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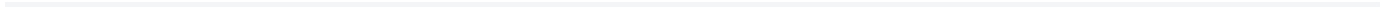
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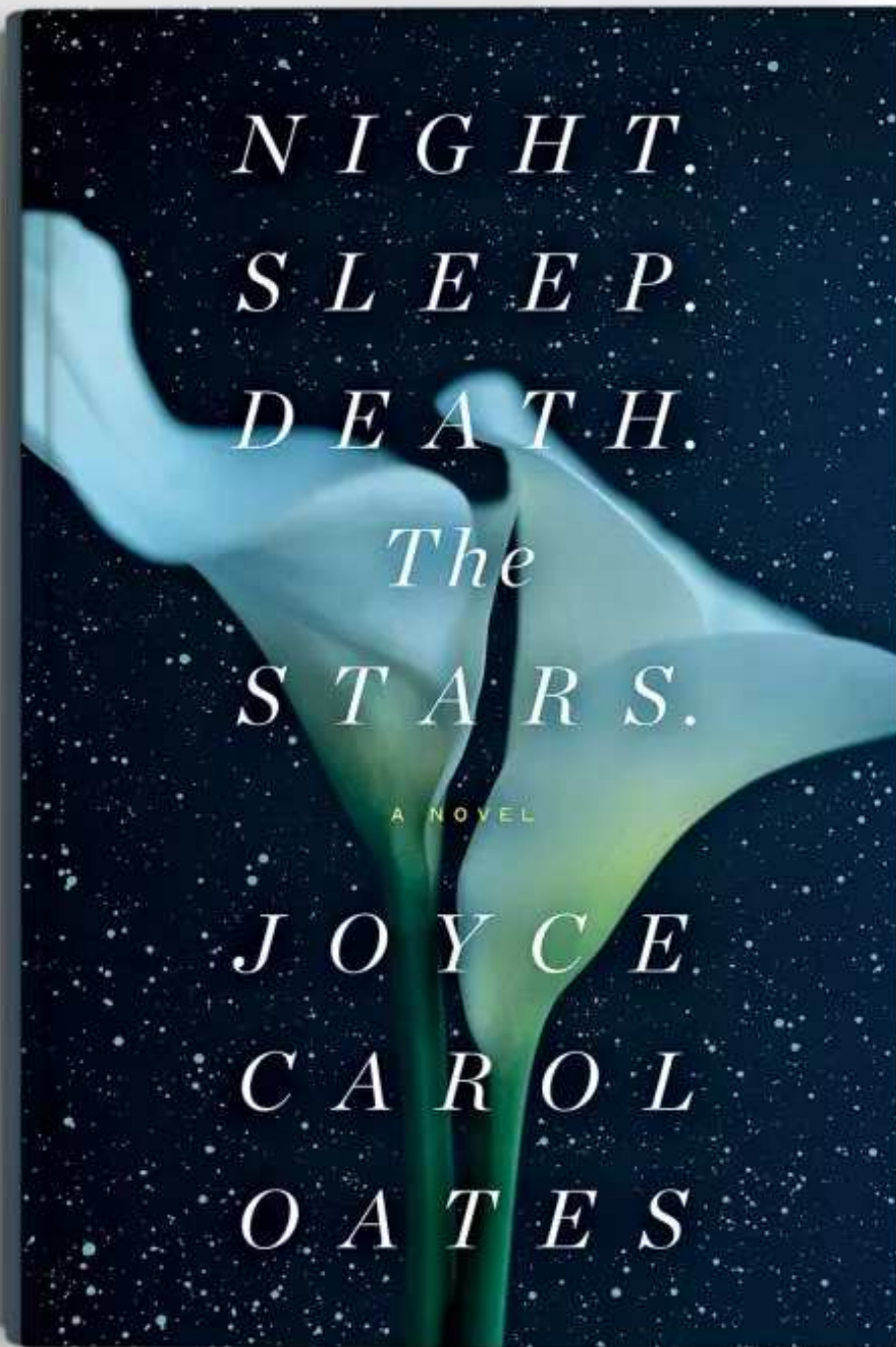
Whether you're on the beach or holed up in your apartment—and nothing provides that better than the pages of a good book. This summer's reads include deeply satisfying page turners, from legal thrillers to tales of Nigerian family life and trivia about a favorite game show to a look at intimacy in the Arab world. The *Newsweek* staff has chosen some of the best of this season's fiction and nonfiction available for your e-reader or through contactless delivery that should keep your mind far away from viruses all the way through Labor Day.



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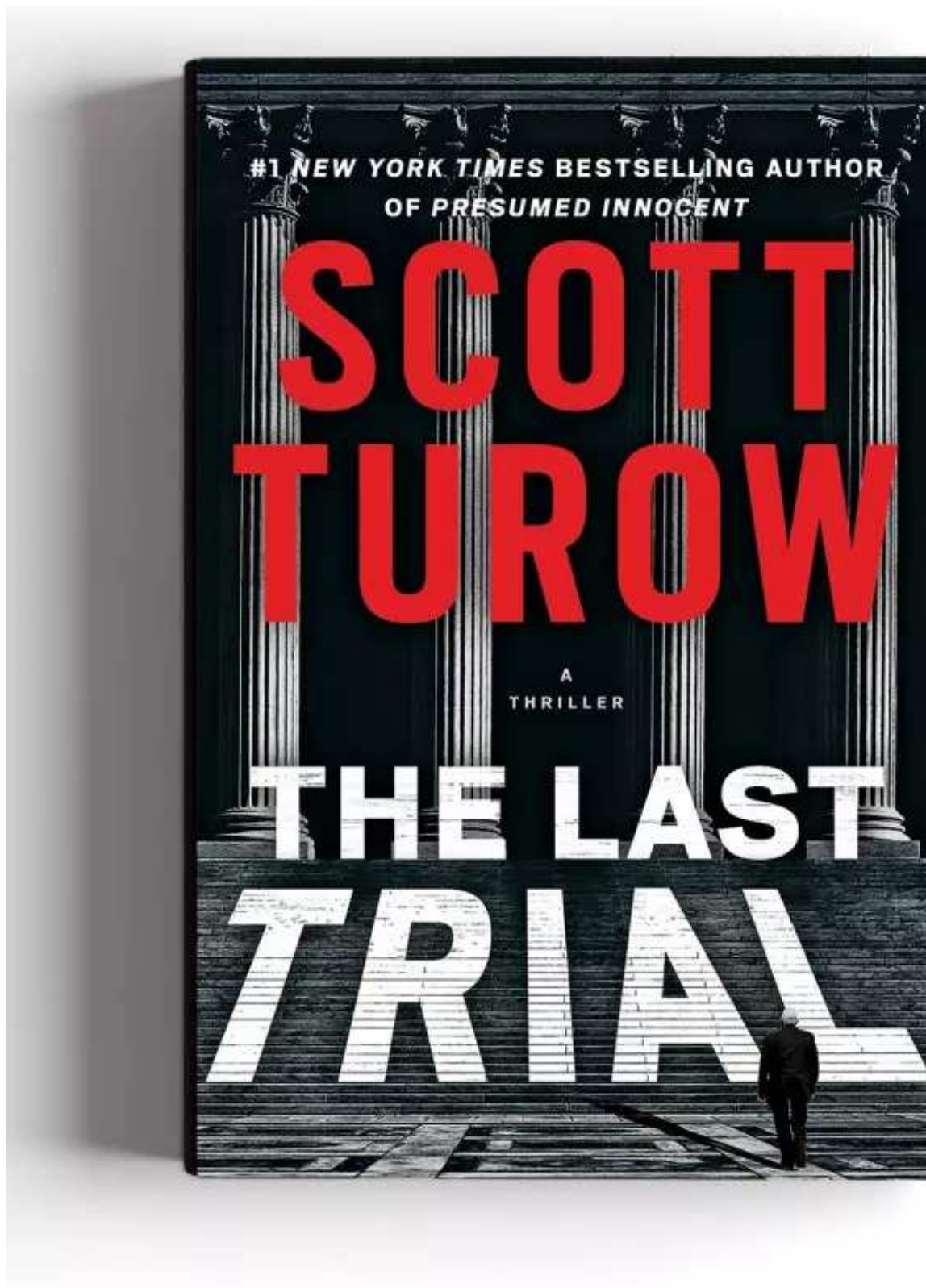
Night. Sleep. Death. The Stars.

By Joyce Carol Oates

Ecco | \$35 | June

The death of John Earle McLaren after an altercation with the police bring together his children, who cope in varied ways in this timely, enveloping story of an American family.

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The Last Trial

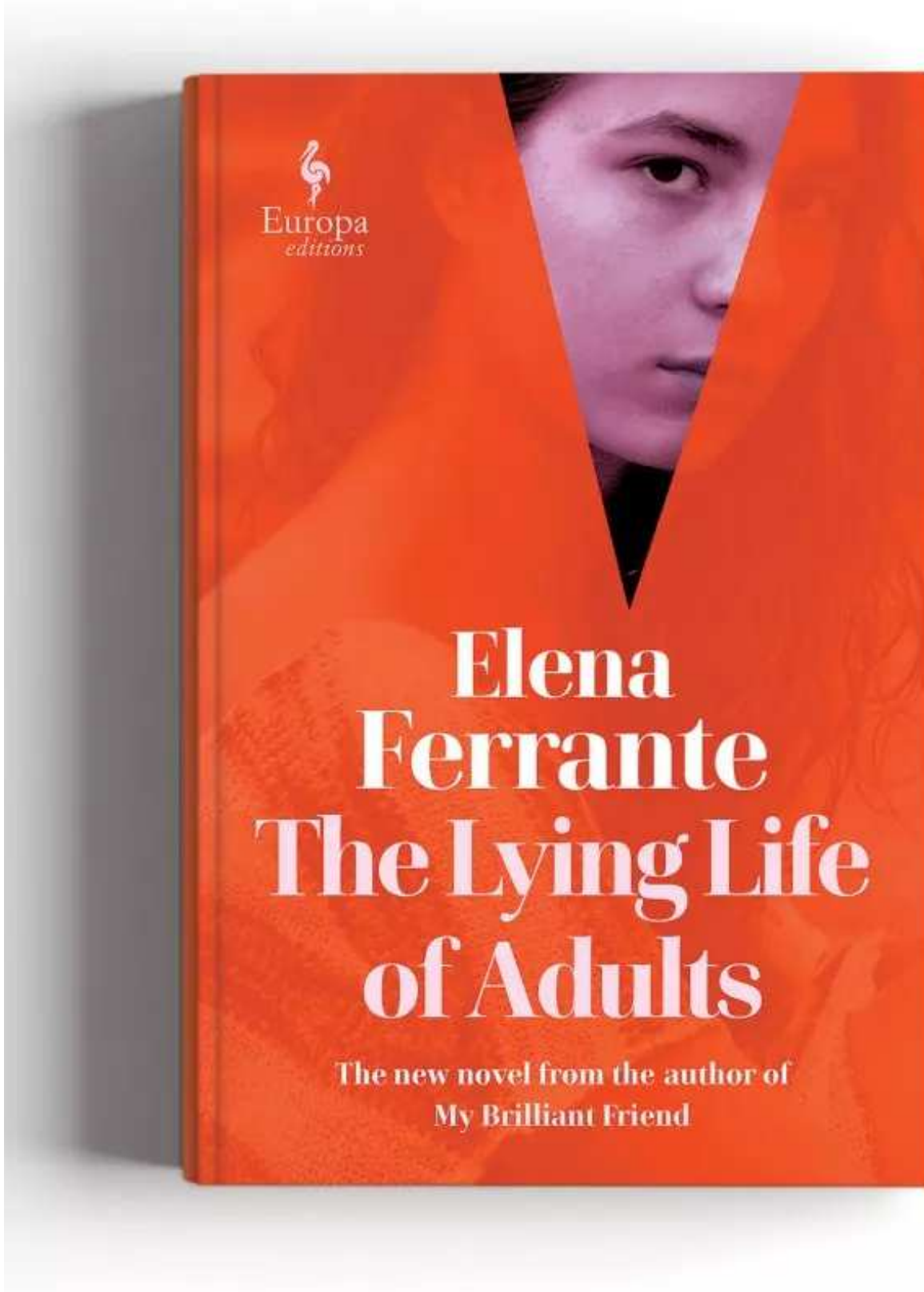
By Scott Turow

Grand Central Publishing | \$29 | May

Eighty-five-year-old renowned defense lawyer Sandy Stern has one more

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fraud and murder, how can he say no?



The Lying Life of Adults

By Elena Ferrante


Europa Editions | \$26 | September

Translated from the Italian by Ann Goldstein, Ferrante makes Naples com

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truth in her versions of both herself and the world.

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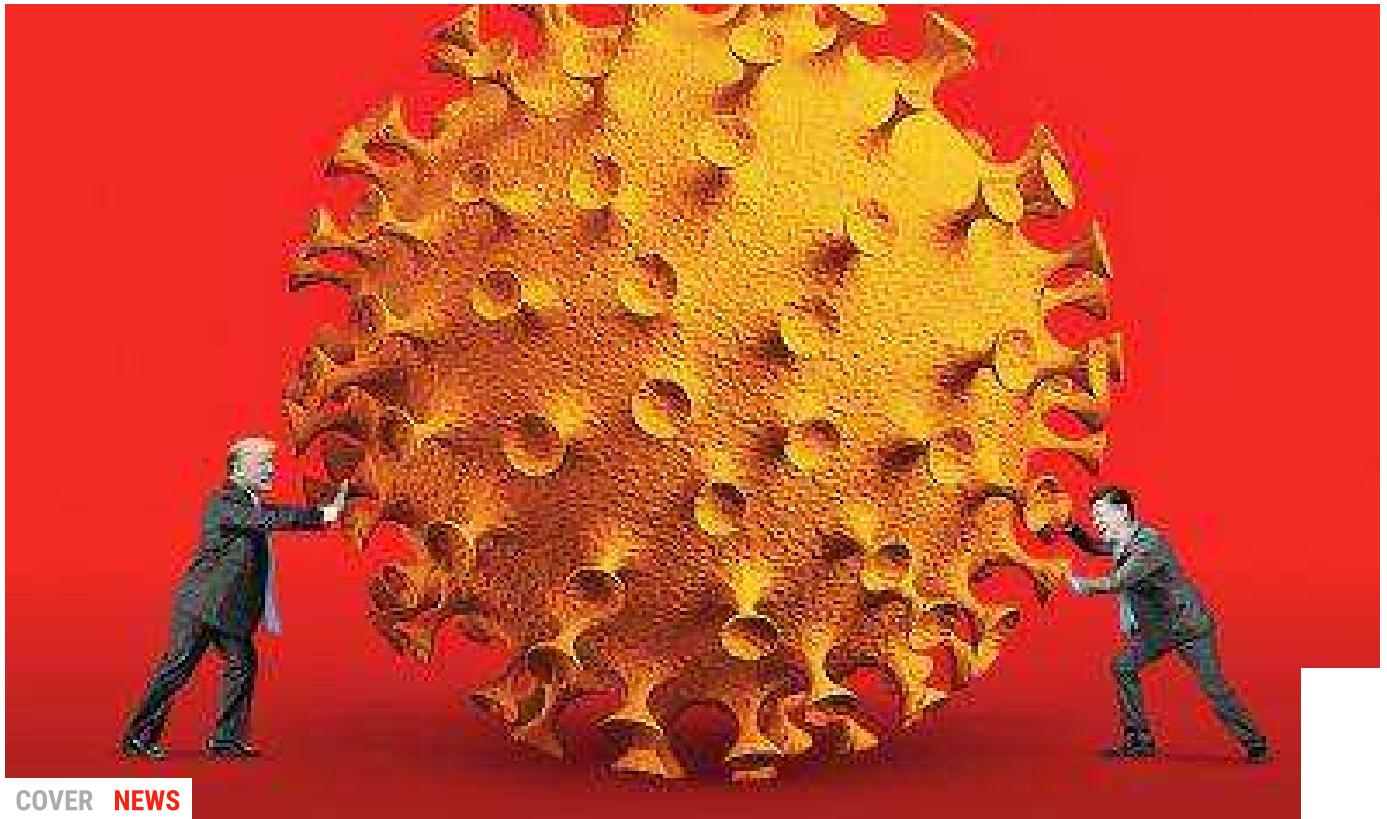
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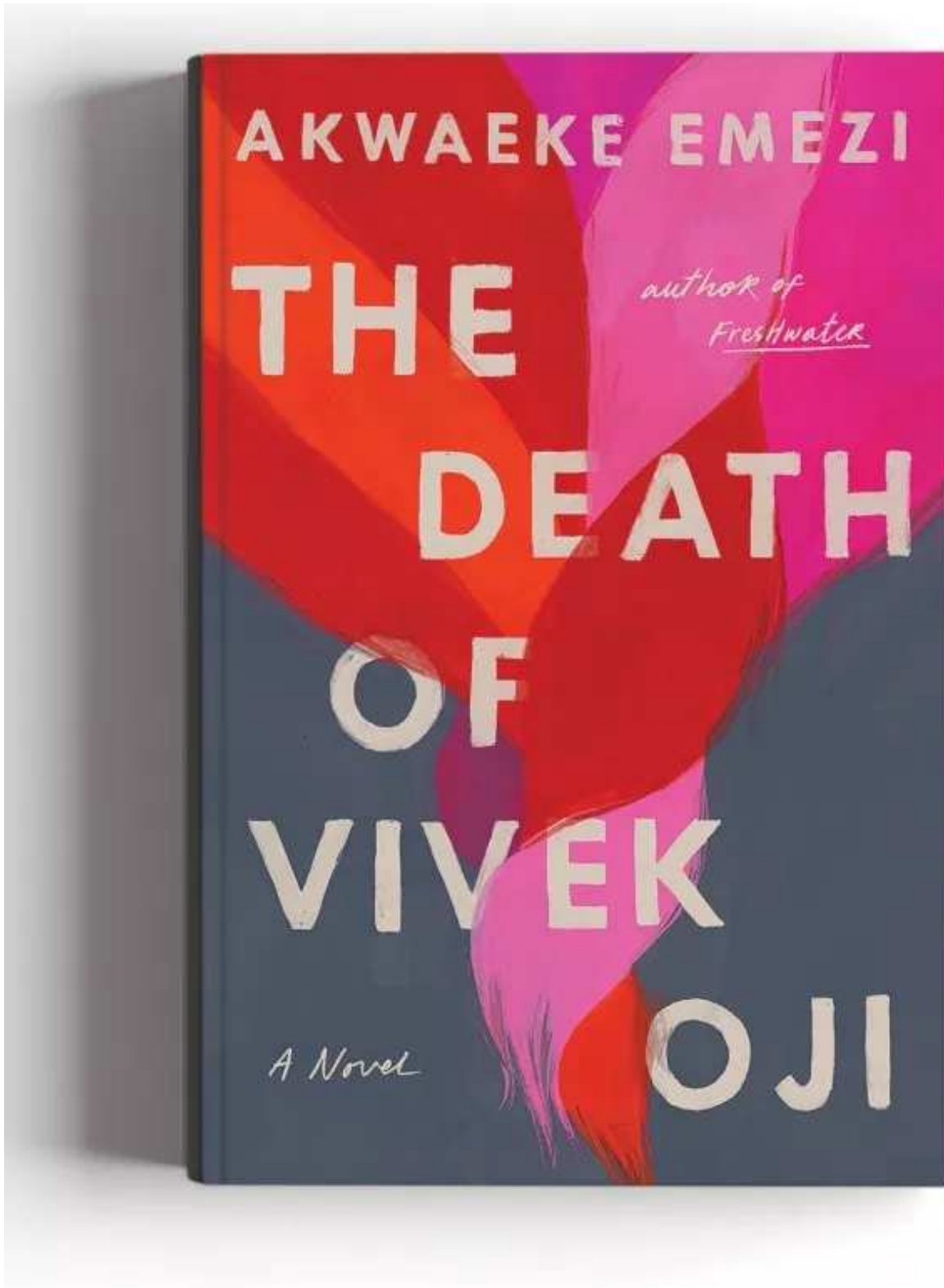
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The Death of Vivek Oji

By Akwaeke Emezi

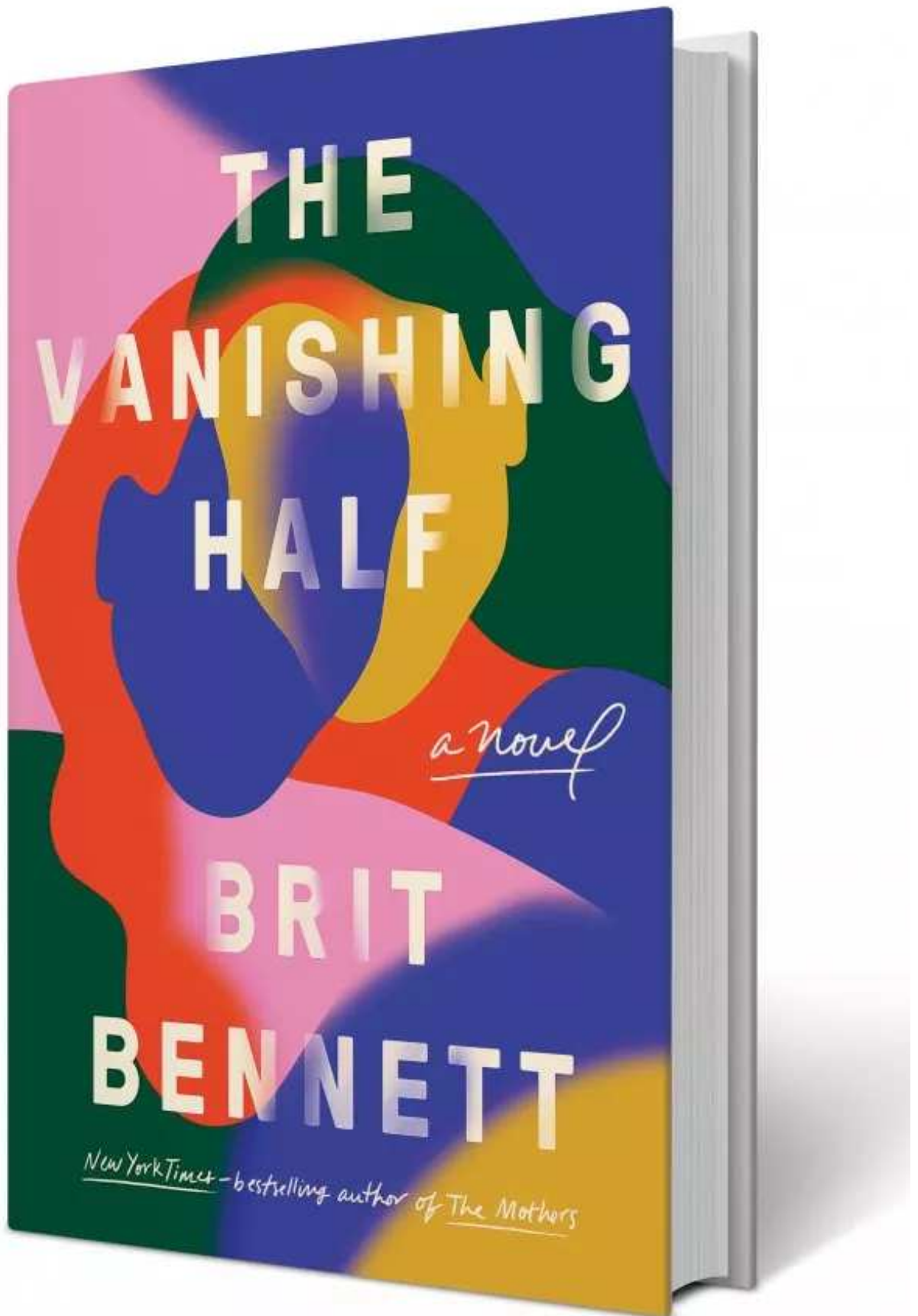
Riverhead Books | \$27 | August

A mother finds her son's body lying at her doorstep. So begins this story sr

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exploration of family, friendship and loss.

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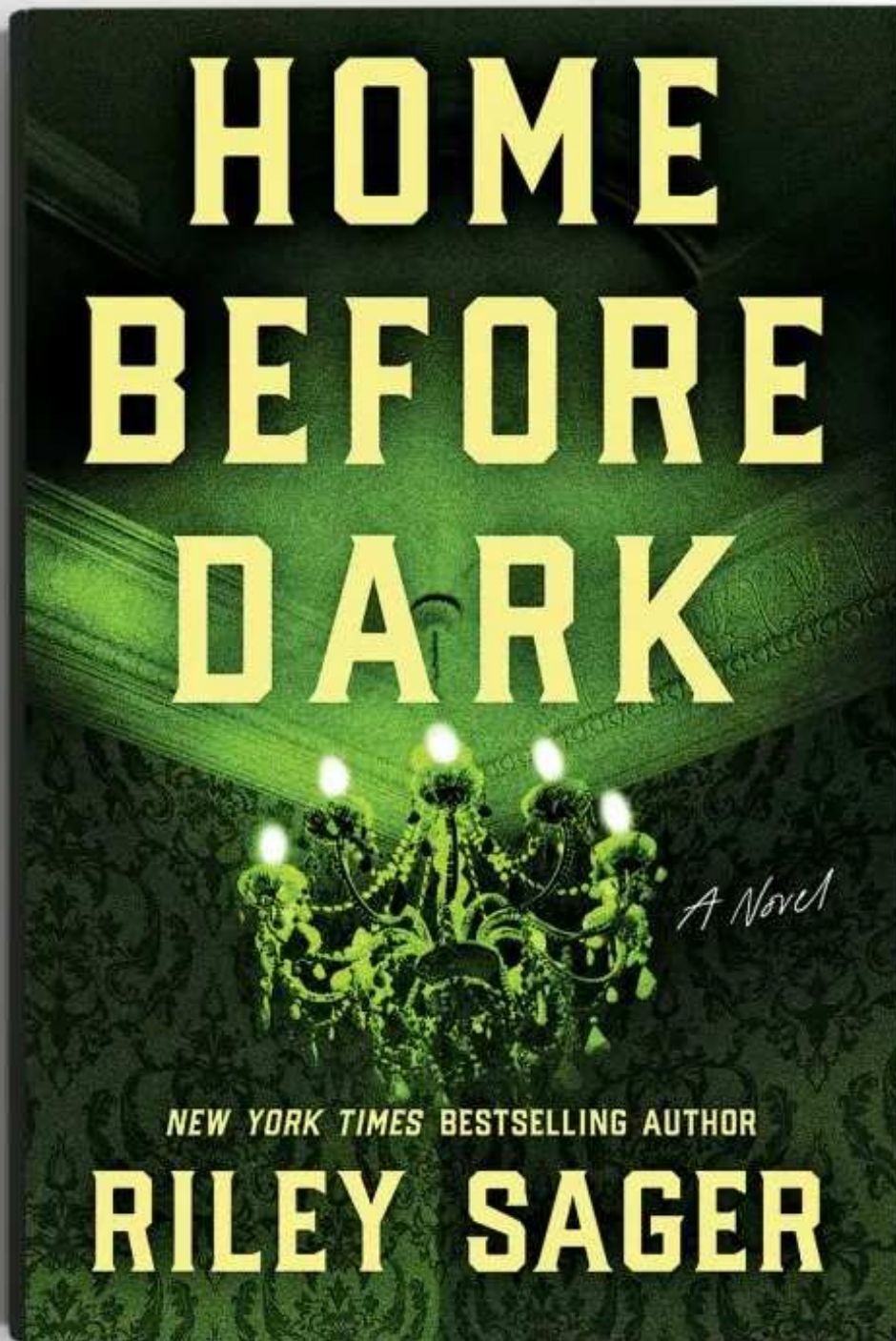
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By Brit Bennett

Riverhead Books | \$27 | June

Two twin sisters grow up in a small black community in the South but embark on dramatically different journeys. While one raises her daughter in that same small town, the other creates a life as a white woman, and not even those closest to her know the truth.

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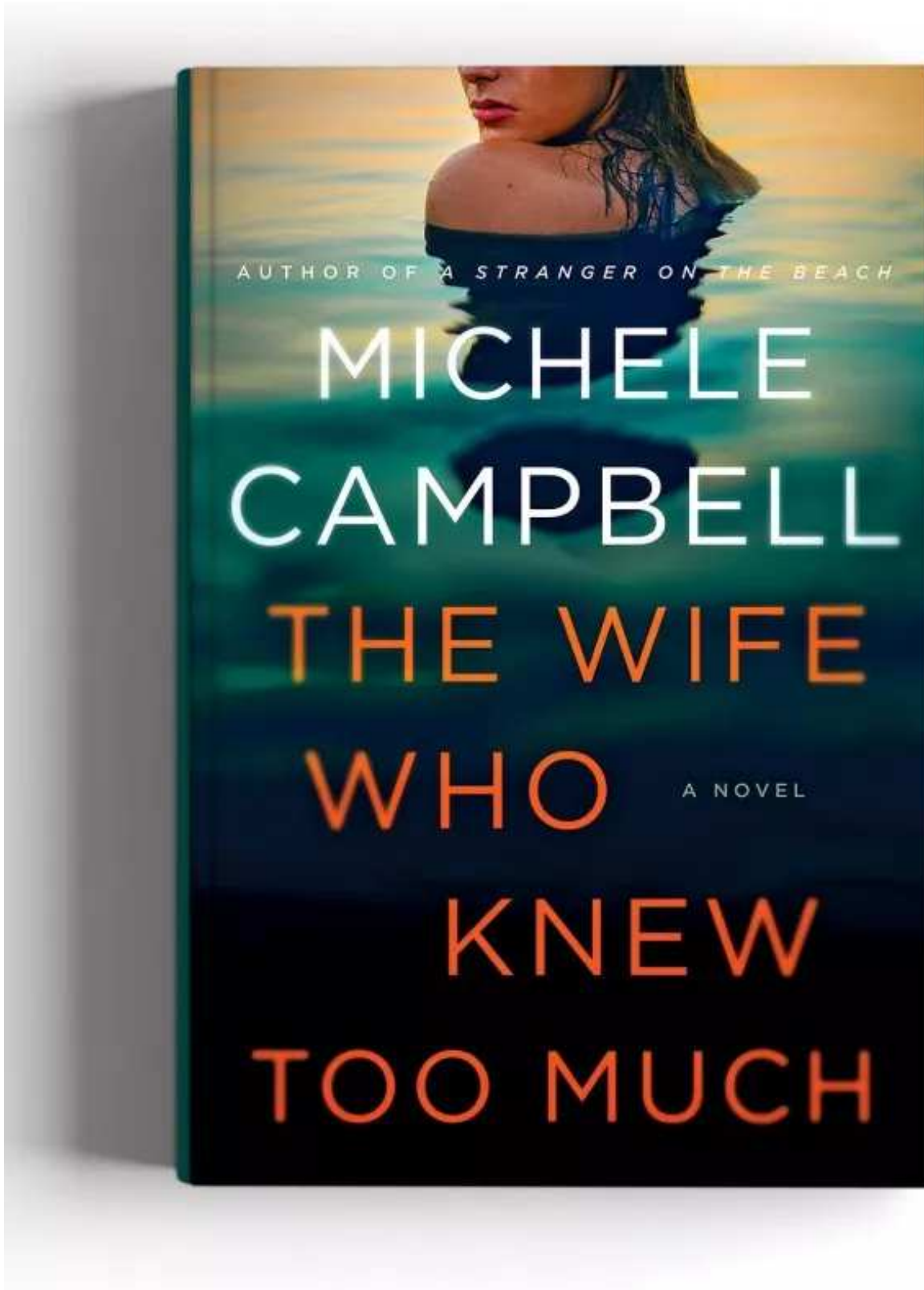
Home Before Dark

By Riley Sager

Dutton | \$27 | June

King of thrillers, Sager returns with a pulse-pounding, goosebump-inducing tale of a woman who goes back to her childhood home—and the setting is a true horror story.

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The Wife Who Knew Too Much

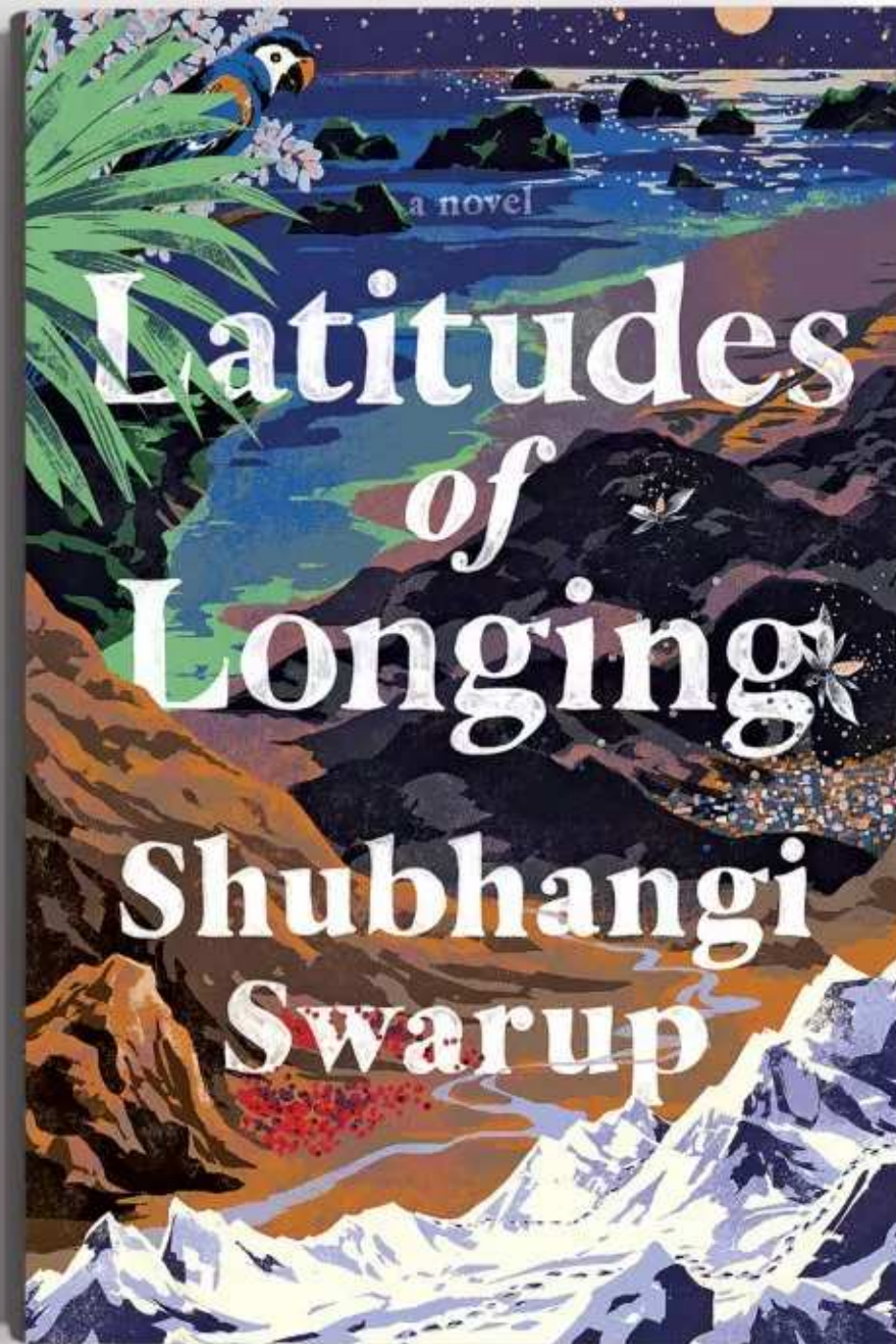
By Michele Campbell

St. Martin's Press | \$27.99 | July

Set in the wealthy Hamptons, when handsome Connor Ford comes back in

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ne seems too good to be true—and he might just be. Fast, unpredictable and sensual, Campbell's writing provides the perfect escape.



Latitudes of Longing

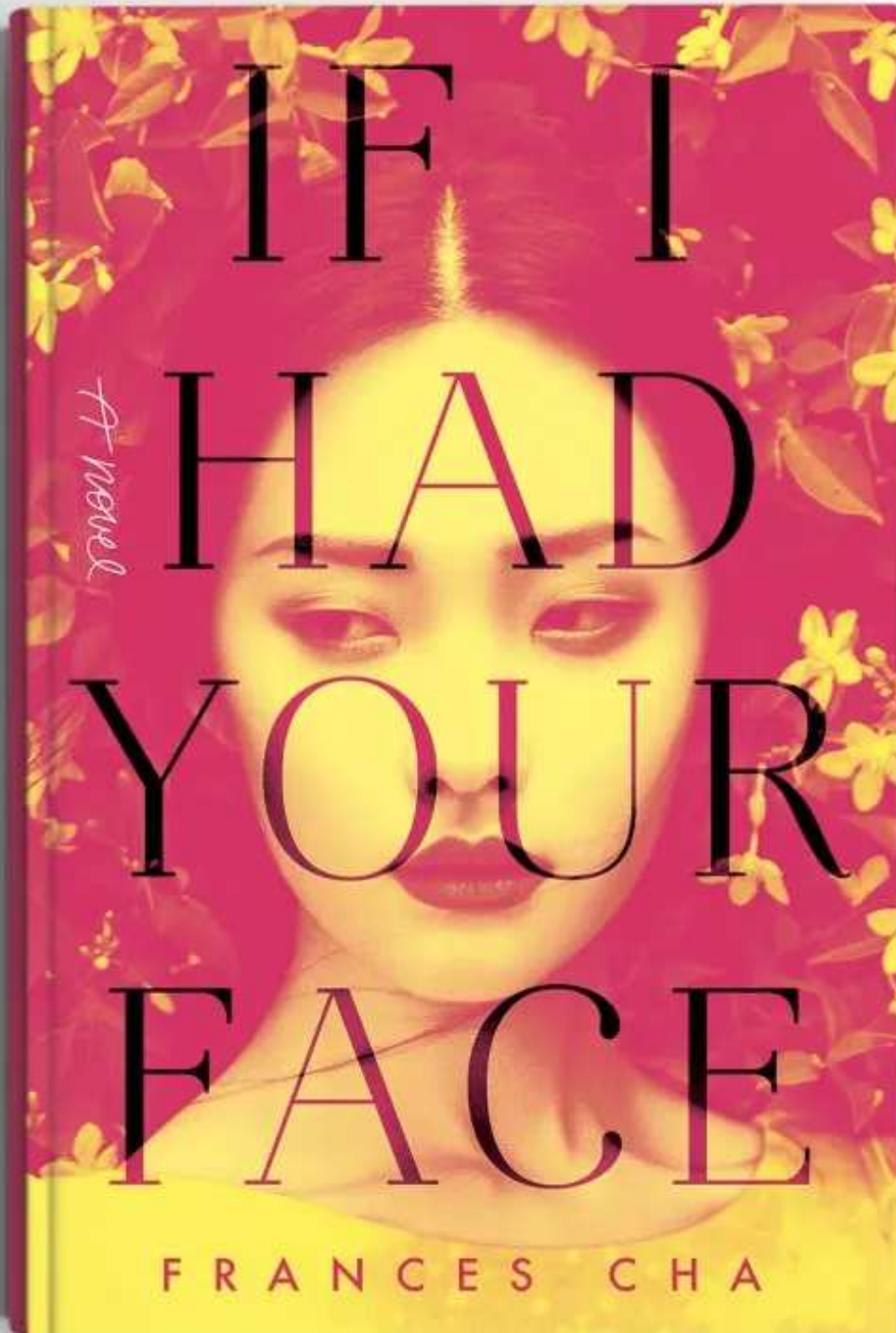
By Shubhangi Swarup

One World | \$27 | May

With lyrical intensity and stunningly vibrant characters, debut author Swarup

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magical entities ranging from a yeti to the ghost of an evaporated ocean.



If I Had Your Face

By Frances Cha

Ballantine Books | \$27 | April

Four young women attempt to navigate life in ruthlessly competitive, high-stakes South Korea, where beauty is currency and brutal social hierarchic reign.



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Thin Girls

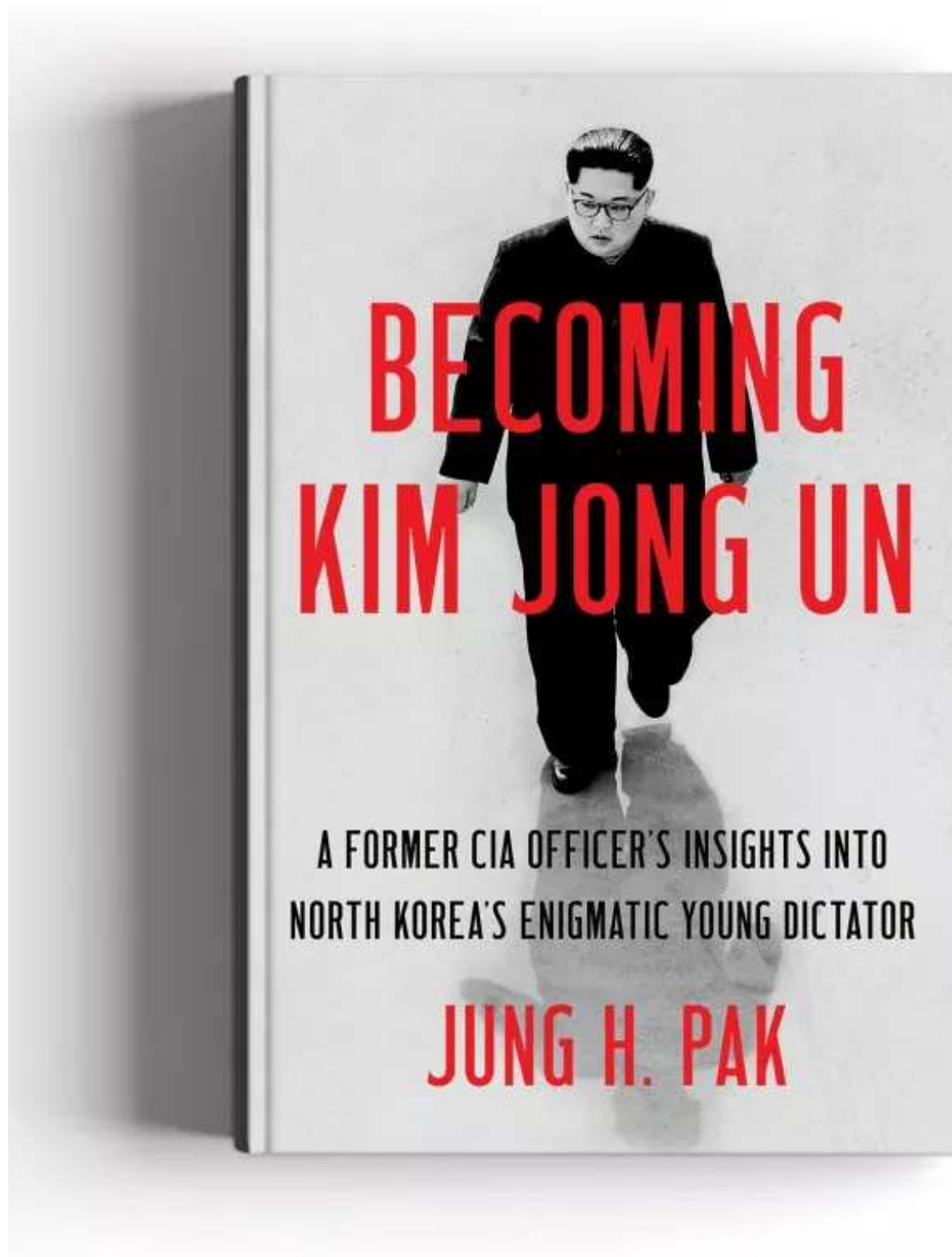
By Diana Clarke

Harper | \$27.99 | June

Twins Rose and Lily are as bonded as two sisters can be. But when Rose stops eating, Lily begins to consume whatever Rose won't. Their paths weave, diverging and converging as each young woman makes a life for herself in this dramatic and compelling debut.

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Becoming Kim Jong Un: A Former CIA Officer's Insights into North Korea's Enigmatic Young Dictator

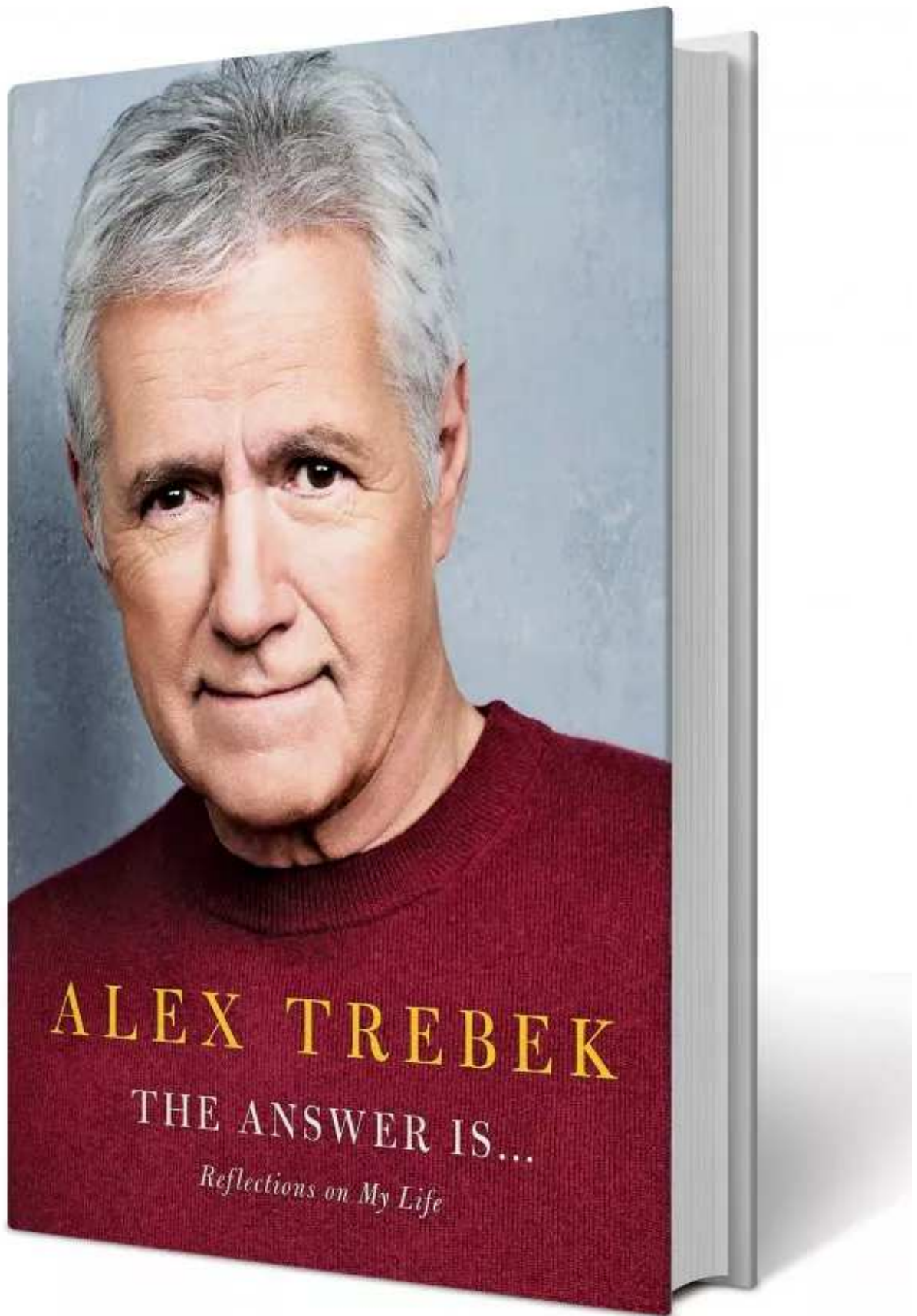
By Jung H. Pak

Ballantine Books | \$28 | April

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of North Korea's supreme leader. Former CIA-officer Pak Sirowdy sheds light on the world's most recognizable mysterious leader, his life and what's really going on behind the curtain.

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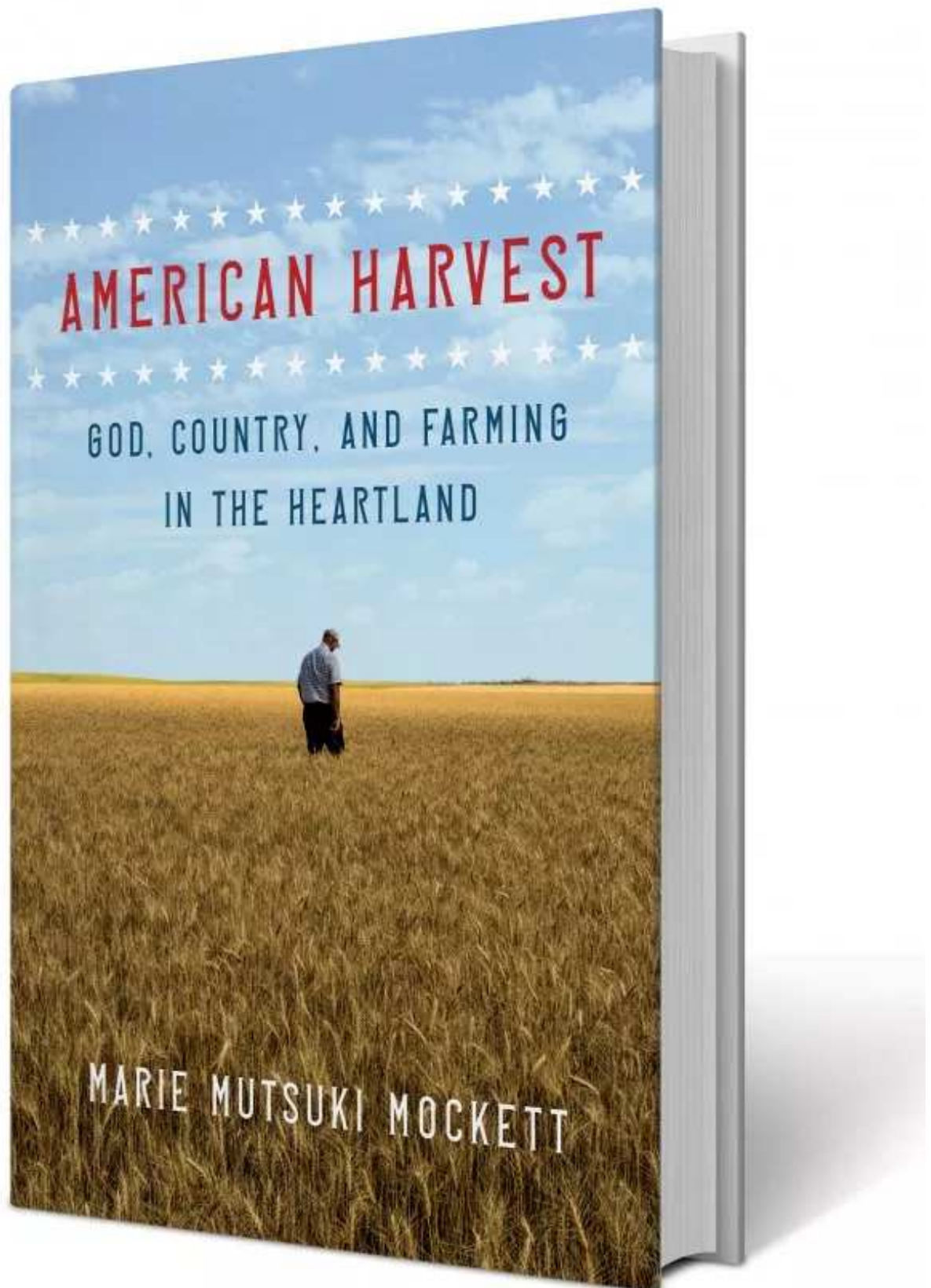
The Answer Is...: Reflections on My Life

By Alex Trebek

Simon & Schuster | \$25 | July

Jeopardy! fans rejoice! National-treasure Trebek gives us a long-awaited compilation of the best sort of trivia: the kind about his life.

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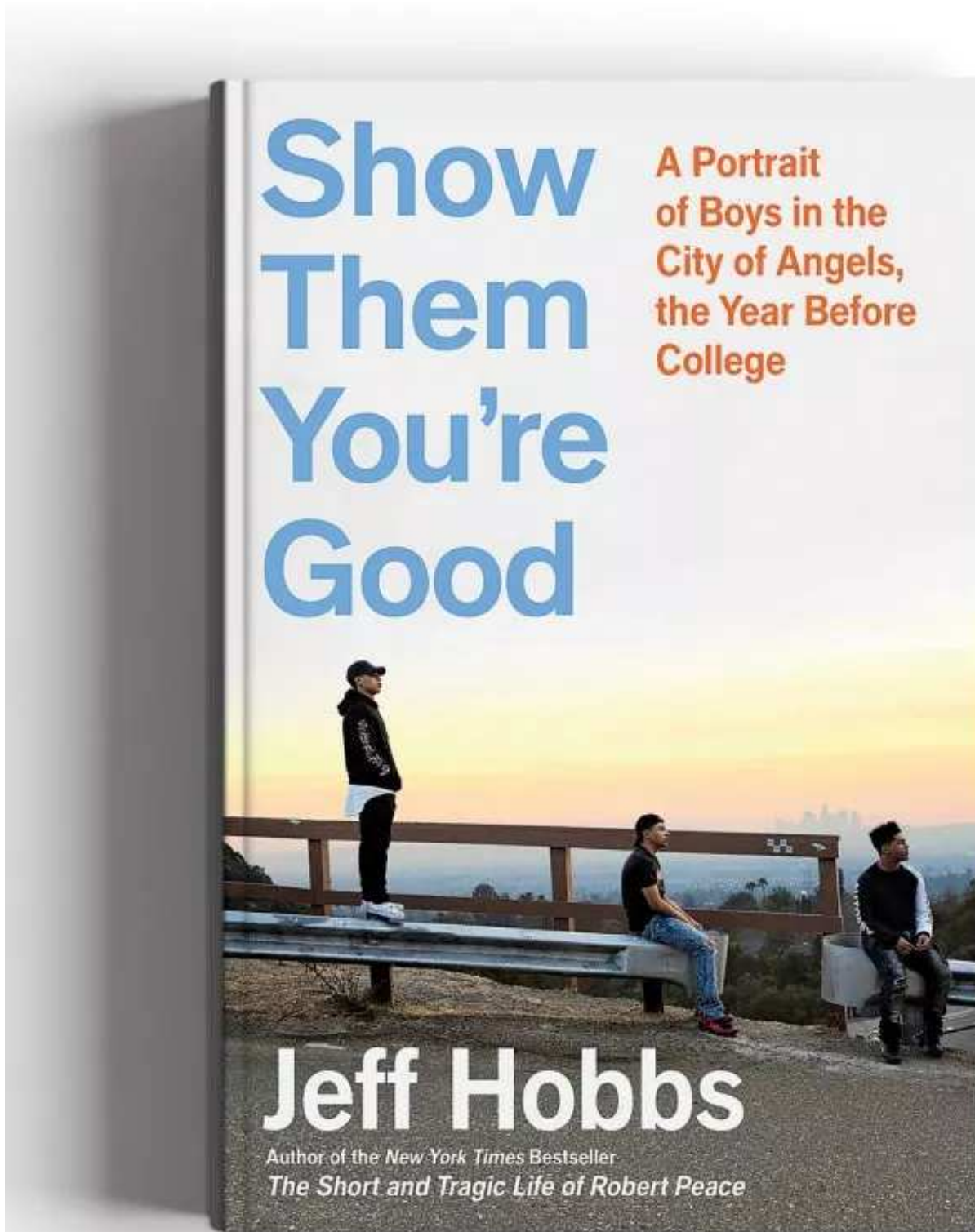
American Harvest: God, Country, and Farming in the Heartland

By Marie Mutsuki Mockett

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Mockett returns to her father's native Nebraska farm to follow a group of evangelical wheat harvesters, learning about their long-established faith and what it's like to make a life as a farmer in 21st-century America.

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Show Them You're Good: A Portrait of Boys in the City of Angels the Year Before College

By Jeff Hobbs

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An intimate look at four boys' different experiences of what it means to come of age as an American male and their post-high school options.

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Reaganland: America's Right Turn 1976–1980

By Rick Perlstein

Simon & Schuster | \$40 | August

Historian and journalist Perlstein explores the lasting legacy of President Ronald Reagan and how the conservative movement has endured and impacted American politics.

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Empty: A Memoir

By Susan Burton

Random House | \$27 | June

With raw, extraordinary honesty, Burton, an editor at the podcast *This*

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that dominated much of her life.

A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom

By Brittany K. Barnett

Crown | \$28 | September

Lawyer Barnett's life was changed when she encountered a single black mother serving a life sentence without parole for a first-time drug offense.

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once personal and expansive.

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Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family

By Robert Kolker

Doubleday | \$29.95 | April

The Galvin family was one of the first to be studied by the National Institutes of Health after six of the family's 12 children were diagnosed with schizophrenia. With profound empathy, Kolker tells the family's story, and how they affected our understanding of the disease to this day.

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By Stephanie Danler

Knopf | \$25.95 | May

The bestselling author of *Sweetbitter* is back—this time with the true story of her own life. Danler reckons with past trauma as she works to understand the past and look toward the future.

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Sex and Lies: True Stories of Women's Intimate Lives in the Arab World

By Leila Slimani

Penguin Books | \$17 | July

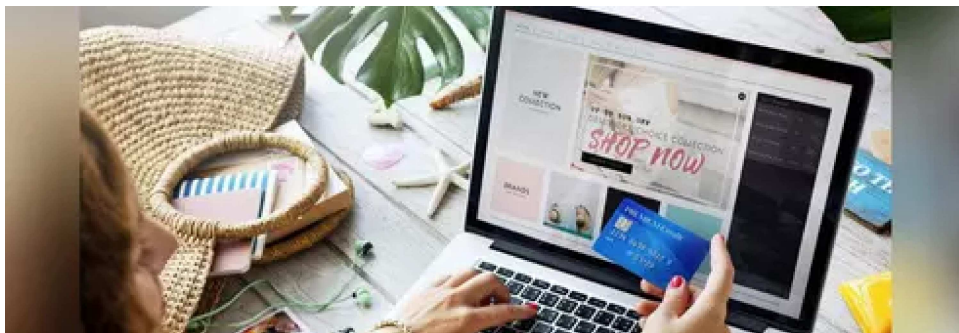
Slimani's searing nonfiction debut unearths the deepest and most intimate

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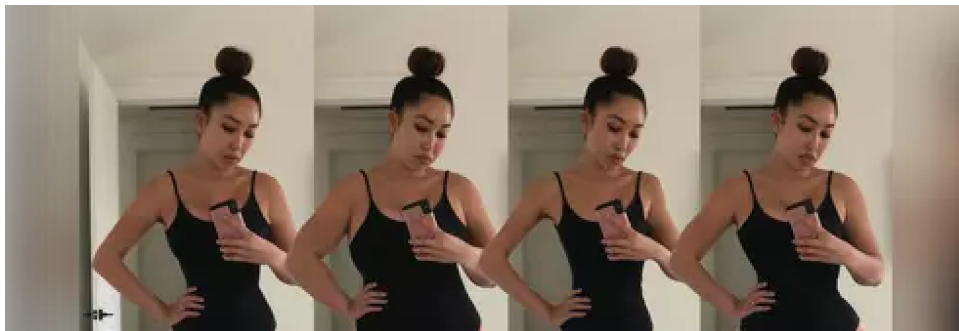
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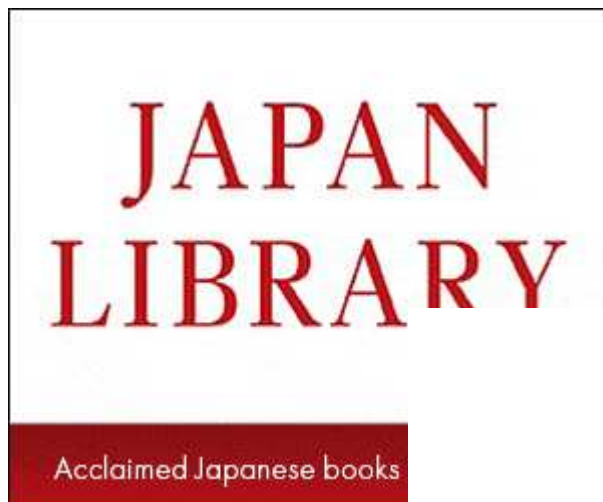
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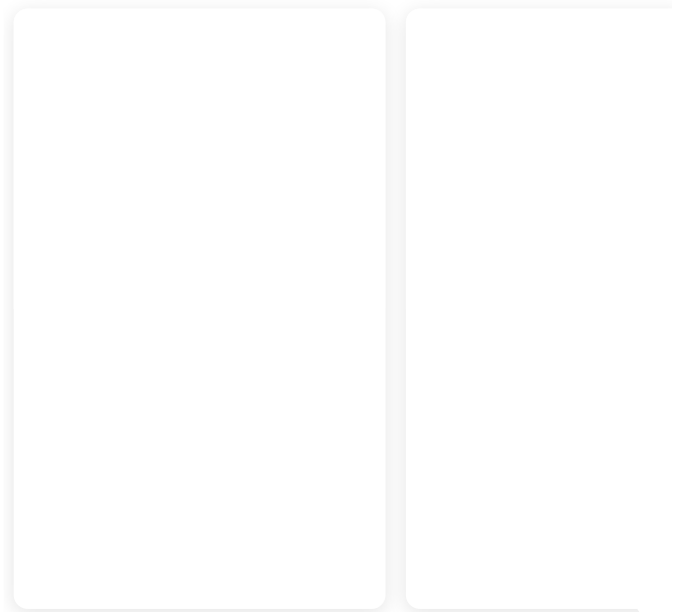
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