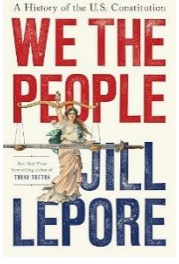
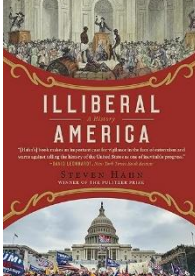


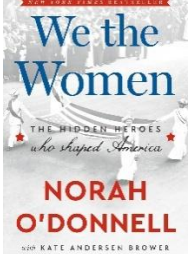
We the People: a History of the US Constitution by Jill Lepore; 2025; 720 pg

	A stunning new history of the US Constitution. “One of the Constitution’s founding purposes was to prevent change,” Lepore writes. “Another was to allow for change without violence.” Challenging both the Supreme Court’s monopoly on constitutional interpretation and the flawed theory of “originalism,” Lepore contends in this “gripping and unfamiliar story of our own past” that the philosophy of amendment is foundational to American constitutionalism. Without recourse to amendment, the risk of political violence rises, as does the risk of constitutional change by presidential or judicial fiat.
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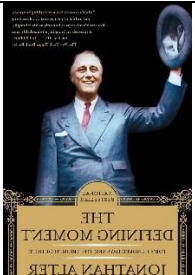
Illiberal America: a History by Steven Hahn; 2025; 464 pg

	After the January 6 insurrection, many of us asked “Is this who we are?” Hahn says, throughout much of our history, the answer is Yes! Illiberalism is as deep-seated in our past as the founding ideals. Driven by popular movements and implemented through courts and legislation, illiberalism is part of the American bedrock, and it has been with us from early days.
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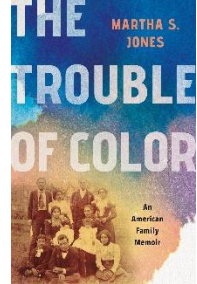
We the Women: the Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America by Norah O’Donnell and Kate Andersen Brower; 2026; 416 pg

	In honor of the nation’s 250th birthday, O’Donnell brings us stories of the little-known women who helped shape our history. Through their eyes, we get a fresh view of events from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to suffrage to abolition to serving in the armed services from women who wondered why the promises of the constitution didn’t apply to them.
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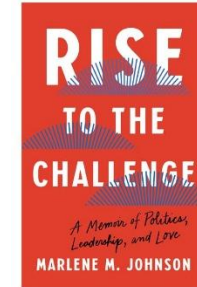
The Defining Moment: FDR’s First 100 Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter; 2007; 432 pg

	The author brings a remarkable man back to life. Facing the gravest crisis since the Civil War, FDR used his cagey political instincts and ebullient temperament in the storied first Hundred Days of his presidency to pull off an astonishing conjuring act that lifted the country and saved both democracy and capitalism.
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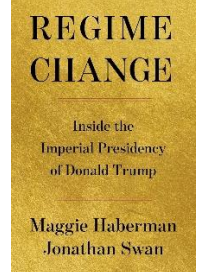
The Trouble of Color: an American Family Memoir by Martha S. Jones; 2025; 336 pg

	An intimate, searching history of the author's own family's relationship to race, a color line that was shifting and jagged. Her story ranges from rural Kentucky to New York City and its suburbs, a lyrical, deeply felt meditation on the most fundamental matters of identity, belonging, and family.
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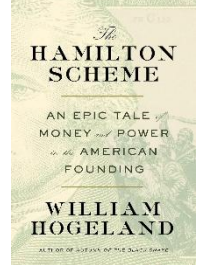
Rise to the Challenge: a Memoir of Politics, Leadership, and Love by Marlene Johnson; 2024; 248 pg

	As Minnesota's first woman lieutenant governor, serving with Gov. Rudy Perpich, Marlene Johnson broke political ground and learned to navigate the patriarchal traditions embedded in the legislature, where she built on a long history of activism and involvement. She met her husband the same year and enjoyed a deeply loving 27-year relationship. <i>Rise to the Challenge</i> weaves these political and personal threads together in a courageous portrait of dedication and leadership.
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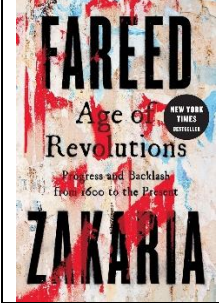
Regime Change: Inside the Imperial Presidency of Donald Trump by Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan; 2026; 496 pg

	From the two reporters who have covered him more closely than perhaps anyone else over the past decade comes this definitive portrait of Donald Trump in the White House. <i>Regime Change</i> covers the first year of Trump's second presidency—a term liberated from every constraint that defined his first. They describe a President willing to take enormous risks that have upended global markets and toppled heads of state; an imperial President operating almost entirely on instinct alone.
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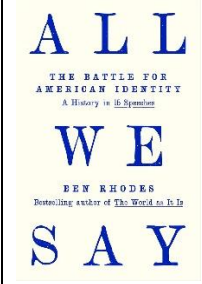
The Hamilton Scheme: an Epic Tale of Money and Power in the American Founding by William Hogeland; 2024; 544 pg

	It's ironic that the Hamilton revival has obscured the man's most dramatic battles and hardest-won achievements—as well as downplaying unsettling aspects of his legacy. Thrilling to the romance of becoming the one-man inventor of a modern nation, our first Treasury secretary fostered growth by engineering an ingenious dynamo—banking, public debt, manufacturing—for concentrating national wealth in the hands of a government-connected elite. Seeking American prosperity, he built American oligarchy.
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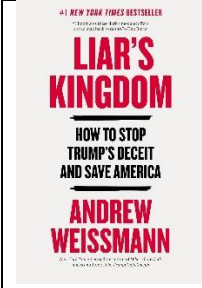
The Age of Revolutions: Progress and Backlash from 1600 to the Present by Fareed Zakaria; 2024; 400 pg

	Zakaria masterfully investigates the eras and movements that have shaken norms while shaping the modern world. Three such periods hold profound lessons for today: seventeenth-century Netherlands, the French Revolution, and the Industrial Revolution. Alongside are four present-day revolutions: globalization, technology, identity, and geopolitics. Zakaria combines intellectual range, deep historical insight, and uncanny prescience to reframe and illuminate our turbulent present.
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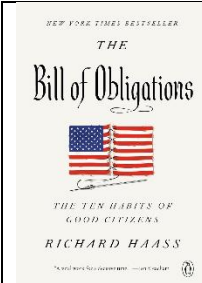
All We Say: the Battle for American Identity: a History in 15 Speeches by Ben Rhodes; 2026 432 pg

	Ben Rhodes tells the story of fifteen speeches—some iconic, others long forgotten—which have both shaped and reflected the argument Americans have been having from our founding to the intense divisions of our time. Through riveting and beautifully rendered accounts of the people, movements, and moments that produced these speeches, Rhodes traces the history of our battle over identity. The result is a singular and revealing portrait of America itself: a nation divided between two stories—inheritance, power, and exclusion vs equality, striving, and belonging. Drawing on a decade writing for Barack Obama, Rhodes shows us how words can redirect a nation, what makes a speech enduring, and why oratory is a unique form of persuasion in American democracy.
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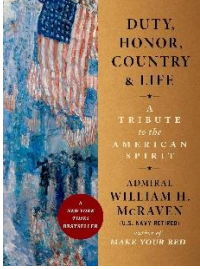
Liar's Kingdom How to Stop Trump's Deceit and Save America by Andrew Weissmann; 2026; 240 pg

	The Trump administration's deceit has enabled the use of law enforcement and the military against the people, the unlawful deportation of immigrants, and the disregard of international rules meant to promote a civilized and peaceful world. Our vulnerability to politicians' lies stems from a flaw in America's legal system—one that can be fixed. But it will take courage, creativity, and a willingness to look beyond our borders to other countries that have already confronted this crisis. A slim, elegant treatise, <i>Liar's Kingdom</i> is a playbook for stopping politicians like Trump from holding office in the future—and for saving our democracy.
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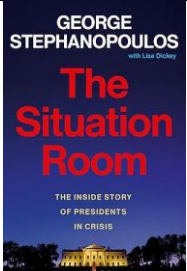
The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens by Richard Haass; 2023 240 pg

	Although we face threats from within, there is a way forward: to place obligations on the same footing as rights. The ten obligations that Haass introduces here reenvision what it means to be an American citizen, to commit to our fellow citizens and counter the growing apathy, anger, and violence that threaten us all. Through an expert blend of civics, history, and political analysis, Haass illuminates how Americans across the political spectrum can rediscover how to contribute to and reshape this country's future.
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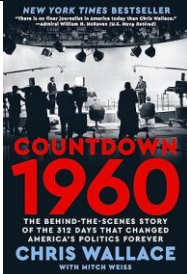
Duty, Honor, Country, Life: a Tribute to the American Spirit by Admiral William McRaven; 2026 224 pg

	Admiral McRaven's famous 2014 "Make Your Bed" speech at the University of Texas went viral with over 150 million views. Now, for the first time ever, comes a collection of his other speeches and writings that inspire and motivate young and old readers alike. With his unique writing style, each speech is a story recalling acts of heroism, courage, sacrifice, and a sense of duty, honor, and country. Full of inspiration and wisdom, this book is a reminder of our time-honored American values of civility and decency, and a reflection on what these values mean for the future of our country.
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The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis by George Stephanopoulos and Lisa Dickey; 2024; 368 pg

	Inside "the room where it happened," decisions are made that affect everyone on the planet. Learn about dramatic turning points in a dozen administrations from President Kennedy that made history and averted disasters.
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Countdown 1960: 312 Days That Changed America's Politics Forever by Chris Wallace ; 2024; 448 pg

	A nonfiction political thriller filled with intrigue, cinematic action, and fresh reporting of behind-the-scenes details, including stunning parallels to our current political climate: potentially valid claims of voter fraud and a stolen election; a presidential candidate faced with the decision of whether to contest the result or honor the peaceful transfer of power. The election of 1960 ushered in the modern era of presidential politics, with televised debates, private planes, and slick advertising.
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War by Bob Woodward; 2024; 448 pg

	With unrivaled, inside-the-room reporting, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Woodward shows President Biden's approach to managing the war in Ukraine and his tortured path to contain the bloody Middle East conflict between Israel and the terrorist group Hamas. We also see Donald Trump, conducting a shadow presidency and seeking to regain political power.
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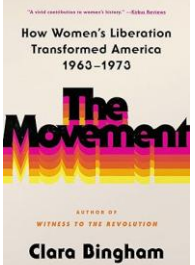
On Call: a Doctor's Journey in Public Service by Dr Anthony Fauci; 2024; 480 pg

	Arguably the most famous and revered doctor in the world today, Dr Fauci chronicles his six decades in high-level public service that put him “in the room” with seven presidents. A gripping and classic America story.
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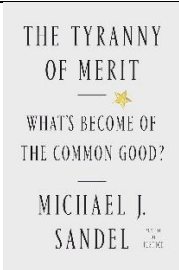
The Last Bookshop in London: a Novel of World War II by Madeline Martin; 2021; 304 pg

	An irresistible tale that showcases the transformative power of literacy, reminding us of the hope and sanctuary that our neighborhood bookstores offer during the perilous trials of war and unrest..
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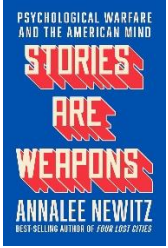
The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America 1963—1973 by Clara Bingham; 2024; 576 pg

	An engaging history that traces women's awakening, organizing, and agitating through the captivating individual voices of the people who lived it. Learn the intimate inside story of what it felt like to be at the forefront of the modern feminist crusade, when women rejected thousands of years of custom and demanded the freedom to be who they wanted and needed to be.
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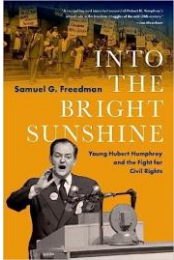
The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good? by Michael J. Sandel; 2020; 288 pg

	World-renowned philosopher Michael J. Sandel argues that to overcome the crises that are upending our world, we must rethink the attitudes toward success and failure that have accompanied globalization and rising inequality. Sandel shows the hubris a meritocracy generates among the winners and the harsh judgement it imposes on those left behind. His alternative is more attentive to the role of luck in human affairs, more conducive to an ethic of humility and solidarity, and more affirming of the dignity of work, pointing us toward a hopeful vision of a new politics of the common good.
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Stories Are Weapons: Psychological Warfare and the American Mind by Annalee Newitz; 2024; 272 pg

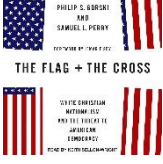
	Newitz traces the way disinformation, propaganda, and violent threats—the essential tool kit for psychological warfare—have evolved from military weapons deployed against foreign adversaries into tools in domestic culture wars. Newitz delves into America’s deep-rooted history with psychological operations, beginning with Benjamin Franklin’s Revolutionary War–era fake newspaper and nineteenth-century wars on Indigenous nations, and reaching its apotheosis with the Cold War and twenty-first-century influence campaigns online. America’s secret weapon has long been coercive storytelling. And there’s a reason for that: operatives who shaped modern psychological warfare drew on their experiences as science fiction writers and in the advertising industry.
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Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights by Samuel Freedman; 2023; 504 pg

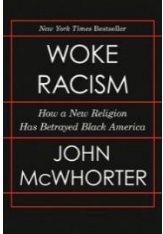
	Marking the 75th anniversary of the 1948 Democratic convention ("get out of the shadow of state's rights and walk forthrightly into the bright sunshine of human rights"), Freedman traces HHH’s journey from a remote, all-white hamlet in South Dakota to the mayoralty of Minneapolis as he tackles its notorious racism and anti-Semitism to his role as a national champion of multiracial democracy. His allies include a Black newspaper publisher, a Jewish attorney, and a professor who had fled Nazi Germany. His adversaries are white supremacists, Christian Nationalists, and America Firsters of mid-century America. Freedman, a journalism professor at Columbia University, writes a political biography rather than a personal one, to place Humphrey "in the context of Minneapolis's disgraceful history of racism and anti-Semitism."
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Racism and White Nationalism

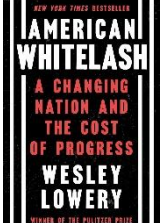
The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy by Philip S Gorski and Samuel L Perry; 2022;

	Gorski and Perry explain what white Christian nationalism is; when it first emerged and how it has changed; where it's headed and why it threatens democracy. Tracing the development of this ideology over the course of three centuries--and especially its influence over the last three decades--they show how, throughout American history, white Christian nationalism has animated the oppression, exclusion, and even extermination of minority groups while securing privilege for white Protestants.
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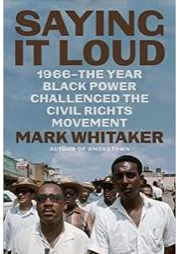
Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America by John McWhorter; 2021; 224 pg

	Has the anti-racism of Ibram X Kendi and Robin DiAngelo gone too far? Black liberal John McWhorter thinks so, arguing that certain strains of anti-racism and its adherents have effectively created a religion, and a zealous one, that stifles nuance and debate. An illiberal neoracism, disguised as antiracism, is hurting Black communities and weakening the American social fabric. He offers a roadmap to justice that actually will help, not hurt, Black America.
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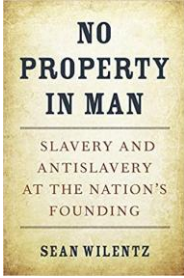
American Whitelash; A Changing Nation and the Cost of Progress by Wesley Lowery; 2023; 272 pg

	Interweaving deep historical analysis with gripping firsthand reporting on both victims and perpetrators of violence, Lowery uncovers how a vicious cycle of white power against racial progress is carrying us into ever more perilous territory, how the federal government has failed to intervene, and how we still might find a route of escape.
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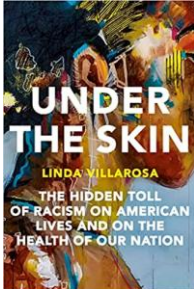
Saying It Loud: 1966—the Year Black Power Challenged the Civil Rights Movement by Mark Whitaker; 2023; 400 pg

	How the Black Power phenomenon began to challenge the traditional civil rights movement in the turbulent year of 1966. Deeply researched and widely reported, <i>Saying It Loud</i> offers brilliant portraits of the major characters in the yearlong drama and provides new details and insights from key players and journalists who covered the story. It also makes a compelling case for why the lessons from 1966 still resonate in the era of Black Lives Matter and the fierce contemporary battles over voting rights, identity politics, and the teaching of Black history.
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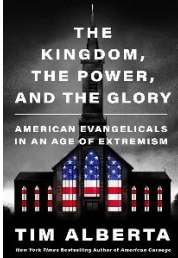
No Property in Man: Slavery and Antislavery at the Nation's Founding by Sean Wilentz; 2018; 368 pg

	Demonstrating that the Constitution both protected slavery and left open the possibility of an antislavery politics, Wilentz's careful and insightful analysis helps us understand how Americans who hated slavery, such as Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, could come to see the Constitution as an ally in their struggle. In this revealing and passionately argued book, Wilentz insists that because the framers did not sanction slavery as a matter of principle, the antislavery legacy of the Constitution has been 'slighted' and 'misconstrued' for over 200 years.
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Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation by Linda Villarosa; 2022;

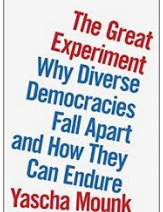
	From an award-winning writer at the New York Times Magazine and a contributor to the 1619 Project comes a landmark book that tells the full story of racial health disparities in America, revealing the toll racism takes on individuals and the health of our nation.
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The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism by Tim Alberta; 2023; 512 pg

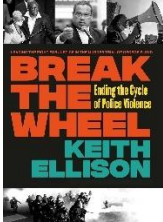
	Journalist Tim Alberta is a practicing Christian and the son of an evangelical pastor. He paints an expansive and profoundly troubling portrait of the American evangelical movement. Through the eyes of televangelists and small-town preachers, celebrity revivalists and everyday churchgoers, Alberta tells the story of a faith cheapened by ephemeral fear, a promise corrupted by partisan subterfuge, and a reputation stained by perpetual scandal.
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Democracy and Institutions

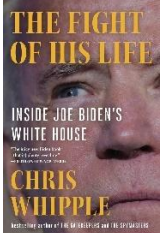
The Great Experiment: Why Diverse Democracies Fall Apart and How They Can Endure by Yascha Mounk; 2022; 368 pg

 The book cover for 'The Great Experiment' by Yascha Mounk. The title is written in a stylized, overlapping font in red and blue. The author's name 'Yascha Mounk' is at the bottom in red.	A convincing, humane, and hopeful guide to the present and future by one of our foremost democratic thinkers. Never in history has a democracy succeeded in being both diverse and equal, treating members of many different ethnic or religious groups fairly. And yet achieving that goal is now central to the democratic project in countries around the world. It is, Yascha Mounk argues, the greatest experiment of our time.
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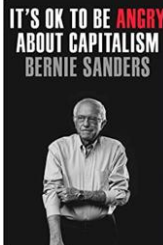
Break the Wheel: Ending the Cycle of Police Violence by Keith Ellison; 2023; 304 pg

 The book cover for 'Break the Wheel' by Keith Ellison. It features a collage of images including a protest and a police officer. The title 'BREAK THE WHEEL' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the subtitle 'Ending the Cycle of Police Violence' is in smaller white text. The author's name 'KEITH ELLISON' is at the bottom in green.	A powerful and intimate trial diary written by MN Attorney General Keith Ellison about George Floyd's family's lawsuit in the wake of the blatant and public murder by police of their son. The situation begs the question: how can such racial police brutality be irradiated permanently? AG Ellison follows the court prosecution of the perpetrator of this murder with answers for achieving lasting racial reckoning and social justice.
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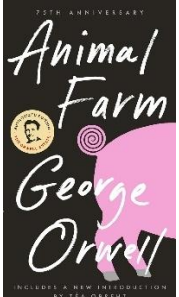
The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's Whitehouse by Chris Whipple; 2023; 412 pg

 The book cover for 'The Fight of His Life' by Chris Whipple. It features a close-up of Joe Biden's face. The title 'THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the subtitle 'INSIDE JOE BIDEN'S WHITE HOUSE' is in smaller white text. The author's name 'CHRIS WHIPPLE' is at the bottom in yellow.	This author takes you inside the White House to view Biden's many effective staff appointments leading to the numerous successful negotiations to acquire new laws pulling everyday people out of potential poverty. Biden enacted the many bipartisan bills including the infrastructure bill, a bill focused on gun safety, a bill combating climate change, a bill that raises corporate taxes and reduces the cost of prescription drugs, a bill promoting semiconductor production, a bill ensuring marriage equality, and a bill guaranteeing proper care and benefits for our Veterans and their beneficiaries.
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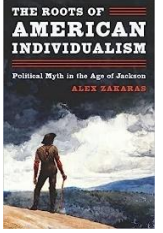
It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism by Bernie Sanders; 2023; 320 pg

 The book cover for 'It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism' by Bernie Sanders. It features a black and white photo of Bernie Sanders. The title 'IT'S OK TO BE ANGRY ABOUT CAPITALISM' is in large, bold, white letters. The author's name 'BERNIE SANDERS' is at the bottom in white.	Senator Bernie Sanders takes on the billionaire class with blunt truths about our failure to address the destructive nature of a system that is fueled by uncontrolled greed and rigidly committed to prioritizing corporate profits over the needs of ordinary Americans. He argues that unfettered capitalism is to blame for an unprecedented level of income and wealth inequality, undermines our democracy, and destroys our planet. He presents a vision that extends beyond past promises to reveal what could be possible, not in some utopian fantasy, but in democracy as we should know it.
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Animal Farm by George Orwell (75th anniversary edition, new introduction by Tea Obreht); 140 pg

	A timeless and timely allegorical novel—a scathing satire on a downtrodden society’s blind march towards totalitarianism. “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” Originally, Stalinist Russia was seen as its target. Today it is devastatingly clear that wherever and whenever freedom is attacked, under whatever banner, the cutting clarity and savage comedy of George Orwell’s masterpiece have a meaning and message still ferociously fresh.
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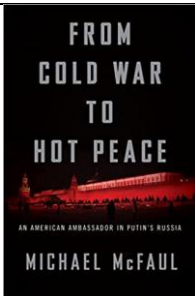
The Roots of American Individualism: Political Myth in the Age of Jackson by Alex Zakaras; 432 pg

	Zakaras plunges readers into the spirited and rancorous political debates of Andrew Jackson’s America, drawing on the stump speeches, newspaper editorials, magazine articles, and sermons that captivated mass audiences and shaped partisan identities. He shows how these debates popularized three powerful myths that celebrated the young nation as an exceptional land of liberty: the myth of the independent proprietor, the myth of the rights-bearer, and the myth of the self-made man. He shows how generations of politicians, pundits, and provocateurs invoked these myths for competing political purposes, such as determining who would enjoy equal rights and freedoms and who would not. They conjured heavily idealized, apolitical visions of social harmony and boundless opportunity, typically centered on the free market, that have distorted American political thought to this day.
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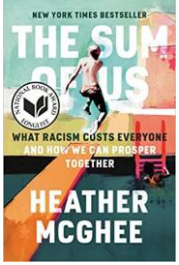
Lessons From the Edge by Marie Yovanovitch; 2022; 416 pg

	As ambassador, Marie Yovanovitch tirelessly advocated for the Ukrainian people while advancing U.S. interests and staying true to herself. When she made the courageous decision to participate in the impeachment inquiry—over the objections of the Trump administration—she earned the nation’s respect, and her dignified response to the president’s attacks won our hearts. She has reclaimed her own narrative in this powerful memoir: the dramatic saga of one woman’s role at the vanguard of American foreign policy during a time of upheaval, for herself and for our country.
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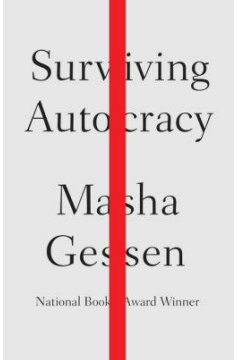
From Cold War to Hot Peace: an American Ambassador in Putin’s Russia by Michael McFaul; 2018; 528 pg

	As President Barack Obama’s adviser on Russian affairs, Michael McFaul helped craft the United States’ policy known as “reset” that fostered new and unprecedented collaboration between the two countries. And then, as US ambassador to Russia from 2012 to 2014, he had a front-row seat when this fleeting, hopeful moment crumbled with Vladimir Putin’s return to the presidency. This riveting inside account combines history and memoir to tell the full story of US-Russia relations from the fall of the Soviet Union to the new rise of the hostile, paranoid Russian president.
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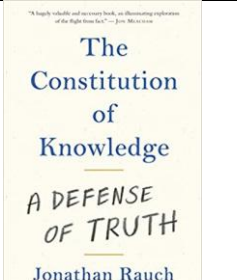
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee; 2022; 464 pg

	Heather McGhee’s specialty is the American economy—and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis of 2008 to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a root problem: racism in our politics and policymaking—costs for people of color and for white people. But in unlikely places of worship and work, McGhee finds proof of what she calls the Solidarity Dividend: the benefits we gain when people come together across race to do what we cannot do on our own. <i>The Sum of Us</i> is not only a brilliant analysis of how we arrived here but also a heartfelt message, delivered with startling empathy, from a black woman to a multiracial America, giving us a new vision of a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.
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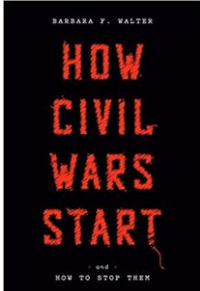
Surviving Autocracy by Masha Gessen; 2020; 288 pg

	This National Book Award-winning journalist offers an essential guide to understanding, resisting, and recovering from the ravages of our tumultuous times. In the run-up to the 2016 election, Masha Gessen stood out from other journalists for the ability to convey the ominous significance of Donald Trump’s unprecedented speech and behavior. Thanks to the special perspective that is the legacy of a Soviet childhood and two decades covering the resurgence of totalitarianism in Russia, Gessen has a sixth sense for signs of autocracy—and the unique cross-cultural fluency to delineate its emergence to Americans. Gessen highlights the corrosion of the media, the judiciary, and the cultural norms we hoped would save us and tells the story of how a few years changed us from people who saw ourselves as a nation of immigrants to a populace haggling over a border wall, heirs to a degraded sense of truth, meaning, and possibility. Gessen gives us an inventory of ravages but also a beacon to recovery—or to enduring and resisting—an ongoing assault.
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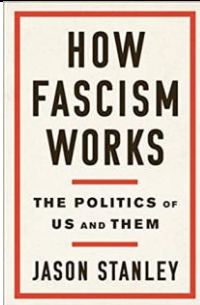
The Constitution of Knowledge: a Defense of Truth by Jonathan Rauch; 2021; 280 pg

	The ability to talk in good faith about a shared reality is a foundational element of civics that we didn’t know we had until we suddenly and surprisingly lost it. Jonathan Rauch explains how we got it in the first place and how we are now letting it slip away. His telling of the story is well-grounded in history and philosophy as well as in the very latest dispatches from the meme wars. Readers will come away not just concerned about the mess we’re in, but also with new ideas as to how we might dig ourselves out of it.
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How Civil Wars Start and How to Stop Them by Barbara F Walter; 2022; 320 pg

	A leading political scientist examines the dramatic rise in violent extremism around the globe and sounds the alarm on the increasing likelihood of a second civil war in the United States. Walters provides a clear message about the current dangers we face, similar to the warnings about global warming that were expressed decades ago. Perhaps surprisingly, both autocracies and healthy democracies are largely immune from civil war; it's the countries in the middle ground that are most vulnerable. And this is where more and more countries, including the United States, are finding themselves today.
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How Fascism Works: the Politics of Us and Them by Jason Stanley; 2018; 240 pg

	Philosopher Jason Stanley reveals how the liberties of the people wither when voters embrace politicians who promote the divisive politics of us versus them while denigrating cooperation, compromise, and respect for others. <i>How Fascism Works</i> builds on Stanley's insightful <i>How Propaganda Works</i> to explain in concise and easily understood terms how people get tricked into reversing the expanding rights that made America great. One of the defining books of the decade, it places Trump in transnational and transhistorical perspective, showing patterns that others miss. The greater danger isn't hyperbole, it's normalization.
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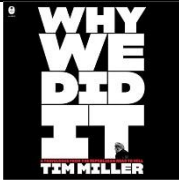
Political Parties

When Republicans Were Progressive by Dave Durenberger and Lori Sturdevant; 2018; 296 pg

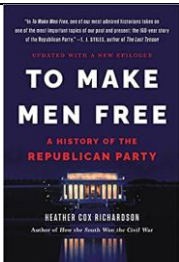
	From Harold Stassen in 1938 to the 1990s, the Republican party in MN was a progressive, dynamic political movement of bipartisan ideas and ideals that spawned modern Minnesota's success story. Senator Dave Durenberger grew up in and helped build that party. In this powerful work of history and witness, with eloquence and insight, Durenberger argues that the principles and practices of progressive Republicanism are a fitting remedy for what ails American democracy today
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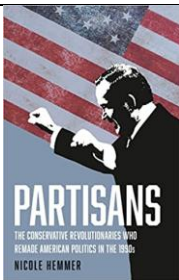
Why We Did It: a Travelogue from the Republican Road to Hell by Tim Miller; 2022; 288 pg

	A former spokesman for Jeb Bush writes a bracingly honest reflection; a vital, darkly satirical warning that all the narcissistic justifications that got us to this place still thrive within the Republican party. As one of the strategists behind the famous 2012 RNC "autopsy," Miller conducts his own forensic study on the pungent carcass of the party he used to love, cutting into all the hubris, ambition, idiocy, desperation, and self-deception for everyone to see
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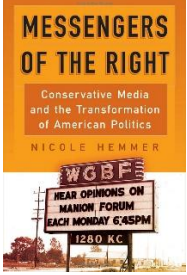
To Make Men Free by Heather Cox Richardson; 2021; 560 pg

	The Republican Party was formed on the eve of the Civil War, with the goal or economic opportunity for all Americans. Yet it quickly became mired in an identity crisis: the party of democratic ideals or the party of moneyed interests? Acclaimed historian Heather Cox Richardson traces the shifting ideology through the modern era. Updated with a new epilogue including the Trump era, the book is now a sweeping history of a once-great party that is now in disarray
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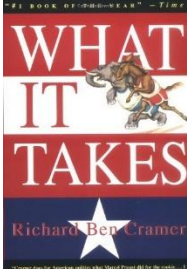
Partisans: the Conservative Revolutionaries Who Remade American Politics in the 1990s by Nicole Hemmer; 2022; 368 pg

	Ronald Reagan is lionized for building a conservative coalition sustained by an optimistic vision of American exceptionalism, small government, and free markets. Historian Nicole Hemmer reveals that the Reagan coalition was short-lived and fell apart as soon as its charismatic leader left office. In the 1990s, changing demographics and the emergence of a new political-entertainment media fueled the rise of combative far-right politicians and pundits. From Pat Buchanan and Newt Gingrich to Rush Limbaugh and Laura Ingraham, these partisans forged a new American right that emphasizes anti-globalism, white resentment, and skepticism about democracy itself.
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Messengers of the Right: Conservative Media and the Transformation of American Politics by Nicole Hemmer; 2016; 336 pages

	Beginning in the late 1940s, activists working in media emerged as leaders of the American conservative movement. They started an array of enterprises and built the movement. Hemmer explains how conservative media became the institutional and organizational nexus of the conservative movement, transforming audiences into activists and activists into a reliable voting base. Hemmer also explores how the idea of liberal media bias emerged, why conservatives have been more successful at media activism than liberals, and how the right remade both the Republican Party and American news media.
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What It Takes: the Way to the White House by Richard Ben Cramer; 1992/1993; 1072 pg

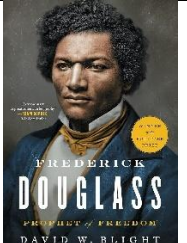
	Gigantic work of political reporting and a huge accomplishment. It's a comfort to read Cramer's close examination of the 1988 primaries and remember that campaigns are always nutty. The overriding thesis of the book is smart: a deep look at 6 very different figures (Bush/Dole; Dukakis/Biden/Gephardt/Hart) that examines the moments that made them want to be president, paired with a walk-through of the challenges to those identities during their runs.
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Biographies

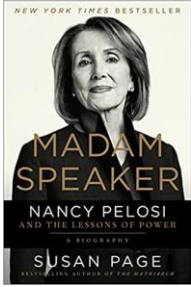
Her Honor: Rosalie Wahl and the Minnesota Women's Movement by Lori Sturdevant; 2014; 268 pg

	The first woman on the Minnesota Supreme Court, changed the way her fellow judges saw the cases they decided. A champion of both women's rights and civil rights, Wahl brought new attention to the problems that faced women impoverished by divorce, abused by their partners, and others who coped with poverty and discrimination. Sturdevant also brings in other Minnesota women who paved the way for women's rights in the state.
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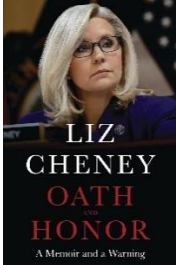
Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight; 2020; 812 pg

	An extraordinary biography of one of the most important American voices of the nineteenth century. Blight includes new information from a private collection, as well as recently discovered issues of Douglass's newspapers. This is the definitive biography of Frederick Douglass.
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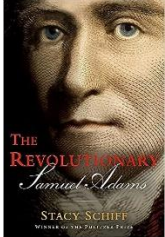
Madam Speaker: Nancy Pelosi and the Lessons of Power by Susan Page; 2021; 448 pg

	Award-winning Washington Bureau chief of USA Today, Susan Page writes about politics and the White House, covering seven White House administrations and eleven presidential elections. In exploring the remarkable life of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Susan has painted a compelling portrait of determination, resilience, and patriotism that is the essence of American democracy. This readable, engaging biography takes us from Pelosi's Baltimore upbringing through her current term as speaker in the Biden administration; a valuable overview of a singular American politician.
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Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning by Liz Cheney; 2023; 384 pg

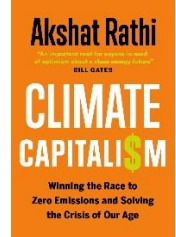
	Cheney is one of the few Republican officials to take a stand against the January 6, 2021 attack. After witnessing the attack first-hand, she helped lead the Congressional Select Committee investigation into how it happened. Now she tells the story of this perilous moment in our history, those who helped Trump spread the stolen election lie, those whose actions preserved our constitutional framework, and the risks we still face.
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The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff; 2022; 432 pg

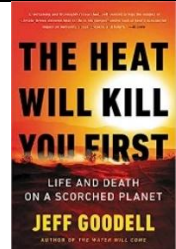
	Pulitzer Prize winner Stacy Schiff introduces us to the little known founding father who nevertheless was the force behind the American Revolution. Shrewd and elegant (and cousin to John Adams), Adams helped mastermind the Boston Tea Party, creating the cause that created a country. Schiff illuminates his transformation from aimless son of a wealthy family to a radical tireless campaigner with high-minded ideals and bare-knuckle tactics. Thomas Jefferson claimed he was the leader of the Revolution.
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Climate, Science, and Environment

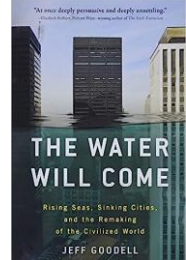
Climate Capitalism: Winning the Race to Zero Emissions and Solving the Crisis of Our Age by Akshat Rathi; 2024; 272 pg

 The book cover for 'Climate Capitalism' by Akshat Rathi features a bright orange background. At the top, the author's name 'Akshat Rathi' is written in white. Below it, in smaller text, is 'WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY DEEPA K. RATHI'. The title 'CLIMATE CAPITALISM' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters, with a green dollar sign replacing the 'I' in 'CAPITALISM'. At the bottom, the subtitle 'Winning the Race to Zero Emissions and Solving the Crisis of Our Age' is written in a smaller white font.	Through stories that bring people, policy and technology together, Akshat Rathi reveals how the green economy is not only possible, but profitable. This inspiring blend of business, science, and history provides the framework for ensuring that future generations can live in prosperity and that the wheels of progress don't falter.
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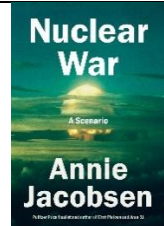
The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet by Jeff Goodell; 2023; 400 pg

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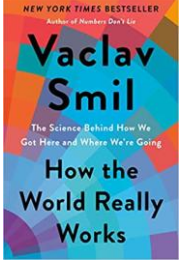
The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World by Jeff Goodell; 2018; 352 pg

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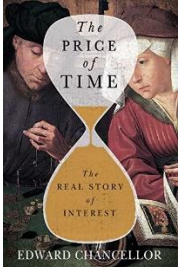
Nuclear War: a Scenario by Annie Jacobsen; 2024; 336 pg

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How the World Really Works: the Science Behind How We Got Here and Where We're Going by Vaclav Smil; 2022; 336 pg

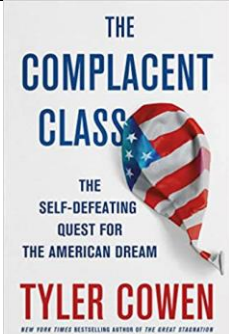
	An ambitious and thought-provoking book that offers a much-needed reality check—because before we can tackle problems effectively, we must understand the facts. Smil answers the most profound question of our age: are we irrevocably doomed or is a brighter utopia ahead? Compelling, data-rich and revisionist, this wonderfully broad, interdisciplinary guide finds faults with both extremes. Looking at the world through this quantitative lens reveals hidden truths that change the way we see our past, present and uncertain future.
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The Price of Time: the Real Story of Interest by Edward Chancellor; 2022; 401 pg

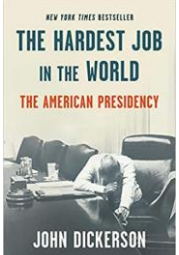
	In this enriching volume, Chancellor explores the history of interest and its essential function in determining how capital is allocated and priced.
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Miscellaneous

The Complacent Class: the Self-Defeating Quest for the American Dream by Tyler Cowen; 2017; 256 pg

	Endlessly inventive and uniquely wide-ranging, Cowen has produced a novel account of what ails us: undue complacency. No one but Cowen would ask 'Why Americans stopped rioting and instead legalized marijuana.' He admires risk-taking, and he likes restlessness, and he thinks the United States needs lots more of both. Don't be complacent: Read this book!
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The Hardest Job in the World: the American Presidency by John Dickerson; 2020; 451 pg

	Journalist and <i>60 Minutes</i> correspondent John Dickerson writes about presidents in history and contemporary times to show how a complex job has been done; and why we need to reevaluate how we view the presidency, how we choose our presidents, and what we expect from them once they are in office.
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