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River of Shadows: Eadweard Muybridge and the Technological Wild West

By Rebecca Solnit

"New technologies, political intrigue, and sexual scandal in Northern California: Solnit takes these elements and crafts a tale with such narrative verve and nuanced political and cultural insight that the reader is swept away to be a witness to the birth of Northern California as a center of technological innovation. The complexity of the relationship between Eadweard Muybridge and Leland Stanford is a fascinating story to which Solnit does justice."

—Paul Yamazaki, City Lights Booksellers, San Francisco, CA



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The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures

By Anne Fadiman

"Fadiman's story of the tragic misunderstandings between American medicine and immigrant Hmong culture after an infant girl is diagnosed with severe epilepsy is a modest masterpiece of journalistic empathy. Tirelessly curious about the people, history, and science connected by Lia's illness, Fadiman does not lose sight of the limits of what a journalist can discern or what two cultures can know about each other."

—Tom Nissley, Phinney Books, Seattle, WA



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Stoner

By John Williams

"This story follows William Stoner, who is sent to agricultural college in 1910 to study farming. While at school, he falls in love with literature and begins a career in academia. His life becomes a series of missed opportunities and disappointments, and the novel offers an intimate view of academic life and politics in the first half of the 20th century. Written in clear and simple prose, this is a tender and truthful portrayal of a man with a passion for literature and a yearning for the life of his dreams. While his own life doesn't quite measure up, Stoner touches the lives of many others and he will touch the heart of the reader as well."

—Sue Boucher, The Cottage Book Shop, Glen Arbor, MI



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