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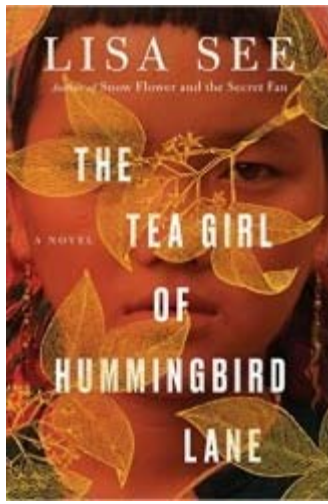
# BookFilter: The Egyptian Jon Stewart, Open Marriages, Elton John In The '70s & Some Great Shoes

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**Hey Book Lovers!** Welcome to our latest Top Picks Of The Week! Spring has sprung and that means books! Ok, to us, so does summer, fall and winter. In the spring, you can read while strolling through fields of blooming flowers, in summer you can read on the beach, in fall you can read in a cafe while leaves fall outside and in winter you can read by the fire while a storm rages outside. Ok, we'll read pretty much anytime, especially when we've found some great books to dive into. Then we share them with you. So 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:

- THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE by Lisa See (**fiction**)
- CAPTAIN FANTASTIC by Tom Doyle (**biography, pop culture**)
- THE ARRANGEMENT by Sarah Dunn (**fiction, romance**)
- REVOLUTION FOR DUMMIES by Bassem Youssef (**current events**)
- LOLA by Melissa Scrivner Love (**thriller**)
- NO ONE CARES ABOUT CRAZY PEOPLE by Ron Powers (**science, current events**)
- MISSISSIPPI BLOOD by Greg Iles (**mystery, fiction**)
- MANOLO BLAHNIK: THE ART OF SHOES by Cristina Carrillo de Albornoz Fisac (**coffee table books, fashion**)

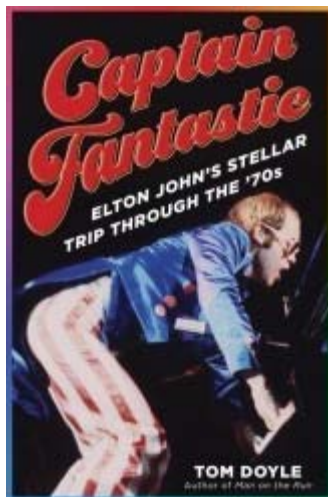


## THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE by Lisa See

China is such a huge nation encompassing so many different ethnic groups and cultures that it's almost mind-boggling. Best-selling author Lisa See shared the lives of the Yao people in *Snow Flower and The Secret Fan*. Now she brings to life the Akha via the story of the defiant and rule-breaking Li-yan, who embraces modernity but can't help wondering about the child she gave up for adoption to a couple in the land of California. .... Read More.

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## CAPTAIN FANTASTIC by Tom Doyle

Elton John's live version of "Candle In The Wind" is playing on the radio while I write this newsletter in a diner in New York City. Given his remarkable run of hits, there's probably always a song of Elton's playing

somewhere in the world today, almost 50 years after he shot to fame with "Your Song" in 1971. He's had ups and downs, naturally, but now he's an institution. That might lead you to forget what an outrageous and remarkable figure he was in the 1970s. This new biography by a noted UK journalist focuses on that wooly decade, from the marriage to the drugs to stadium tours to the crazy glasses to the time Elton announced he was bisexual and almost derailed everything. Oh, and the songs, the endless string of hits (one hit a year every year for 40 years in a row!) that ultimately kept him on top no matter what he said or did.... [Read More](#).

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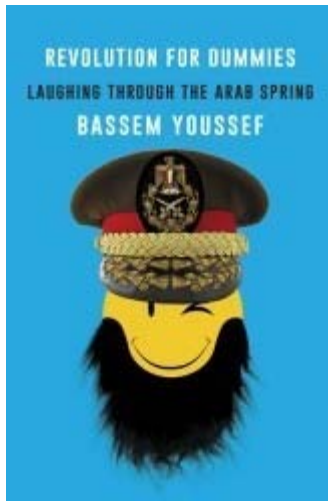


THE ARRANGEMENT by Sarah Dunn

Best-selling author Sarah Dunn made her bones on the classic sitcom Murphy Brown, going on to be a top creative on shows like Spin City and Veronica's Closet. So it's no surprise her latest romantic novel has lots of laughs and seems ready for the silver screen. A young and happy couple moves to the suburbs and makes a life with their autistic son and satisfying careers and healthy lifestyles. It's all...ok, a little boring. Still, when friends announce they're now in an open marriage, this couple is aghast and confused and...intrigued. They'd never...but maybe just for six months? Just to see?..... [Read More](#).

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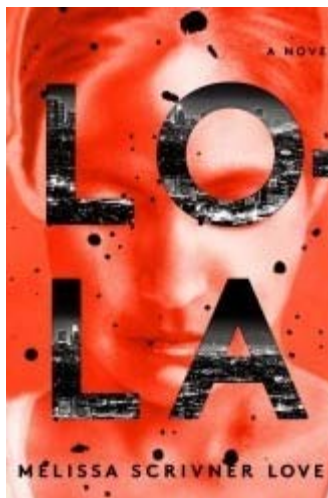


REVOLUTION FOR DUMMIES by Bassem Youssef

"The Egyptian Jon Stewart" is the sort of shorthand any TV comic would be proud to embrace. But Bassem Youssef made the wrong sort of headlines when his incendiary satirical TV series (modeled on *The Daily Show*) led the Egyptian government to decide Youssef was a spy for the CIA. His show was cancelled and he fled the country fearing -- reasonably enough -- for his life. But this book is more than just a memoir. It's an inside look at the Arab Spring, the craziness of life under a dictatorship where the media is the enemy of the powerful (sound familiar?) and what's next for the Middle East. Youssef is touring the US right now.... [Read More.](#)

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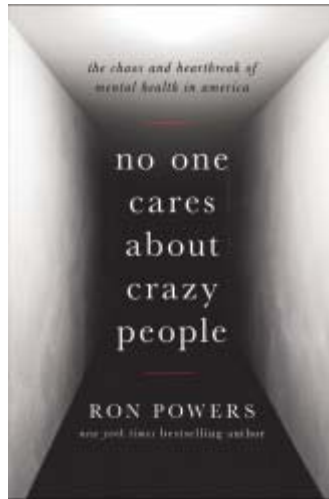


LOLA by Melissa Scrivner Love

LA's South Central has many gangs and the Crenshaw Six are just looking to survive. That is until they start to gain some real power. They look like any other gang except their leader Garcia is not really their leader. The power behind the throne is his girlfriend Lola, the chick you don't really pay attention to, not really. But she's the one pulling the strings, deciding strategy and willing to do absolutely anything to get ahead. Playing the submissive babe let's her listen and learn -- and if it also keeps her safer, all the better. But playing it safe can only get you so far and Lola wants to go farther.... Read More.

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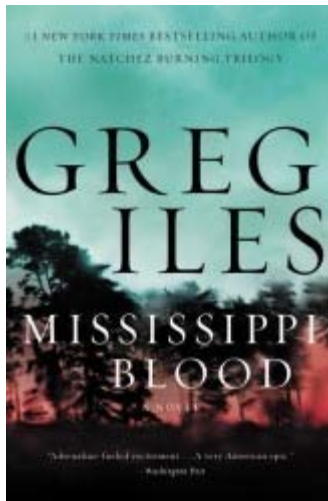


NO ONE CARES ABOUT CRAZY PEOPLE by Ron Powers

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist (Flags Of Our Fathers) delivers his most personal book yet in this work that combines the history of mental health care in the US combined with the story of his two sons battling schizophrenia. You'll be fascinated by this look at how poorly we dealt with mental illness in the past, frustrated by the idiocy of the system today and drawn in by what it's like when those "crazy people" are your own kids.... Read More.

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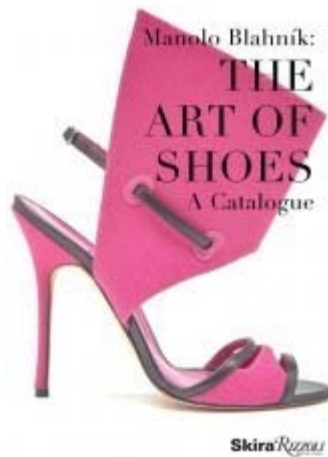


## MISSISSIPPI BLOOD by Greg Iles

The final book in an acclaimed, best-selling trilogy that straddles the line between thriller and literary fiction. Greg Iles tops himself with a courtroom finale that finds Mayor Penn Cage frustrated by his father's silence even as his dad faces trial for murder. Cage uncovers a long-lost brother his dad had with a black nurse, links to a vicious spin-off of the KKK, and an infamous assassination from the 1960s that might just tie it all together. Cage wants to exonerate his father and convict the guilty but he starts to fear that both of those things can't be possible.... [Read More.](#)

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## MANOLO BLAHLNIK: THE ART OF SHOES by Cristina Carrillo de Albornoz Fisac

Shoes. Either you just wear them or you worship them. In this coffee table book, the shoes of Blahnik are

celebrated while he discusses his inspirations, his muses, the other designers he admires and more. You get sketches and glam shots of Blahnik's work and it's all tied into an exhibit of more than 200 of his best works. They can be seen in museums all over the world, including Toronto in 2018.... Read More.

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