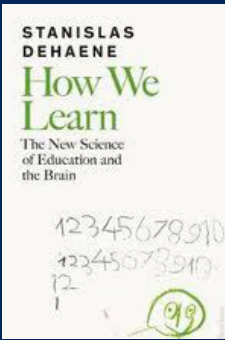


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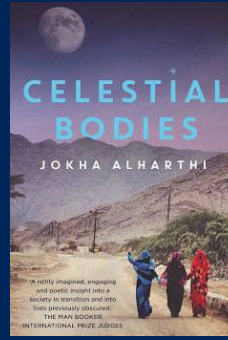
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## How We Learn: The New Science of Education and the Brain

by Stanislas Dehaene

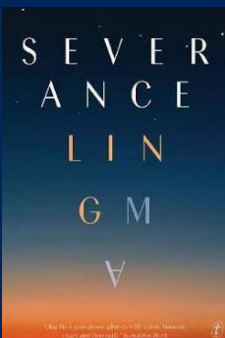
How We Learn finds the boundary of computer science, neurobiology, and cognitive psychology to explain how learning really works and how to make the best use of the brain's learning algorithms, in our schools and universities as well as in everyday life.



## Celestial Bodies

by Jokha Alharthi

Following the lives of three sisters and their families, their losses and loves, unwind beautifully against a backdrop of a rapidly changing Oman, a country evolving from a very traditional, slave-owning society into its complex present.



## Severance

by Ling Ma

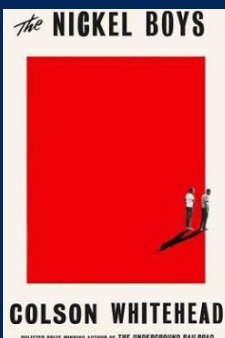
A send-up and takedown of the rituals, routines, and missed opportunities of contemporary life, Ling Ma's *Severance* is a moving family story, a quirky coming-of-adulthood tale, and a hilarious, deadpan satire. Most important, it's a heartfelt tribute to the connections that drive us to do more than survive.



## The Yield

by Tara June Winch

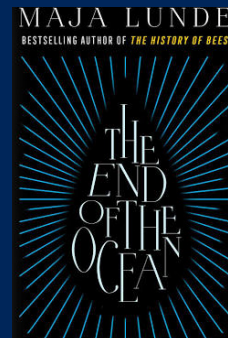
Knowing that he will soon die, Albert 'Poppy' Gondiwindi takes pen to paper. His life has been spent on the banks of the Murrumbly River at Prosperous House, on Massacre Plains. Albert is determined to pass on the language of his people and everything that was ever remembered. He finds the words on the wind.



## The Nickel Boys

by Colson Whitehead

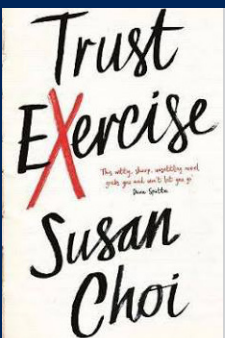
Elwood is about to enroll in the local black college. But for a black boy in the Jim Crow South in the early 1960s, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy the future. Elwood is sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called The Nickel Academy, whose mission statement says it provides "physical, intellectual and moral training" so the delinquent boys.



## The End of the Ocean

by Maja Lunde

In 2041, David flees with his young daughter, Lou, from a war-torn Southern Europe plagued by drought. They have been separated from their rest of their family and are on a desperate search to reunite with them once again, when they find an abandoned sailboat in a parched French garden, miles away from the nearest shore.



## Trust Exercise

by Susan Choi

What happens when a first love between high school students is interrupted by the attentions of a charismatic teacher? As captivating and tender as it is surprising, it will incite conversations about fiction and truth, friendships and loyalties, and will leave readers with wiser understandings of the true capacities of adolescents and of the powers and responsibilities of adults.



## Your House Will Pay

by Steph Cha

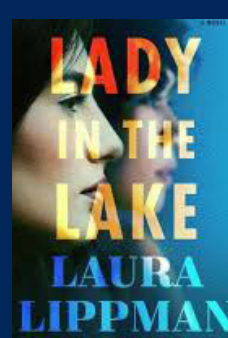
A powerful novel about racial tensions in LA, following two families, one Korean-American, one African-American grappling with the effects of a decades-old crime. When another shocking crime hits LA, the Parks and the Matthews collide in ways they never could have expected. Tensions come to a head and force a reckoning that could clear the air or lead to more violence.



## The Kindness of Strangers: How a Selfish Ape Invented a New Moral Code

by Michael McCullough

Today's challenges - climate change, mass migration, nationalism, are some of humanity's greatest yet. In revealing how past crises shaped the foundations of human concern, offering clues for how we can adapt our moral thinking to survive these challenges as well.



## Lady in the Lake

by Laura Lippman

The revered New York Times bestselling author returns with a novel set in 1960s Baltimore that combines modern psychological insights with elements of classic noir, about a middle-aged housewife turned aspiring reporter who pursues the murder of a forgotten young woman.