaa Gyasi



Now I Surrender
Álvaro Enrigue

Short Story Collection



How to Pronounce Knife
Souvankham Thammavongsa



Japa & Other Stories
Iheoma Nwachukwu

Children's



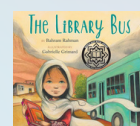
A Garden in my Hands
Ruth Behar



The Proudest Blue
Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali



Until Someone Listens
KaEstela Juarez and Lissette Norman



The Library Bus
Bahram Rahman



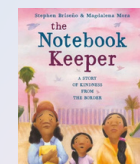
My Food, Your Food, Our Food
Emma Carlson Berne



Ritu in the Sun
Moniza Hossain



Eyes that Kiss in the Corners
Joanna Ho



The Notebook Keeper
Stephen Briseño



Islandborn
Junot Díaz



Carmela Full of Wishes
Matt de la Peña

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