

Winter Selection

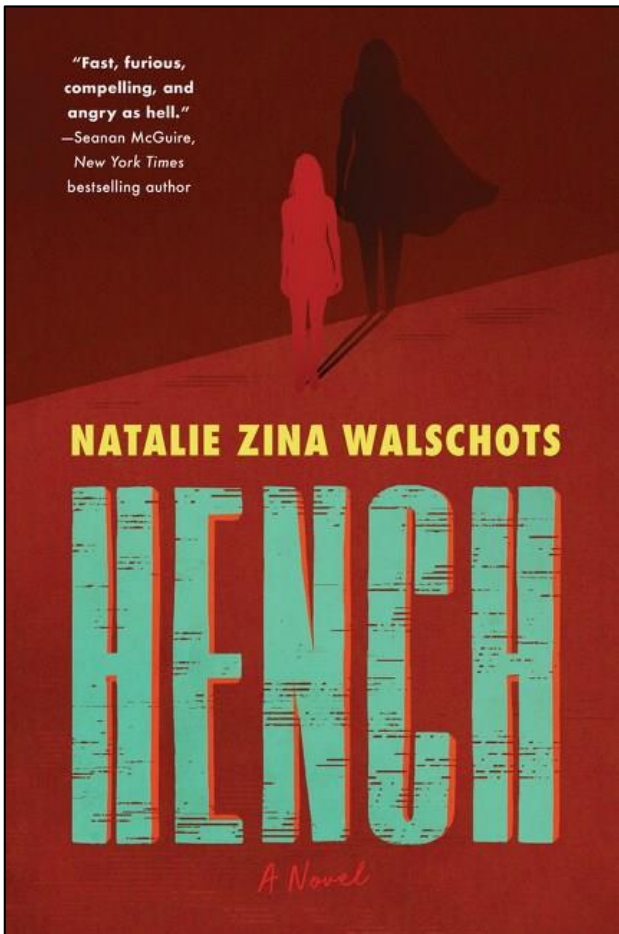


ABOUT LEAD READ

The Lead Read is a sales initiative whose objective is to recognize and champion one special book each season and help it reach its fullest potential and widest readership, through the power and passion of our collective enthusiasm. The book is voted on by more than 100 employees from the sales team and beyond.

This page includes information about past titles selected as the "Lead Read".

HENCH: A NOVEL
Natalie Zina Walschots
ISBN: 9780062978578
\$27.99
On sale 9/22/2020



Anna does boring things for terrible people because even criminals need office help and she needs a job. Working for a monster lurking beneath the surface of the world isn't glamorous. But is it really worse than working for an oil conglomerate or an insurance company? In this economy? As a temp, she's just a cog in the machine. But when she finally gets a promising assignment, everything goes very wrong, and an encounter with the so-called "hero" leaves her badly injured. And, to her horror, compared to the other bodies strewn about, she's the lucky one. So, of course, then she gets laid off.

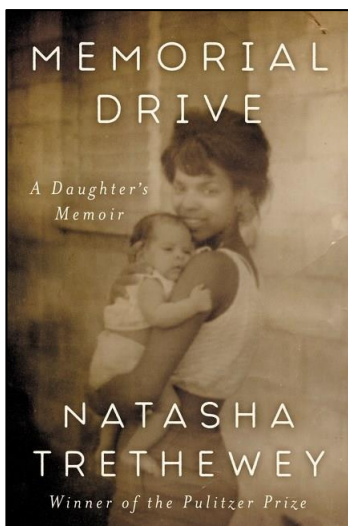
With no money and no mobility, with only her anger and internet research acumen, she discovers her suffering at the hands of a hero is far from unique. When people start listening to the story that her data tells, she realizes she might not be as powerless as she thinks.

Because the key to everything is data: knowing how to collate it, how to manipulate it, and how to weaponize it. By tallying up the human cost these caped forces of nature wreak upon the world, she discovers that the line between good and evil is mostly marketing. And with social media and viral videos, she can control that appearance.

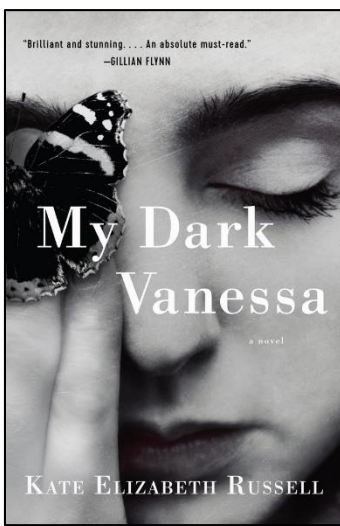
It's not too long before she's employed once more, this time by one of the worst villains on earth. As she becomes an increasingly valuable lieutenant, she might just save the world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

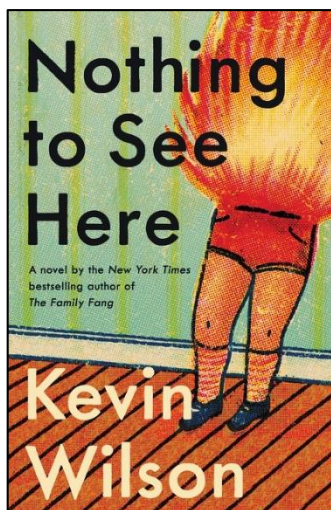
Natalie Zina Walschots is a writer, community manager, and game designer. She's the author of *Thumbscrews*, which won the Robert Kroetsch Award for Innovative Poetry, and *DOOM: Love Poems for Supervillains*. Her writing on the interactive adventure *The Aluminum Cat* won an IndieCade award, and her poetic exploration of the notes engine in *Bloodborne* was covered by *Kotaku* and *First Person Scholar*. She also plays a lot of D&D, participates in numerous Nordic LARPs, watches too many horror movies, and reads reams of speculative fiction. She lives in Toronto with her partner and an unlikely number of cats.



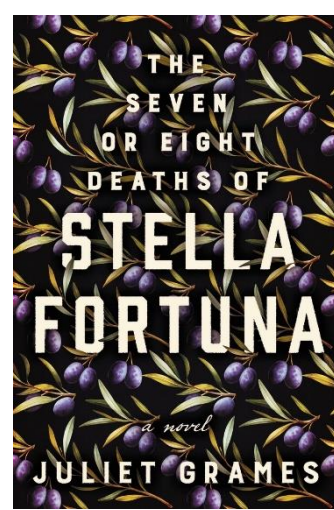
**MEMORIAL DRIVE:
A DAUGHTER'S MEMOIR**
Natasha Trethewey
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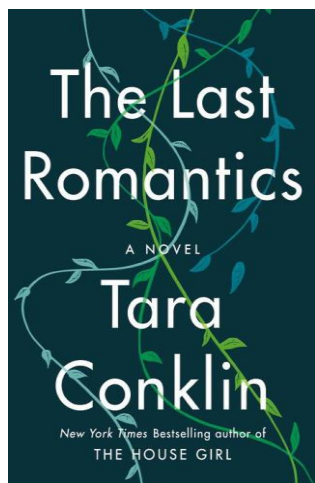
MY DARK VANESSA
Kate Elizabeth Russell
Hardcover
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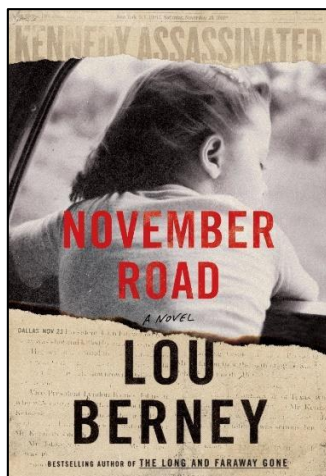
NOTHING TO SEE HERE
A Novel
Kevin Wilson
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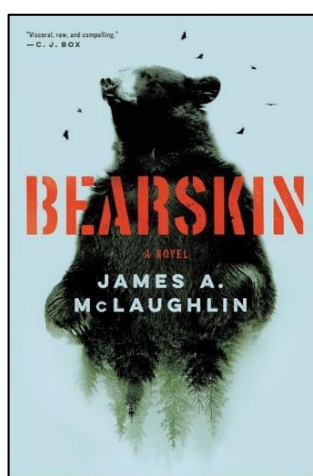
**THE SEVEN OR EIGHT
DEATHS OF STELLA
FORTUNA**
A Novel
Juliet Games
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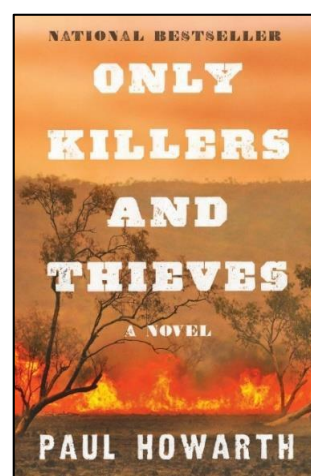
THE LAST ROMANTICS
A Novel
Tara Conklin Hardcover
ISBN: 9780062358202
\$26.99
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NOVEMBER ROAD
A Novel
Lou Berney
Hardcover
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BEARSKIN
A Novel
James A. McLaughlin
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A Novel
Paul Howarth
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