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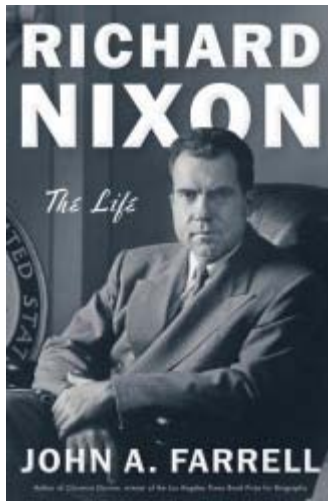
BookFilter: Richard Nixon's Tortured Life, A New Fantasy By Laini Taylor and Mary Berry's "Foolproof Cooking"

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Hey Book Lovers! Welcome to our latest Top Picks Of The Week! On Broadway, the new musical *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* takes inspiration from the Roald Dahl children's classic. At the movies, the British comedy *Their Finest* opening April 7 is based on the charming novel by Lissa Evans. And on TV, not one not two but *three* limited series are based on books: Neil Gaiman's *American Gods*, Philippa Gregory's *The White Princess* and Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*. Books are everywhere! So why not start at the source? Whether you're about to go to your favorite bookstore, library or online retailer, head first to BookFilter and you'll discover all the best new releases in every genre.

What we're reading:

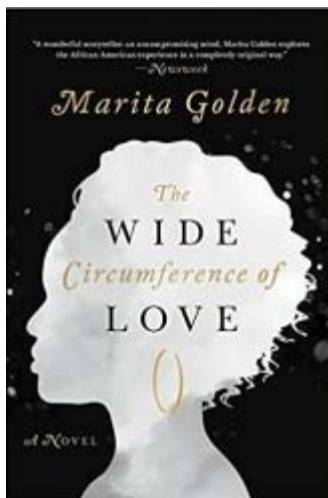
- RICHARD NIXON: A LIFE by John AS. Farrell (**biography**)
- THE WIDE CIRCUMFERENCE OF LOVE by Marita Golden (**fiction**)
- PHENOMENA by Annie Jacobsen (**history, science**)
- STRANGE THE DREAMER by Laini Taylor (**fantasy, young adult**)
- CASEY STENGEL by Marty Appel (**biography, sports**)
- THE BLACK BOOK by James Patterson and David Ellis (**mystery**)
- FOOLPROOF COOKING by Mary Berry (**cookbook**)
- THE HANDMAID'S TALE by Margaret Atwood (**fiction, science fiction**)



RICHARD NIXON: A LIFE by John A. Farrell

Our most Shakespearean -- that is, most tragic -- President is endlessly compelling. This new single volume biography by award-winning journalist Farrell looks at it afresh, from the well-known stories of drinking and doubt to the more recent revelations that Nixon arguably committed treason when throwing a monkey wrench into peace negotiations during the Vietnam War. Why? So he could be assured of becoming President. (Farrell calls it likely the most reprehensible act of his career.) Every President is complex, but Nixon is complex and complicit and confounding..... [Read More.](#)

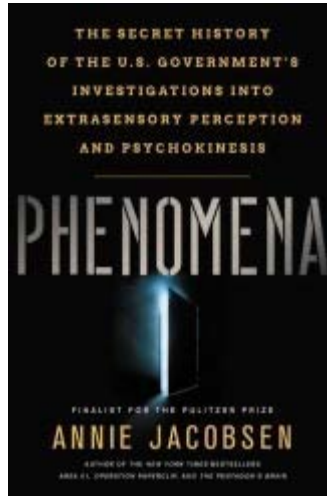
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THE WIDE CIRCUMFERENCE OF LOVE by Marita Golden

Acclaimed novelist and memoirist Marita Golden might just have her breakthrough in this tale of a marriage riven by the scourge of early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Diane Tate is used to ruling on other people's lives as a judge when she faces the difficult choice of how best to care for her husband. The family wrestles with the burden of a loved one disappearing before their eyes, put him in 24 hour care in a home...and then find out he's fallen in love with a fellow resident.... [Read More.](#)

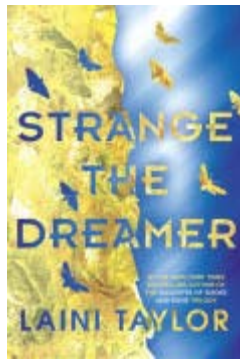
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PHENOMENA by Annie Jacobsen

All's fair in love and war but sometimes things get pretty nutty. In order to maintain an edge, the US military has never shied away from exploring ideas however outrageous. Pulitzer Prize finalist Annie Jacobsen offers her latest deep dive into the mysterious byways of the Pentagon by detailing its decades-long obsession with the possibilities of E.S.P. This is no breezy, light account. Jacobsen retrieved once classified documents and interviewed everyone she could, detailing the fascinating (and sometimes promising!) research conducted by every branch of the military, the CIA, the NSA and pretty much every other member of the intelligence community you can think of..... [Read More.](#)

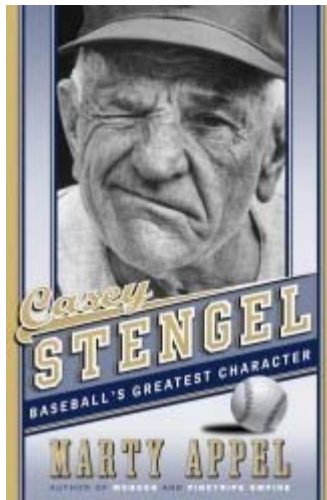
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STRANGE THE DREAMER by Laini Taylor

Author Laini Taylor has really pink hair so you know she's cool. Oh and she published the hugely popular fantasy series the Daughter of Smoke & Bone epic. Now she's back with a brand new series set in the city of Weep, featuring dreams, a war orphan turned junior librarian and the Godslayer. If you're already a fan, you already stopped reading this to get it. If you're not, this is a good place to start.... [Read More.](#)

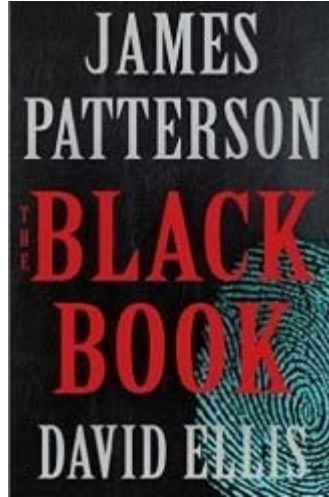
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CASEY STENDEL by Marty Appel

Ask people to name a baseball legend and they'd probably say Babe Ruth or Jackie Robinson or god help us Alex Rodriguez. But few players and especially managers have dominated the game, really *defined* the game as completely as Casey Stengel and this acclaimed new biography explains how he did it.... [Read More.](#)

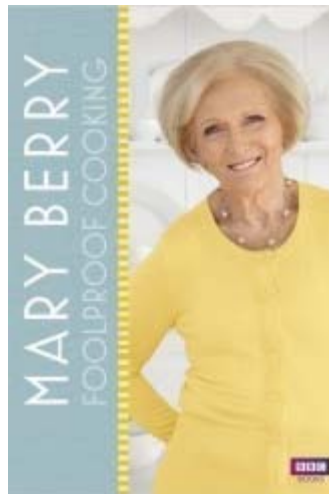
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THE BLACK BOOK by James Patterson and David Ellis

OK, James Patterson has his name on a book seemingly every week. (Actually, you can drop the "seemingly.") He doesn't suffer from writer's block. He suffers from writer's blockbuster. So yeah, this is a contemporary crime novel with a detective on the force in Chicago who is assigned to a brutal murder that leads him to a high end brothel catering to the Windy City's most famous. Typical. What's not typical are raves from the trades, including Publishers Weekly declaring it the best book he's been involved with in 25 years.... Read More.

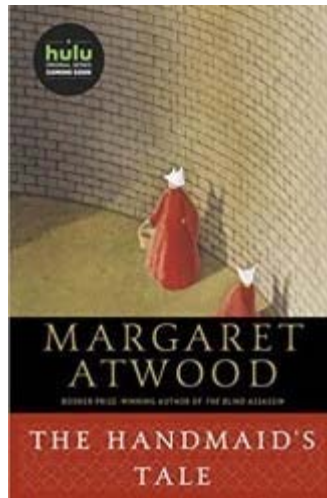
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FOOLPROOF COOKING by Mary Berry

The US has been playing a bit of catch up with the UK, where Mary Berry has proven not every TV judge needs to be nasty to become famous. Her spot-on presence on *The Great British Bake-Off* has made her a beloved figure on both sides of the Pond. Berry's latest of more than 70 cookbooks is called *Foolproof Cooking* but wouldn't you trade all her tips and calmly delivered advice for a chance to share a spot of tea? She can be mother because we'd be too worried about doing something wrong.... [Read More](#).

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THE HANDMAID'S TALE by Margaret Atwood

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