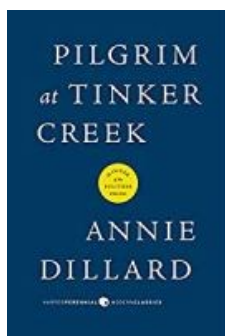


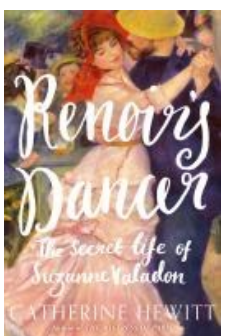
April 18 *Great Plains* by Ian Frazier

New York resident Frazier invites the reader to accompany him as he takes his van on a 24,000-mile journey through 10 states situated between the Midwest and the Rockies. With admirable style, Frazier blends travelogue, history lesson, and mythology into a paean to open spaces. His commentary, often flavored with humorous anecdotes, is focused on social life and customs; specific subject matter includes Bonnie and Clyde, MX missiles, Chief Crazy Horse, Mennonites, and even cafe conversation.



May 13 *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*
by Annie Dillard

Annie Dillard's personal narrative—witness to incidents of "beauty tangled in a rapture with violence"—highlights one year's exploration on foot in the Virginia region through which Tinker Creek runs. In the summer, Dillard stalks muskrats in the creek and contemplates wave mechanics; in the fall, she watches a monarch butterfly migration and dreams of Arctic caribou. She unties a snake skin, witnesses a flood, and plays King of the Meadow with a field of grasshoppers. The result is an exhilarating tale of nature and its seasons.



June 10 *Renoir's Dancer*
by Catherine Hewitt

A richly told biography of Suzanne Valadon, the illegitimate daughter of a provincial linen maid who became famous as a model for the Impressionists and later as a painter in her own right. Catherine Hewitt tells the remarkable tale of an ambitious, headstrong woman fighting to find a professional voice in a male-dominated world.

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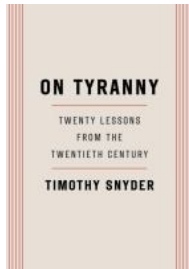
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October 9 *The Girl With Seven Names*
by Hyeonseo Lee

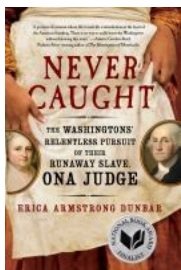
In 1997 the author, aged 17, escaped North Korea for China. Twelve years later she returned to the North Korean border in a daring mission to spirit her mother and brother to South Korea in a very costly and dangerous journey. This eloquent book offers the first credible account of ordinary life in North Korea and gives an extraordinary insight into the life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships.



November 13 *On Tyranny*
by Timothy Snyder

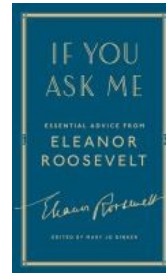
In previous books, Holocaust historian Timothy Snyder dissected the events and values that enabled the rise of Hitler and Stalin and the execution of their catastrophic policies. With *On Tyranny*, Snyder draws from the darkest hours of the twentieth century to provide hope for the twenty-first. As he writes,

"Americans are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism and communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience."



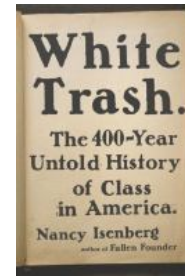
December 11 *Never Caught*
by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

A revelatory account of the actions taken by the first president to retain his slaves in spite of Northern laws profiles one of the slaves, Ona Judge, and relates the intense manhunt that ensued when she ran away. *Never Caught* is the only book that examines the life of an 18th-century fugitive woman in intricate detail, and it provides a new look at George Washington's relationship to slavery.



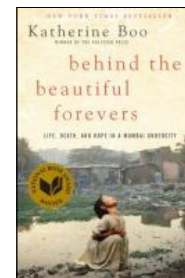
January 8 *If You Ask Me* by Eleanor Roosevelt

When *Ladies Home Journal* offered Eleanor Roosevelt an advice column, she embraced it as yet another way for her to connect with the public. "If You Ask Me" quickly became a lifeline for Americans of all ages.... Covering a wide variety of topics--everything from war, peace, and politics to love, marriage, religion, and popular culture--these columns reveal Eleanor Roosevelt's warmth, humanity, and timeless relevance.



February 12 *White Trash*
by Nancy Isenberg

In *White Trash*, Nancy Isenberg upends assumptions about America's supposedly class-free society and shows how poor whites have been deeply ingrained in the country's history for the past 400 years. White trash have always been an integral part of the American identity, and here their history in both culture and politics is explored in depth. A fascinating work that's timely to today's public debate about rich and poor.



March 11 *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*
by Katherine Boo

In this brilliant, breathtaking book by Pulitzer Prize winner Katherine Boo, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport.