

READ WOKE

reading challenge



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"Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color."

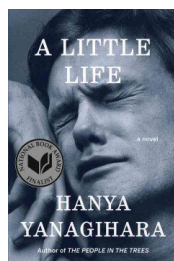
Cicely Lewis, creator of the Read Woke reading challenge



Memorial

by Bryan Washington

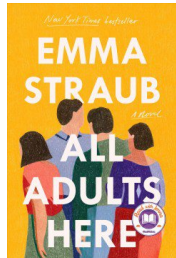
A Japanese-American chef and a Black daycare teacher begin reevaluating their stale relationship in the wake of a father's death and the arrival of an acerbic mother-in-law who becomes an unconventional roommate. By the award-winning author of Lot.



A little life : a novel

by Hanya Yanagihara

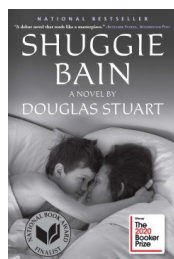
Moving to New York to pursue creative ambitions, four former classmates share decades marked by love, loss, addiction and haunting elements from a brutal childhood. By the author of *The People in the Trees*.



All adults here

by Emma Straub

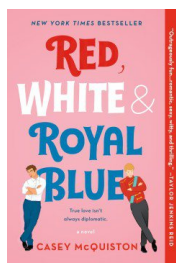
A matriarch confronts the legacy of her parenting mistakes while her adult children navigate respective challenges in high standards and immaturity, before a teen granddaughter makes a courageous decision to tell the truth. By the best-selling author of *Modern Lovers*.



Shuggie Bain : a novel

by Douglas Stuart

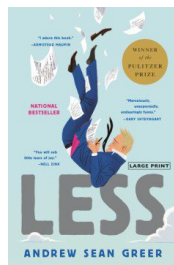
A young boy growing up in a rundown 1980s Glasgow public housing facility pursues some semblance of a normal life as his older siblings move on and his mother increasingly succumbs to alcoholism. A first novel.



Red, white & royal blue : a novel

by Casey McQuiston

After an international incident affects U.S. and British relations, the president's son Alex and Prince Henry must pretend to be best friends, but as they spend time together, the two begin a secret romance that could derail a presidential campaign



Less : a novel

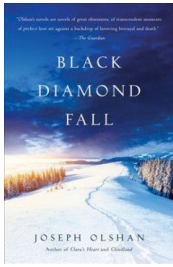
by Andrew Sean Greer

Receiving an invitation to his ex-boyfriend's wedding, Arthur, a failed novelist on the eve of his fiftieth birthday, embarks on an international journey that finds him falling in love, risking his life, reinventing himself, and making connections with the past



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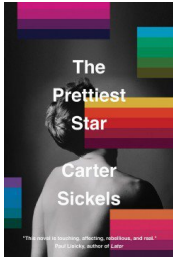
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Black Diamond Fall : a novel

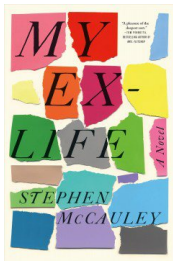
by Joseph Olshan
When Luc Flanders disappears following a game of pond hockey with his friends, the police department at Clareton College in Vermont is divided in their assessment of what fate befell the young man. Some feel that Flanders went off the grid by choice. Others, including detectives Nick

Jenkins and Helen Kennedy, suspect that something sinister may have befallen him



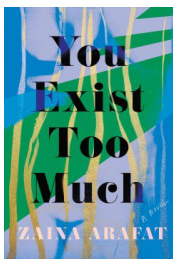
The prettiest star

by Carter Sickels
A young, gay man who left small-town Appalachia for New York City in 1980 returns home to die six years later after contracting AIDS, in a novel about love, family and redemption from the award-winning author of The Evening Hour.



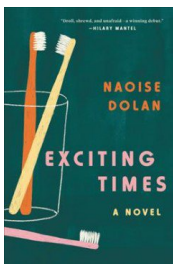
My ex-life

by Stephen McCauley
Hitting rock bottom after his beautiful apartment is sold to his ex, David receives an unexpected call from his first wife, Julie, and agrees to help her sullen teen daughter get into college, an endeavor that brings lingering feelings and unresolved issues to light.



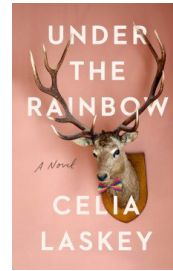
You Exist Too Much

by Zaina Arafat
Told in vignettes that occur in American and Middle East settings, a debut novel follows the experiences of a young Palestinian-American who is marginalized for her sexual orientation before the traumas of her past drive her toward self-destructive impulses.



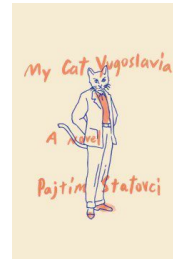
Exciting times : a novel

by Naoise Dolan
Millennial Irish expat Ava becomes entangled in a love triangle with a male banker and a female lawyer.



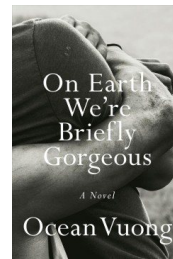
Under the rainbow

by Celia Laskey
When a conservative Kansas community is labeled the country's most homophobic town, a task force of queer social activists voluntarily moves into the community for two years in an attempt to broaden minds and hearts, with unexpected results.



My cat Yugoslavia

by Pajtim Statovci
A love story set in two countries in two radically different times follows the experiences of a Yugoslavian bride and her gay outcast son in present-day Finland, where a pet boa constrictor and a loquacious cat compel a journey of healing and cultural understanding.



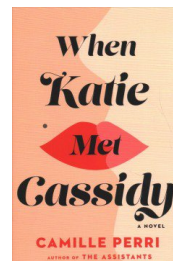
On earth we're briefly gorgeous : a novel

by Ocean Vuong
A first novel by the award-winning author of Night Sky with Exit Wounds is written in the form of a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read about the impact of the Vietnam war on their family



Call me by your name

by André Aciman
The sudden and powerful attraction between a teenage boy and a summer guest at his parents' house on the Italian Riviera has a profound and lasting influence that will mark them both for a lifetime



When Katie met Cassidy

by Camille Perri
A romantic comedy about gender and sexuality follows the experiences of a traditionally minded Midwesterner who, in the aftermath of an ended engagement, finds herself in a transformative relationship with a self-assured New York businesswoman.