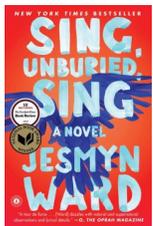
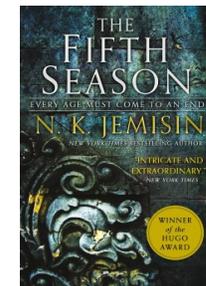
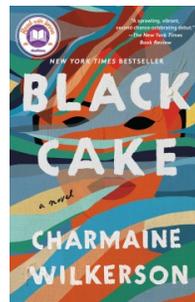


### The Lesson

by Cadwell Turnbull - SF TURNBULL

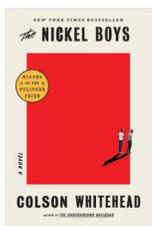
The people of the US Virgin Islands coexist with the Ynaa, a race of super-advanced aliens on a research mission they will not fully disclose, until the death of a young boy plunges three families into an inevitable conflict that will touch everyone and teach a terrible lesson.



### Sing, unburied, sing : a novel

by Jesmyn Ward

Living with his grandparents and sister on a Gulf Coast farm, Jojo navigates the challenges of his mother's addictions and his grandmother's cancer before the release of his father from prison prompts a road trip of danger and hope



### The Nickel Boys

by Colson Whitehead - WHITEHEAD

A follow-up to the Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award-winning, The Underground Railroad, follows the harrowing experiences of two African-American teens at an abusive reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida

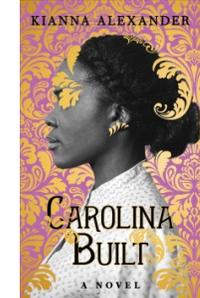
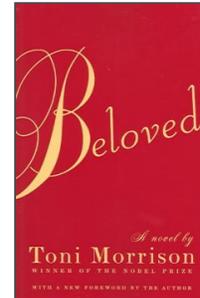
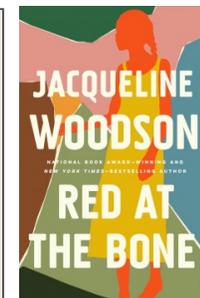
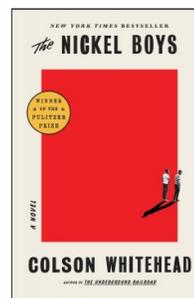
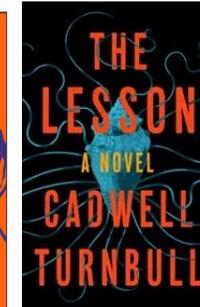
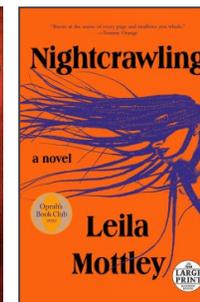
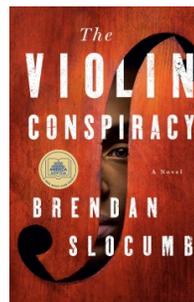
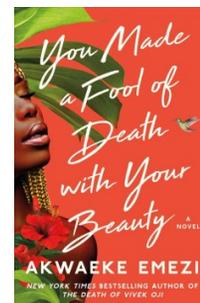
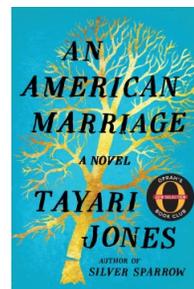


### Red at the Bone

by Jacqueline Woodson - WOODSON

As Melody celebrates a coming of age ceremony at her grandparents' house in 2001 Brooklyn, her family remembers 1985, when Melody's own mother prepared for a similar party that never took place in this novel about different social classes.

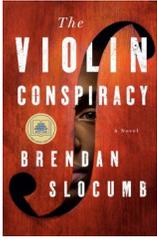
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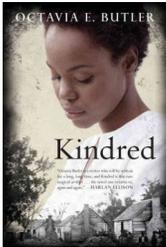
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## The violin conspiracy

by Brendan Slocumb - M SLOCUMB

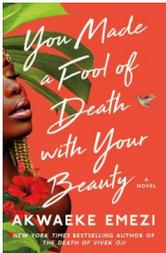
When, right before the cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition the Olympics of classical music, his priceless Stradivarius is stolen, with a ransom note for five million dollars in its place, Ray McMillian must piece together the clues to reclaim the violin before its too late.



## Kindred

by Octavia E. Butler - BUTLER

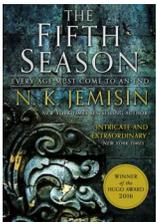
Dana, a Black woman, finds herself repeatedly transported to the antebellum South, where she must make sure that Rufus, the plantation owner's son, survives to father Dana's ancestor.



## You made a fool of death with your beauty : a novel

by Akwaeke Emezi - EMEZI

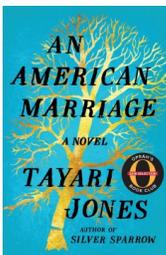
Learning how to feel joy while healing from loss, Feyi Adekola starts dating the perfect guy, but discovers she has feelings for someone else who is off limits and must decide just how far she is willing to go for a second chance at love.



## The fifth season

by N. K Jemisin - SF JEMISIN

A first entry in a new trilogy by the award-winning author of The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms finds the sole continent of the earth threatened by murder, betrayal, a super-volcano and overlords who use the planet's power as a weapon.



## An American Marriage

by Tayari Jones - JONES

When her new husband is arrested and imprisoned for a crime she knows he did not commit, a rising artist takes comfort in a longtime friendship only to encounter unexpected challenges in resuming her life when her husband's sentence is suddenly overturned.



## Carolina built : a novel

by Kianna Alexander - ALEXANDER

Josephine N. Leary is determined to build a life of her own, and a future for her family. When she moves to Edenton, North Carolina, from the plantation where she was born, she is free, newly married, and ready to follow her dreams. Moving and inspiring, Josephine Leary's untold story speaks to the part of us that dares to dream bigger, tear down whatever stands in our way, and build something better for the loved ones we leave behind.



## Binti : the Complete Trilogy

by Nnedi Okorafor - SF OKORAFOR

A science fiction trilogy by a Hugo-, Nebula- and World Fantasy Award-winning author follows Binti, a young Himba girl, who, while journeying to the elite Oomza University, must survive when her ship is attacked.



## Goliath

by Tochi Onyebuchi - SF ONYEBUCHI

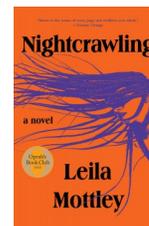
After those with the means to do so leave Earth in a mass exodus to the space colonies in the 2050s, those left behind salvage what they can from the collapsing infrastructure and try to find purpose.



## Black cake : a novel

by Charmaine Wilkerson - WILKERSON

Two estranged siblings try to reclaim the closeness they once shared while trying to piece together their late mothers life story and fulfill her last request of sharing a traditional Caribbean black cake when the time is right.



## Nightcrawling

by Leila Mottley - MOTTLEY

When a drunken altercation with a stranger turns into a job she desperately needs, Kiara, who supports her brother and an abandoned 9-year-old boy, starts nightcrawling until her name surfaces in an investigation exposing her as a key witness in a massive scandal within the Oakland Police Department.