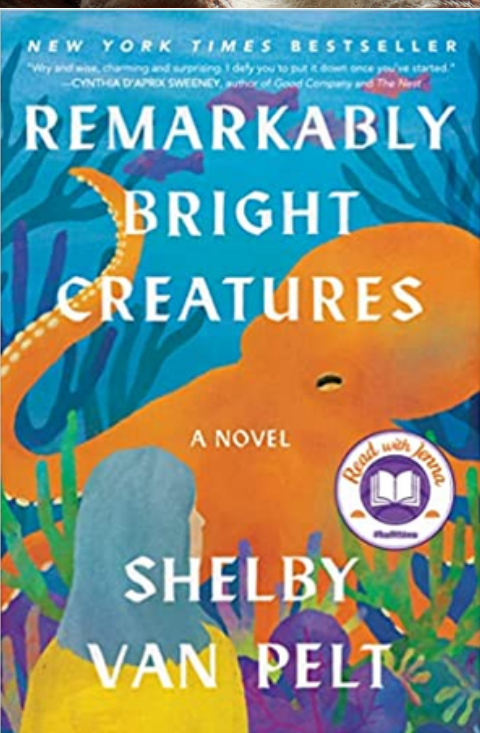


# A WINTER READING ADVENTURE

Cozy reads and heartwarming tales to take you through winter and beyond!



## REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES

Shelby Van Pelt

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.



## BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD

Heartwarming, wistful, mysterious and delightfully quirky, Toshikazu Kawaguchi's internationally bestselling novel explores the age-old question: What would you change if you could travel back in time?

## THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA

TJ Klune

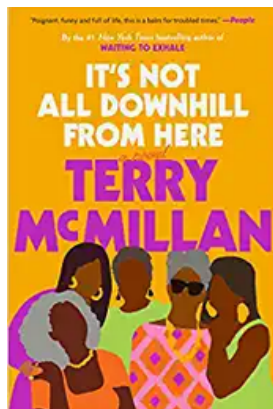
Linus Baker is a by-the-book case worker in the Department in Charge of Magical Youth. He's tasked with determining whether six dangerous magical children are likely to bring about the end of the world. Arthur Parnassus is the master of the orphanage. He would do anything to keep the children safe, even if it means the world will burn. And his secrets will come to light.



## IT'S NOT ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE

Terry McMillan

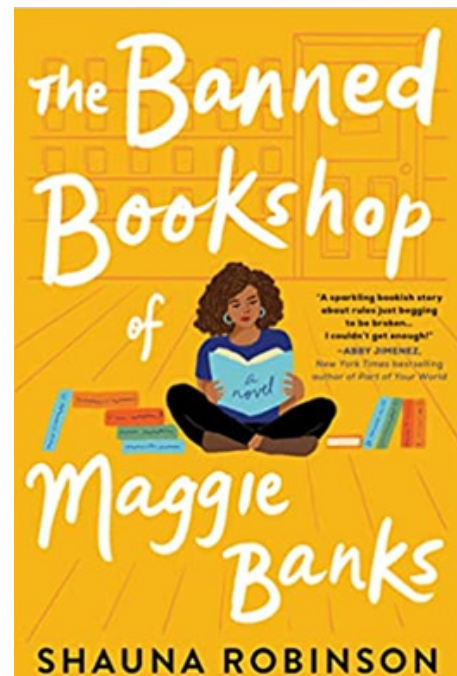
After a sudden change of plans, a remarkable woman and her loyal group of friends try to figure out what she's going to do with the rest of her life



## THE BANNED BOOKSHOP OF MAGGIE BANKS

Shauna Robinson

When Maggie Banks arrives in Bell River to run her best friend's struggling bookstore, she expects to sell bestsellers to her small-town clientele. But Bell River's literary society insists on keeping the bookstore stuck in the past, and Maggie is banned from selling anything written this century. So, when a series of mishaps suddenly tip the bookstore toward ruin, Maggie will have to get creative to keep the shop afloat. And in Maggie's world, book rules are made to be broken. To help save the store, Maggie starts an underground book club, running a series of events celebrating the books readers actually love. But keeping the club quiet, selling forbidden books, and dodging the literary society is nearly impossible. Especially when Maggie unearths a town secret that could upend everything.



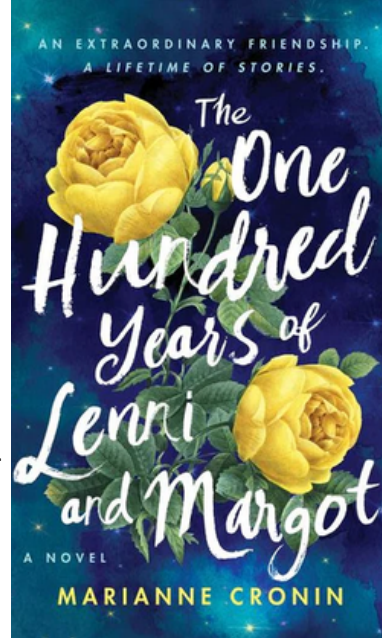


## PSALM FOR THE WILD-BUILT

**Becky Chambers**

It's been centuries since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness and laid down their tools; centuries since they wandered, en masse, into the wilderness, never to be seen again; centuries since they faded into myth and urban legend.

One day, the life of a tea monk is upended by the arrival of a robot, there to honor the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question of "what do people need?" is answered. But the answer to that question depends on who you ask, and how. They're going to need to ask it a lot.



## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF

**LENNI AND MARGO**

**Marianne Cronin**

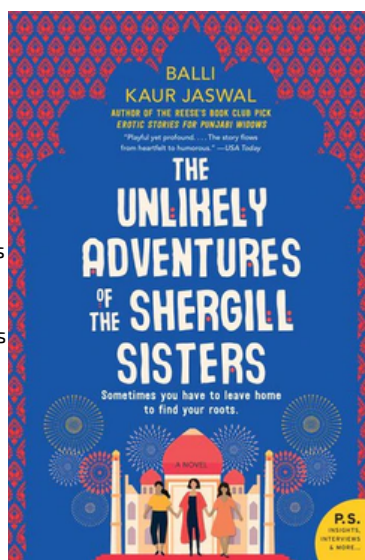
Seventeen-year-old Lenni Pettersson has been told she's dying, but still has plenty of living to do. She lives on the Terminal Ward at the Glasgow Princess Royal Hospital. In their arts and crafts class she meets Margot, an 83-year-old, purple-pajama-wearing, fruitcake-eating rebel. Their friendship blooms, and though their days are dwindling both are determined to leave their mark on the world. Lenni and Margot devise a plan to create one hundred paintings showcasing the stories of the century they have lived: stories of love and loss, of courage and kindness, of unexpected tenderness and pure joy.

## THE UNLIKELY

### ADVENTURES OF THE SHERGILL SISTERS

**Balli Kaur Jaswal**

The British-born Punjabi Shergill sisters—Rajni, Jezmeen, and Shirina—were never close and barely got along growing up, and now as adults, have grown even further apart. On her deathbed, their mother voices one last wish: that her daughters will make a pilgrimage together to the Golden Temple in Amritsar to carry out her final rites. Arriving in India, the sisters will make unexpected discoveries about themselves, their mother, and their lives.



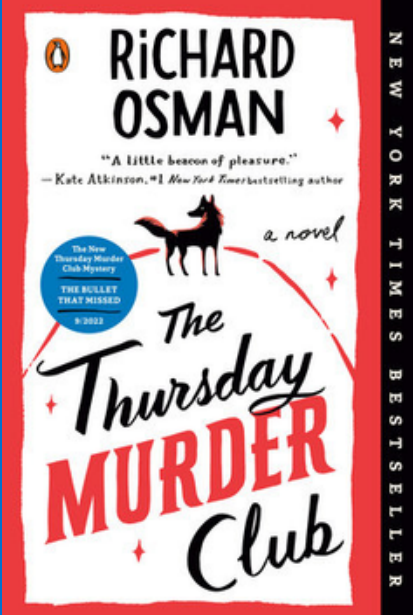
## THURSDAY MURDER CLUB

**Richard Osman**

Four septuagenarians with a few tricks up their sleeves

A female cop with her first big murder case  
Welcome to...THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves the Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?



## VERY SECRET SOCIETY OF IRREGULAR WITCHES

**Sangu Mandanna**

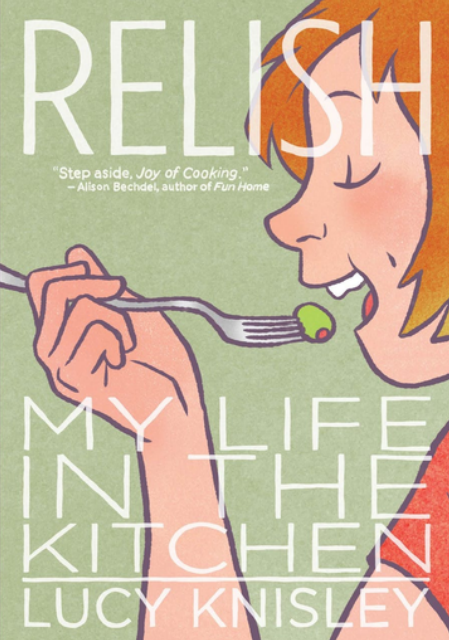
As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote and mysterious Nowhere House to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks all of the rules, but Mika goes anyway, and is immediately tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges, but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and Jamie, the handsome and prickly librarian of Nowhere House. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and when peril comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for....



## THE SWITCH

**Beth O'Leary**

When Leena Cotton is ordered to take a two-month sabbatical, she escapes to her grandmother Eileen's house. Eileen is newly single and about to turn eighty. She'd like a second chance at love, but her tiny Yorkshire village doesn't offer many eligible gentlemen. So they decide to try a two-month swap.



## RELISH: MY LIFE IN THE KITCHEN

Lucy Knisley

Lucy Knisley loves food. The daughter of a chef and a gourmet, this talented young cartoonist comes by her obsession honestly. In her forthright, thoughtful, and funny memoir, Lucy traces key episodes in her life thus far, framed by what she was eating at the time and lessons learned about food, cooking, and life. Each chapter is bookended with an illustrated recipe—many of them treasured family dishes, and a few of them Lucy's original inventions. A welcome read for anyone who ever felt more passion for a sandwich than is strictly speaking proper, *Relish* is a graphic novel for our time: it invites the reader to celebrate food as a connection to our bodies and a connection to the earth, rather than an enemy, a compulsion, or a consumer product.



## CHEF'S KISS

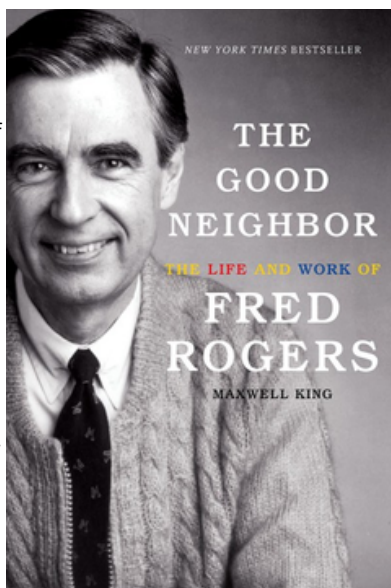
Jarrett Melendez

Now that college is over, Ben Cook is on the job hunt looking for something related to his passion for reading and writing. But Ben soon learns getting the dream job won't be as easy as he thought. But when Ben stumbles upon a "Now Hiring—No Experience Necessary" sign outside a restaurant, he jumps at the chance to land his first job. He can keep looking for a writing job in the meantime. Ben's not so bad in the kitchen, but he will have to pass a series of cooking tests to prove he's got the culinary skills to stay on full-time. But it's only temporary...right?

## THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

Maxwell King

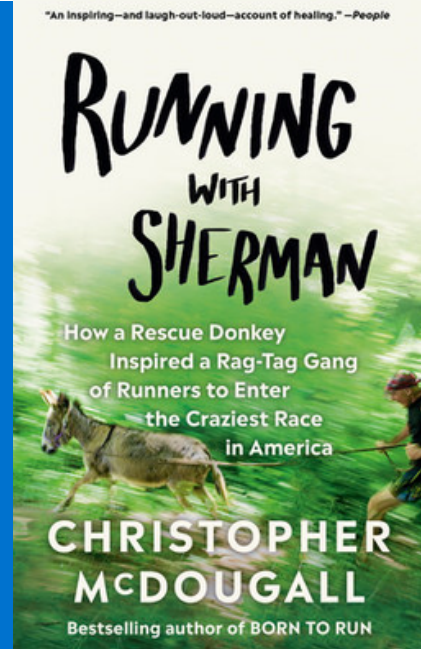
Fred Rogers was an enormously influential figure in the history of television and in the lives of tens of millions of children. As the creator and star of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, he was a champion of compassion, equality, and kindness. Rogers was fiercely devoted to children and to taking their fears, concerns, and questions about the world seriously. *The Good Neighbor*, the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, tells the story of this utterly unique and enduring American icon.



## RUNNING WITH SHERMAN

Christopher McDougall

When Christopher McDougall decided to adopt a donkey in dire straits, he had no idea what he was getting himself into. But with the help of his neighbors, Chris came up with a crazy idea. Burro racing, a unique type of competition in which humans and donkeys run side by side over mountains and through streams, would be exactly the challenge Sherman and Chris needed. In the course of Sherman's training, Chris would enlist Amish running clubs, high-spirited goats, the service animal community, and two Sarah Palin-loving long-distance female truckers. Sherman's heartwarming story of overcoming all odds to run one of the most unbelievable races in America shows the healing power of movement and the strength of the human-animal connection.



## CRYING IN THE BATHROOM

Erika L. Sánchez

Growing up as the daughter of Mexican immigrants in Chicago in the nineties, Erika Sánchez was a self-described pariah, misfit, and disappointment—a foul-mouthed, melancholic rabble-rouser who painted her nails black but also loved comedy, often laughing so hard with her friends that she had to leave her school classroom. Twenty-five years later, she's now an award-winning novelist, poet, and essayist, but she's still got an irrepressible laugh, an acerbic wit, and singular powers of perception about the world around her. *Crying in the Bathroom* is Sánchez at her best—a book that will make you feel that post-confessional high that comes from talking for hours with your best friend.



## THE COMFORT BOOK

Matt Haig

Years ago, Matt Haig began writing notes to his future self. These notes were meant as gifts to his future self: offerings of hope to help himself through anything from the darkest periods of his life to a not-so-great day. As time went on, he added new thoughts and stories, and he turned them into *The Comfort Book* so that everyone could draw on this well of reassurance and encouragement.

# Learning Korean

RECIPES FOR HOME COOKING



PETER SERPICO with Drew Lazar

## LEARNING KOREAN: RECIPES FOR HOME COOKING

Peter Serpico

Born in Seoul and raised in Maryland, Serpico's route to Korean food came long after making a name for himself in New York City restaurants. His first bites of marinated short ribs and black bean noodles tasted like home, and a love affair with the flavors and techniques of his birthplace began. His debut cookbook draws from his decades of professional cooking experience to elevate the greatest hits of at-home Korean dishes. Across 100 recipes, Serpico shares his philosophy of eating, his personal journey into food, and a connection to family that promises satisfaction and comfort for cooks of all backgrounds.



## THE COMPLETE AUTUMN & WINTER COOKBOOK

America's Test Kitchen

Celebrate the season with this treasure trove of cozy cooking and baking recipes, from soul-warming soups and simple dinners to showstoppers and weekend projects.

## ARM KNITTING

Amanda Bassetti

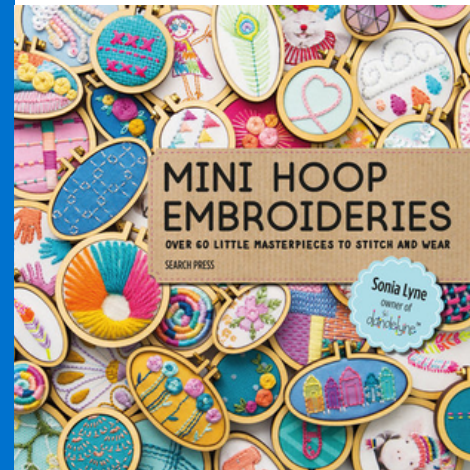
Free yourself from cumbersome needles and create 30 home and fashion projects, including a winter snood, scarves, boot warmers, pet bed, and more. Includes clear, step-by-step instructions and photographs walk you "arm in arm" every step of the way.



## MINI HOOP EMBROIDERIES

Sonia Lyne

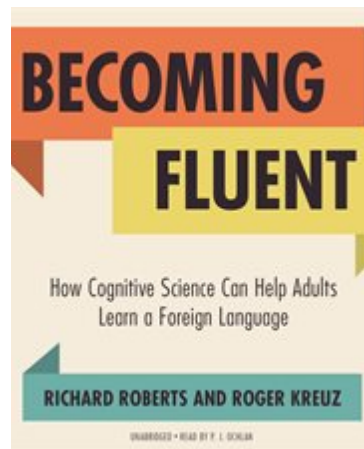
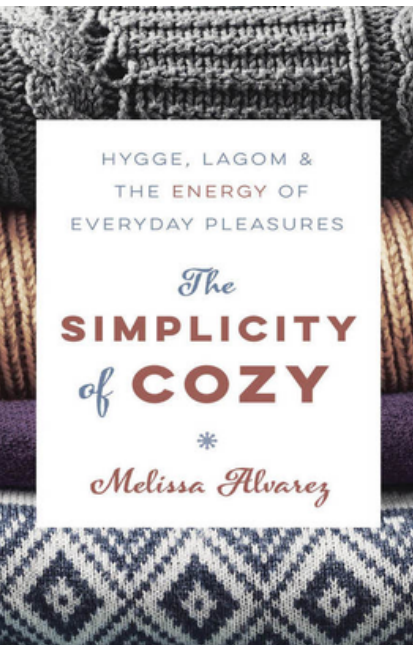
Stitch and paint dozens of different embroidery designs in these cute mini embroidery hoops by Sonia Lyne! Following the simple instructions inside, create 20 tiny masterpieces in a wide range of styles. Then, proudly frame your stitch art and turn it into wearable jewellery, necklaces, brooches and more. Beginner embroiderers and experienced stitchers short on time will love the small size of these hoops, as almost all the designs can be made in a weekend. Whatever your style, there's something for everyone inside, making these teeny trinkets perfect little treats for loved ones (as well as yours truly)!



## THE SIMPLICITY OF COZY

Melissa Alvarez

Make cozy your way of life with this inspiring guide on connecting to the positive energy of simple, everyday moments. Known around the world as hygge (hoo-ga), lagom (lay-go-m), and other similar terms, cozy and balanced living helps you improve your health, happiness, and spirituality by understanding and feeling the frequency of people, animals, places, and situations. The Simplicity of Cozy is a beginner's guide to self-care that presents a variety of topics relating to and supporting cozy living, including mindfulness, simple ritual, home environment, relationship connections, and being in nature. Easy exercises and practical techniques are featured throughout, helping you make more soulful connections and find appreciation in all you are and all you experience.



## BECOMING FLUENT

Richard Roberts & Roger Kreuz

In *Becoming Fluent*, Richard Roberts and Roger Kreuz draw on insights from psychology and cognitive science to show that adults can master a foreign language if they bring to bear the skills and knowledge they have honed over a lifetime. Adults shouldn't try to learn as children do; they should learn like adults. They report evidence that adults can learn new languages even more easily than children, and they show how to leverage this metalinguistic ability in learning a new language. If adult learners apply the tools acquired over a lifetime, it can be enjoyable and rewarding.