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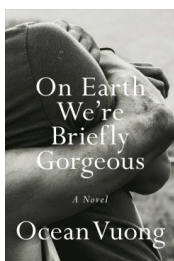
reading challenge



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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."

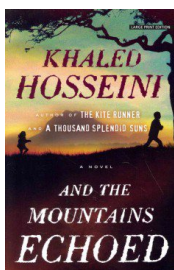
Cicely Lewis, creator of the Read Woke reading challenge



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



And the mountains echoed

by Khaled Hosseini

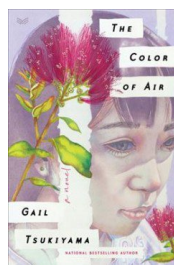
The best-selling author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* presents a story inspired by human love, how people take care of one another and how choices resonate through subsequent generations.



The downstairs girl

by Stacey Lee

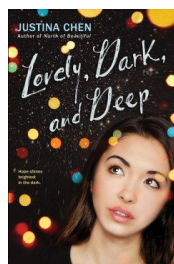
When the advice column she secretly writes becomes wildly popular, a young lady's maid uses her influence to question her society's fixed ideas about race and gender. By the award-winning author of *Outrun the Moon*.



The color of air : a novel

by Gail Tsukiyama

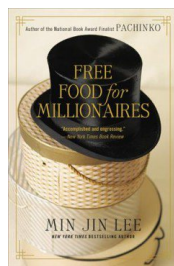
A young doctor finds his arrival home to Hawai'i coinciding with the awakening of the Mauna Loa volcano and its dangerous path toward their village, unearthing long-held secrets simmering below the surface that meld past and present. 100,000 first printing.



Lovely, dark, and deep

by Justina Chen

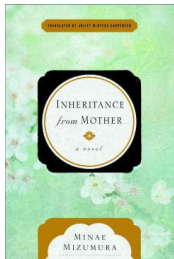
Teenager Viola Li and her sister Roz are selling bean buns at a science fiction gathering in Seattle when she suddenly collapses--she wakes up in the hospital to find that somehow she has developed an extreme case of photosensitivity (so bad that even ordinary lights can cause blisters), and somehow, in her senior year of high school, she has to craft a new life that will still include journalism school, activism, and the new guy who caught her as she fell



Free food for millionaires

by Min Jin Lee

Having become indoctrinated in the ways of American life through her Princeton education, Casey Han struggles between the expensive lifestyle she enjoys and the traditional culture to which her Korean immigrant parents desperately cling

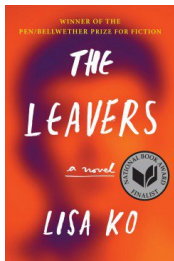


Inheritance from mother

by Minae Mizumura

"Mitsuki Katsura, a Japanese woman in her mid-fifties, is a French language instructor at a private university in Tokyo. Her husband is having an affair with a much younger woman. In addition to her husband's infidelity, Mitsuki must deal with her ailing eighty-something mother, a

demanding, self-absorbed woman who is nothing like the idealized image of the patient, self-sacrificing Japanese matriarch. Though doing everything she can to ensure her mother's happiness, she grows weary of the responsibility and worries she is sacrificing her chance to find fulfillment. Offers insight into a complex and paradoxical culture, and is also a profound work about mothers and daughters, marriage, old age, and the resilient spirit of women. "

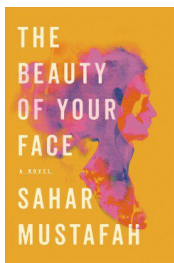


The leavers : a novel

by Lisa Ko

An award-winning debut novel follows the experiences of a Chinese youth who when his undocumented worker mother fails to return home is adopted by a family that attempts to make him over as an American teen while he struggles to reconcile his new life with memories of

the family he left behind.

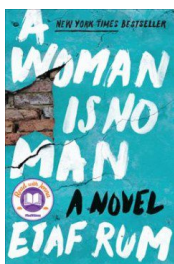


The beauty of your face : a novel

by Sahar Mustafah

Enduring the harrowing minutes of a shooting attack on her school by a radicalized assailant, a school principal and daughter of Palestinian immigrants experiences flashbacks about the bigotry she faced as a child and

the disappearance of an older sister.



A woman is no man : a novel

by Etaf Rum

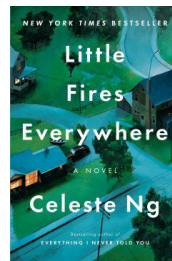
Three generations of Palestinian-American women in contemporary Brooklyn are torn by individual desire, educational ambitions, a devastating tragedy and the strict mores of traditional Arab culture.



Shanghai girls : a novel

by Lisa See

Forced to leave Shanghai when their father sells them to California suitors, sisters May and Pearl struggle to adapt to life in 1930s Los Angeles while still bound to old customs, as they face discrimination and confront a life-altering secret

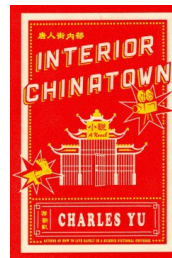


Little fires everywhere : a novel

by Celeste Ng

Fighting an ugly custody battle with an artistic tenant who has little regard for the strict rules of their progressive Cleveland suburb, a straitlaced family woman who is seeking to adopt a baby becomes obsessed with exposing the tenant's past, only to trigger devastating

consequences for both of their families.



Interior Chinatown

by Charles Yu

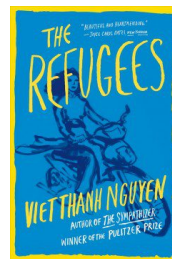
A stereotyped character actor stumbles into the spotlight before uncovering surprising links between his family and the secret history of Chinatown.



Written in the stars

by Aisha Saeed

Naila's parents allow her to choose what to study, how to wear her hair, what to be when she grows up, but when she falls in love with Saif, her parents take a family trip to Pakistan to marry her to the man of their choosing



The refugees

by Viet Thanh Nguyen

A new collection of stories, written over a 20-year period, which explores questions of home, family, immigration, the American experience and the relationships and desires for self-fulfillment that define our lives.