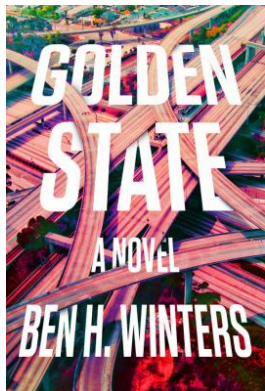
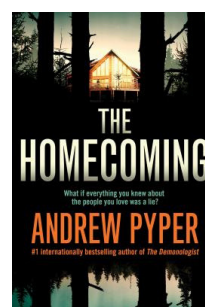
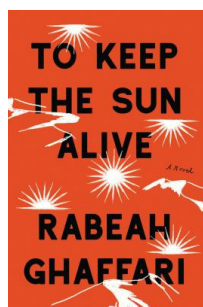
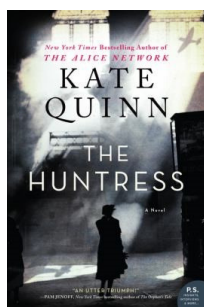
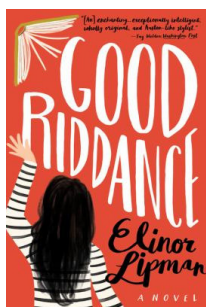


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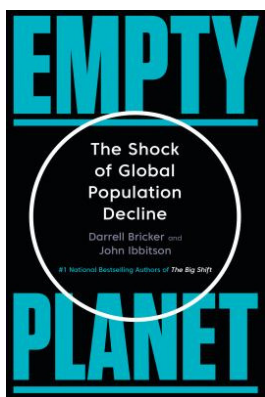
Fiction



Near future California is a sovereign state where truth is revered and lies, no matter how big or small, are punishable. No lie gets past Veteran Speculative Services officer Laszlo Ratesic who has an innate ability to tell a truth from a lie. On a day that seems like any other, Laszlo is rudely interrupted during his chicken and waffles breakfast with the task of investigating a death. A construction worker who fell off a roof during a job, seems like a straight forward investigation, right? Unknowingly the day sends Laszlo and his assistant down a path toward unraveling a massive conspiracy. With a blend of tongue-in-cheek humour and a pace that moves faster than a lie can spill from a mouth, Golden State is perfect for lovers of The Umbrella Academy or Ready Player One by Ernest Cline.



Non-Fiction



For decades we have heard warnings that over-population will place great stress on the planet, ecologically, economically and in countless other ways. In this carefully researched analysis, Bricker and Ibbitson argue that over the next century populations will actually decrease due to the empowerment of women, falling birthrates in the developing world and increased urbanization. This scenario would result in disruptions that include shortages of workers and stress on social supports as populations age. On the other hand, fewer workers would likely lead to higher wages with the potential of greater autonomy for women. The authors suggest that this presents us with an opportunity to shape the future.

