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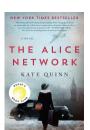
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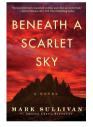
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A female spy seeks revenge and redemption across two generations during the aftermath of both World Wars.



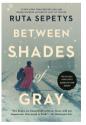
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

A blind French girl and a German soldier's lives intertwine in Nazioccupied France during WWII.



Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan

A young Italian man becomes a spy for the Allies while navigating danger and betrayal in wartime Italy.



Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

A Lithuanian girl is deported to Siberian labor camps during WWII, enduring unimaginable hardships and loss.



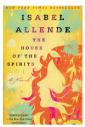
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Narrated by Death, a young girl in Nazi Germany finds solace and meaning through books amid war



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Two half-sisters and their descendants, separated by slavery, experience its generational effects across three centuries.



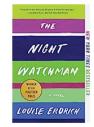
The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende

The tumultuous lives of a Chilean family unfold amidst political upheaval, blending historical events with magical realism.



The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Steadman

A lighthouse keeper and his wife discover a baby in a boat, leading to moral dilemmas and heartbreak.



The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

A Chippewa activist in the 1950s fights to protect his tribe's land and rights against government threats.



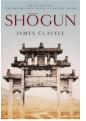
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Two sisters in Nazi-occupied France struggle to survive and resist amid the horrors of World War II.



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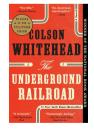
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An English navigator survives and rises to power in feudal Japan, facing cultural clashes, honor, and intrigue.



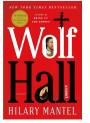
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

In 19th-century China, two women form a lifelong bond through secret writing while navigating friendship and societal pressures.



The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

A young enslaved woman escapes a brutal plantation, journeying through a literal underground railroad toward freedom.



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Thomas Cromwell's rise to power in Tudor England is marked by political cunning, ambition, and personal sacrifice.