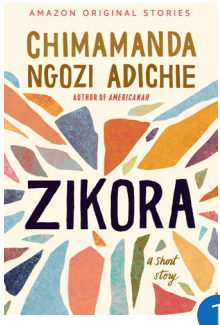
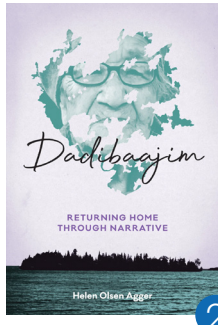


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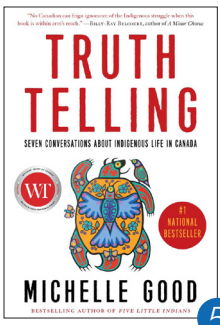
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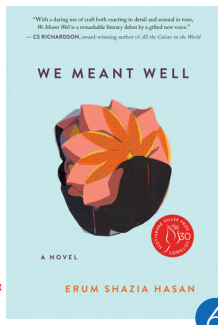
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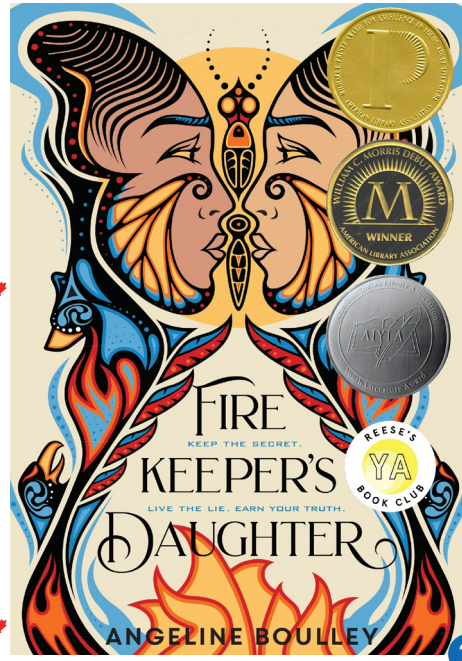
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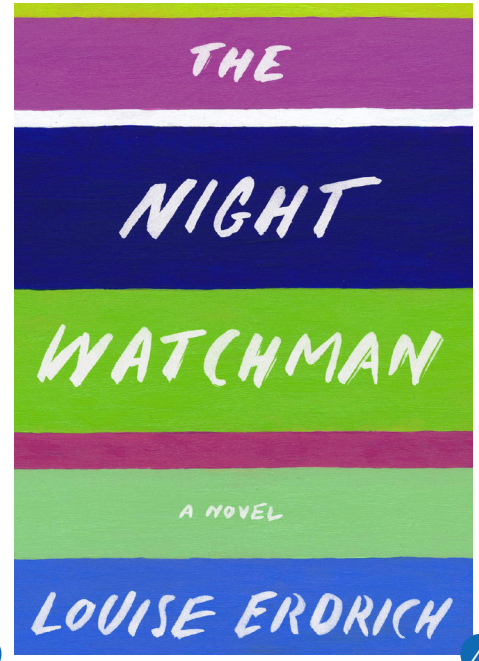
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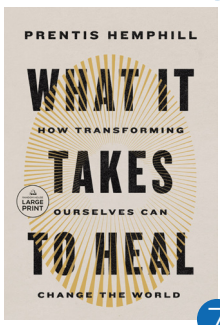
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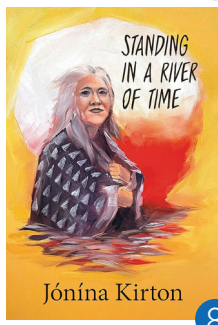
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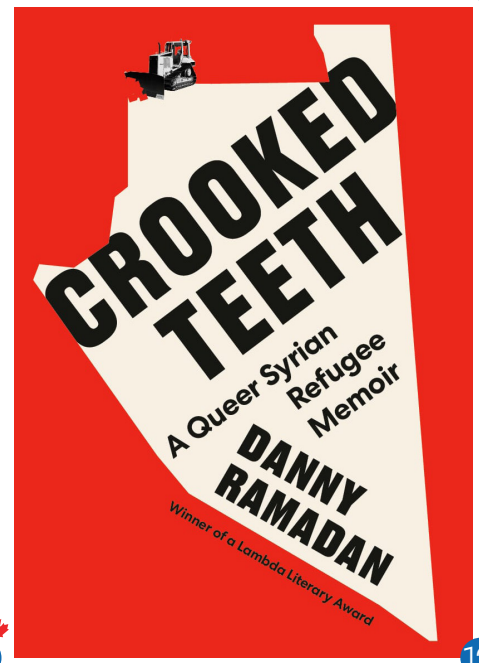
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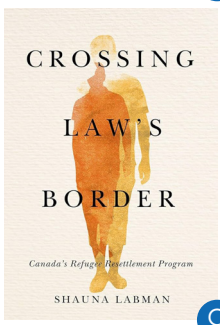
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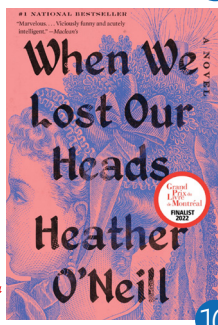
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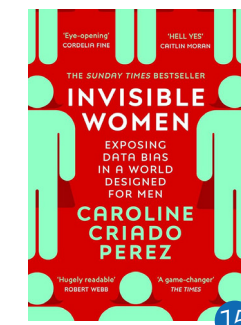
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### 1. Zikora

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Fiction, 2020

As Zikora prepares for motherhood, she deals with loneliness from her lover, who abandoned her, and her mother, who is demanding and self-possessed. In this short story, she reflects on her mother's painful past and struggle for dignity, while seeing what her mother wants for her, her new baby, and herself.

### 2. Dadibaajim: Returning Home Through Narrative

Helen Olsen Agger, Non-fiction, 2021

Dadibaajim narratives are of and from the land, born from experience and observation, and are critical for teaching and learning. Agger documents and reclaims the history, identity, and inherent entitlement of the Namegosibii Anishinaabeg to the care, use, and occupation of their homelands.

### 3. Firekeeper's Daughter

Angeline Boulley, Fiction, 2021

As a biracial, unenrolled tribal member and the product of a scandal, Daunis has never quite fit in. When her family is struck by tragedy, she puts her dreams on hold to care for her fragile mother — all while falling in love and solving a mystery.

*Optioned as a Netflix series.*

### 4. The Night Watchman

Louise Erdrich, Fiction, 2020

Based on Erdrich's grandfather, a former night watchman and fighter against Native dispossession. With sly humour, elegant prose, and depth of feeling, this novel explores love and death.

### 5. Truth Telling: Seven Conversations about Indigenous Life in Canada

Michelle Good, Non-fiction, 2023

From racism, broken treaties, and cultural pillaging to the value of Indigenous lives and literature, this collection reveals myths and facts about Indigenous life in Canada that are both devastating and enlightening.

### 6. We Meant Well

Erum Shazia Hasan, Fiction, 2023

Humanitarian aid worker Maya faces a difficult moral and organizational dilemma when her coworker is accused of assaulting a local girl—her former protégé—where they operate a charitable orphanage.

**Recommended by Janice Hamilton, executive director of MCIC.**

### 7. What it Takes to Heal: How Transforming Ourselves Can Change the World

Prentis Hemphill, Non-fiction, 2024

Emerging from the past few years of collective upheaval, this book shows us how to heal ourselves, connect with one another, and embody our values.

**Recommended by Dr. Marcia Anderson.**

*"What it Takes to Heal is a beautifully written book that touches on many social justice issues."*

*—DR MARCIA ANDERSON, physician and vice-dean Indigenous health, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences*

### 8. Standing in a River of Time

Jónína Kirton, Non-fiction, 2022

This book merges poetry and lyrical memoir on a journey exposing the intergenerational effects of colonization on a Métis family. Kirton gestures the reader towards the many healing modalities she has explored in the path to reconciliation.

### 9. Crossing Law's Border: Canada's Refugee Resettlement Program

Shauna Labman, Non-fiction, 2019

How does law influence the voluntary act of resettlement? In the absence of a legal scheme for refugee resettlement, rights, responsibilities, and obligations intersect in an interesting way.

### 10. When We Lost Our Heads

Heather O'Neill, Fiction, 2022

When Marie and Sadie meet in 1873 Montreal as children, their lives immediately intertwine. Years later, as the working class begins to revolt, each woman will play an unexpected role in the events upending their city.

### 11. Waiting for the Long Night Moon

Amanda Peters, Fiction, 2024

This book melds traditional storytelling with beautiful prose to describe the dignity of the traditional way of life, the humiliations of systemic racism, and the resilient power to endure.

### 12. Crooked Teeth: A Queer Syrian Refugee Memoir

Danny Ramadan, Non-fiction, 2024

A border-crossing epic through Cairo, Syria, Beirut, and finally Canada. Ramadan takes readers on a journey of identity, compromised safety, and ultimately to a life of hard-won comfort and love.

*"Crooked Teeth strives to make the world a better, more empathetic, place. You will be a better human being for having read this book."*

*—WINNIPEG FREE PRESS*

### 13. Colonize This!: Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism

Edited by Daisy Hernández and Bushra Rehman, Non-fiction, 2019

A collection of diverse and lively writers who speak to the strength of community, the influence of colour, and the critical issues that need to be addressed to reach an era of racial freedom.

### 14. The Verifiers

Jane Pek, Fiction, 2022

Part literary mystery, part family story, *The Verifiers* is a clever and incisive examination of how technology shapes our choices, and the nature of romantic love in the digital age.

**Recommended by Whodunit? Bookstore.**

### 15. Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men

Caroline Criado Pérez, Non-fiction, 2019

This book reveals the gender data gap that has allowed for a pervasive, but invisible bias profoundly affecting women's lives — from doctors routinely mis-prescribing medications to a greater likelihood (47%!) of being seriously injured in a car accident.

 Canadian author

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