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A Visit from the Goon Squad Anchor Working side-by-side for a record label, former punk rocker Bennie Salazar and the passionate Sasha hide illicit secrets from one another while interacting with a motley assortment of equally troubled people from 1970s San Francisco to the post-war future. **A Visit from the Goon Squad Anchor** NATIONAL BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCE WINNER • With music pulsing on every page, this startling, exhilarating novel of self-destruction and redemption "features characters about whom you come to care deeply as you watch them doing things they shouldn't, acting gloriously, infuriatingly human" (The Chicago Tribune). Bennie is an aging former punk rocker and record executive. Sasha is the passionate, troubled young woman he employs. Here Jennifer Egan brilliantly reveals their pasts, along with the inner lives of a host of other characters whose paths intersect with theirs. "Pitch perfect.... Darkly, rippingly funny.... Egan possesses a satirist's eye and a romance novelist's heart." —The New York Times Book Review **A Visit From the Goon Squad Hachette UK** Jennifer Egan's spellbinding novel circles the lives of Bennie Salazar, an ageing former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the passionate, troubled young woman he employs. Although Bennie and Sasha never discover each other's pasts, the reader does, in intimate detail, along with the secret lives of a host of other characters whose paths intersect with theirs, over many years, in locales as varied as New York, San Francisco, Naples, and Africa. We first meet Sasha in her mid-thirties, on her therapist's couch in New York City, confronting her long-standing compulsion to steal. Later, we learn the genesis of her turmoil when we see her as the child of a violent marriage, then a runaway living in Naples, then as a college student trying to avert the suicidal impulses of her best friend. We meet Bennie Salazar at the melancholy nadir of his adult life-divorced, struggling to connect with his nine-year-old son, listening to a washed up band in the basement of a suburban house-and then revisit him in 1979, at the height of his youth, shy and tender, revelling in San Francisco's punk scene as he discovers his ardour for rock and roll and his gift for spotting talent. We learn what became of his high school gang-who thrived and who

faltered-and we encounter Lou Kline, Bennie's catastrophically careless mentor, along with the lovers and children left behind in the wake of Lou's far flung sexual conquests and meteoric rise and fall. *A Visit from the Goon Squad* is a book about the interplay of time and music, about survival, about the stirrings and transformations set inexorably in motion by even the most passing conjunction of our fates. In a breathtaking array of styles and tones ranging from tragedy to satire to Powerpoint, Egan captures the undertow of self-destruction that we all must either master or succumb to; the basic human hunger for redemption; and the universal tendency to reach for both-and escape the merciless progress of time-in the transporting realms of art and music. Sly, startling, exhilarating work from one of our boldest writers. **The Candy House** A Novel **Simon and Schuster** Named a Most Anticipated Book of the Year by *Time*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Vogue*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Oprah Daily*, *Glamour*, *USA TODAY*, *Parade*, *Bustle*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Seattle Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *BuzzFeed*, and *Vulture* "A compelling read that showcases Egan's masterful storytelling." —*Time* "Dazzling." —*Vogue* "Radiant, exhilarating." —*Slate* "Mesmerizing...A thought-provoking examination of how and why we change." —*People* From one of the most celebrated writers of our time comes an "inventive, effervescent" (*Oprah Daily*) novel about the memory and quest for authenticity and human connection. *The Candy House* opens with the staggeringly brilliant Bix Bouton, whose company, *Mandala*, is so successful that he is "one of those tech demi-gods with whom we're all on a first name basis." Bix is forty, with four kids, restless, and desperate for a new idea, when he stumbles into a conversation group, mostly Columbia professors, one of whom is experimenting with downloading or "externalizing" memory. Within a decade, Bix's new technology, "Own Your Unconscious"—which allows you access to every memory you've ever had, and to share your memories in exchange for access to the memories of others—has seduced multitudes. In the world of Egan's spectacular imagination, there are "counters" who track and exploit desires and there are "eluders," those who understand the price of taking a bite of the Candy House. Egan introduces these characters in an astonishing array of narrative styles—from omniscient to first person plural to a duet of voices, an epistolary chapter, and a chapter of tweets. Intellectually dazzling, *The Candy House* is also a moving testament to the tenacity and transcendence of human longing for connection, family, privacy, and love. "A beautiful exploration of loss, memory, and history" (*San Francisco Chronicle*), "this is minimalist maximalism. It's as if Egan compressed a big 19th-century novel onto a flash drive" (*The New York Times*). **The Keep** **Anchor** Award-winning author Jennifer Egan brilliantly conjures a world from which escape is impossible and where the keep –the tower, the last stand –is both everything worth protecting and the very thing that must be surrendered in order to survive. Two cousins, irreversibly damaged by a childhood prank, reunite twenty years later to renovate a medieval castle in Eastern Europe. In an environment of extreme paranoia, cut off from the outside world, the men reenact the signal event of their youth, with even more catastrophic results. And as the full horror of their predicament unfolds, a prisoner, in jail for an unnamed crime, recounts an unforgettable story that seamlessly brings the crimes of the past and present into piercing relation. **Look at Me** A Novel **Anchor** A National Book Award Finalist In

this ambitiously multilayered novel from the acclaimed and award-winning writer Jennifer Egan, a fashion model named Charlotte Swenson emerges from a car accident in her Illinois hometown with her face so badly shattered that it takes eighty titanium screws to reassemble it. She returns to New York still beautiful but oddly unrecognizable, a virtual stranger in the world she once effortlessly occupied. With the surreal authority of a David Lynch, Jennifer Egan threads Charlotte's narrative with those of other casualties of our infatuation with the image. There's a deceptively plain teenaged girl embarking on a dangerous secret life, an alcoholic private eye, and an enigmatic stranger who changes names and accents as he prepares an apocalyptic blow against American society. As these narratives inexorably converge, Look at Me becomes a coolly mesmerizing intellectual thriller of identity and imposture. **A Visit from the Goon Squad Reread Columbia**

University Press Jennifer Egan described her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *A Visit from the Goon Squad* as a combination of Proust and *The Sopranos*. In rereading the book, Ivan Kreilkamp takes Egan up on her comparison, showing how it blends a concern with the status of the novel in the twenty-first century with an elegiac meditation on how we experience the passage of time. Kreilkamp, a former music critic, examines how Egan's characters turn to rock and especially punk in search of community and meaning. He considers what the novel's portrayal of music says about the role of art in contemporary culture as digitization makes older technologies obsolete. Combining personal and critical reflection, he reveals how *A Visit from the Goon Squad* articulates and responds to the sense of loss many feel as cherished physical objects are replaced with immaterial data. For Kreilkamp, Egan's novel compellingly combines the psychological realism of the nineteenth-century novel with more recent and transient forms such as the celebrity magazine profile or a PowerPoint presentation to provide a self-reflective diagnosis of the decay and endurance of literature. Arranged like Egan's novel into A and B sides, this book highlights not only how *A Visit from the Goon Squad* speaks to our mass-media and digital present but also its page-turning pleasure. **A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan (Book Analysis) Detailed Summary, Analysis and Reading**

Guide BrightSummaries.com Unlock the more straightforward side of *A Visit from the Goon Squad* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan, which centres around Bennie Salazar, a frustrated middle-aged record executive, and his assistant Sasha, a kleptomaniac with a troubled past. Their stories are interwoven with those of a host of other characters who are all given the opportunity to narrate events from their point of view, making the work as a whole a vivid, polyphonic hybrid novel-short story collection. *A Visit from the Goon Squad* is among Jennifer Egan's best-known works, and won the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction and the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Find out everything you need to know about *A Visit from the Goon Squad* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your

literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com! **The Age of the Crisis of Man Thought and Fiction in America, 1933-1973** Princeton University Press A compelling intellectual and literary history of midcentury America In a midcentury American cultural episode forgotten today, intellectuals of all schools shared a belief that human nature was under threat. The immediate result was a glut of dense, abstract books on the "nature of man." But the dawning "age of the crisis of man," as Mark Greif calls it, was far more than a historical curiosity. In this ambitious intellectual and literary history, Greif recovers this lost line of thought to show how it influenced society, politics, and culture before, during, and long after World War II. During the 1930s and 1940s, fears of the barbarization of humanity energized New York intellectuals, Chicago protoconservatives, European Jewish émigrés, and native-born bohemians to seek "re-enlightenment," a new philosophical account of human nature and history. After the war this effort diffused, leading to a rebirth of modern human rights and a new power for the literary arts. Critics' predictions of a "death of the novel" challenged writers to invest bloodless questions of human nature with flesh and detail. Hemingway, Faulkner, and Richard Wright wrote flawed novels of abstract man. Succeeding them, Ralph Ellison, Saul Bellow, Flannery O'Connor, and Thomas Pynchon constituted a new guard who tested philosophical questions against social realities—race, religious faith, and the rise of technology—that kept difference and diversity alive. By the 1960s, the idea of "universal man" gave way to moral antihumanism, as new sensibilities and social movements transformed what had come before. Greif's reframing of a foundational debate takes us beyond old antagonisms into a new future, and gives a prehistory to the fractures of our own era. **The Invisible Circus Anchor** In Jennifer Egan's highly acclaimed first novel, set in 1978, the political drama and familial tensions of the 1960s form a backdrop for the world of Phoebe O'Connor, age eighteen. Phoebe is obsessed with the memory and death of her sister Faith, a beautiful idealistic hippie who died in Italy in 1970. In order to find out the truth about Faith's life and death, Phoebe retraces her steps from San Francisco across Europe, a quest which yields both complex and disturbing revelations about family, love, and Faith's lost generation. This spellbinding novel introduced Egan's remarkable ability to tie suspense with deeply insightful characters and the nuances of emotion. **Pretty Things A Novel** Two wildly different women--one a grifter, the other an heiress--are brought together by the scam of a lifetime in a page-turner from the New York Times bestselling author of *Watch Me Disappear*. "Pretty Things is awesome. Simple as that. I loved every page. Janelle Brown is your new must-read author."--Harlan Coben, New York Times bestselling author of *Run Away Nina* once bought into the idea that her fancy liberal arts degree would lead to a fulfilling career. When that dream crashed, she turned to stealing from rich kids in L.A. alongside her wily Irish boyfriend, Lachlan. Nina learned from the best: Her mother was the original con artist, hustling to give her daughter a decent childhood despite their wayward life. But when her mom gets sick, Nina puts everything on the line to help her, even if it means running her most audacious, dangerous scam yet. Vanessa is a privileged young heiress who wanted to make her mark in the world. Instead she becomes an Instagram influencer--traveling the globe, receiving free clothes and products, and posing for pictures in exotic locales. But

behind the covetable facade is a life marked by tragedy. After a broken engagement, Vanessa retreats to her family's sprawling mountain estate, Stonehaven: a mansion of dark secrets not just from Vanessa's past, but from that of a lost and troubled girl named Nina. Nina's, Vanessa's, and Lachlan's paths collide here, on the cold shores of Lake Tahoe, where their intertwined lives give way to a winter of aspiration and desire, duplicity and revenge. This dazzling, twisty, mesmerizing novel showcases acclaimed author Janelle Brown at her best, as two brilliant, damaged women try to survive the greatest game of deceit and destruction they will ever play. **Black Box Hachette UK** 'Close your eyes and slowly count backward from ten.' America, the near future. A young spy on a mission logs her observations. The result is an intense thriller, and a minute dissection of the experience of a woman whose beauty is also her camouflage, for whom control relies on submission: a woman whose success - whose life - depends on being seen and not seen. Originally published online via Twitter by @NYerFiction, Jennifer Egan's first new fiction since the phenomenal success of *A Visit From the Goon Squad* is a taut, compulsive work of unrelenting genius. **Understanding Jennifer Egan Univ of South Carolina Press**

Understanding Jennifer Egan is the first book-length study of the novelist, short-story writer, and journalist best known for the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *A Visit from the Goon Squad*. Alexander Moran examines each of Egan's varied published works, analyzes how her journalism informs her fiction, excavates her literary and intellectual influences, and considers her place in contemporary fiction. Moran argues that because Egan's fiction is not easily categorized many of her novels have been underappreciated. He proposes a framework for understanding her writing centered on what it means to have, and to write, an "authentic" experience. In *Emerald City*, Egan explores the authenticity of touristic experience; in *The Invisible Circus*, her focus shifts to the authenticity of historical memory; in *Look at Me, The Keep*, and *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, she explores the effects of digital technology on how we understand authentic experience. In the concluding chapter, Moran discusses Egan's 2017 novel *Manhattan Beach* as a text that explores the authenticity of history and genre while resonating with the instability of the present.

The Other Americans A Novel Vintage *2019 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST***** Winner of the Arab American Book Award in Fiction Finalist for the Kirkus Prize in Fiction Finalist for the California Book Award Longlisted for the Aspen Words Literary Prize A Los Angeles Times bestseller Named a Best Book of the Year by The Washington Post, Time, NPR, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Dallas Morning News, The Guardian, Variety, and Kirkus Reviews Late one spring night in California, Driss Guerraoui—father, husband, business owner, Moroccan immigrant—is hit and killed by a speeding car. The aftermath of his death brings together a diverse cast of characters: Guerraoui's daughter Nora, a jazz composer returning to the small town in the Mojave she thought she'd left for good; her mother, Maryam, who still pines for her life in the old country; Efraín, an undocumented witness whose fear of deportation prevents him from coming forward; Jeremy, an old friend of Nora's and an Iraqi War veteran; Coleman, a detective who is slowly discovering her son's secrets; Anderson, a neighbor trying to reconnect with his family; and the murdered man himself. As the characters—deeply divided by race, religion, and class—tell their stories, each in their own voice, connections among them emerge. Driss's family

confronts its secrets, a town faces its hypocrisies, and love—messy and unpredictable—is born. Timely, riveting, and unforgettable, *The Other Americans* is at once a family saga, a murder mystery, and a love story informed by the treacherous fault lines of American culture. **A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan Notes Emerald City And Other Stories Constable & Robinson Ltd** Eleven stories on the vagaries of life. In *Why China?* a successful stockbroker yearns for the days when he was poor, in *Passing the Hat*, a wife observing a woman sleep around with men, is shocked to discover her own husband was one of them, while *The Watch Trick* compares the lives of two army friends, one who settled down, the other who didn't. By the author of *The Invisible Circus*. **Why China? Vintage A Vintage Shorts "Short Story Month" Selection** Sam Lafferty has hit bottom. Under investigation and on leave from the financial services firm that employed him, Sam has uprooted his wife and two daughters and dragged them against their will to central China. While on this rotten family vacation, in an alien and uncomfortable landscape, after years of deception, lousy investment, moral—and soon-coming financial—bankruptcy, and with his family in tow—Sam pursues the man who had first set him on a path to corruption from crumbling binguan hotels without soap or towels to Buddhist caves near Xi'an. In this dazzling piece, selected from the stunning collection of short fiction *Emerald City*, by the critically acclaimed author and winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award, Jennifer Egan lays bare our capacity for failure. An ebook short. **The Best American Short Stories 2014 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt** Presents twenty of the best works of short fiction of the past year from a variety of acclaimed sources. **Kingdomtide Little, Brown** The lives of two women—the sole survivor of an airplane crash and the troubled park ranger leading the rescue mission—collide in this "gripping," (*Vogue*) "heart-pounding," (*NPR*) and "highly original" (*LA Times*) novel of tough-minded resilience. Longlisted for the Swansea University Dylan Thomas Prize A *New York Times* New and Noteworthy Book An *O, The Oprah Magazine* Best Book of January The sole survivor of a plane crash, seventy-two-year-old Cloris Waldrip is lost and alone in the unforgiving wilderness of Montana's rugged Bitterroot Range, exposed to the elements with no tools beyond her wits and ingenuity. Intertwined with her story is Debra Lewis, a park ranger struggling with addiction and a recent divorce who is galvanized by her new mission to find and rescue Cloris. As Cloris wanders mountain forests and valleys, subsisting on whatever she can scavenge, her hold on life ever more precarious, Ranger Lewis and her motley group of oddball rescuers follow the trail of clues she's left behind. Days stretch into weeks, and hope begins to fade. But with nearly everyone else giving up, Ranger Lewis stays true until the end. Dramatic and morally complex, *Kingdomtide* is a story of the decency and surprising resilience of ordinary people faced with extraordinary circumstances. In powerful, exquisite prose, debut novelist Rye Curtis delivers an inspiring account of two unforgettable characters whose heroism reminds us that survival is only the beginning. **He's Not Lazy Empowering Your Son to Believe in Himself Sterling** "Clinical psychologist Price offers one of the most significant books of the year in this new look at an old problem--the underperforming teenage boy... Price's book brings an important voice to a much needed conversation." --*Library Journal* (Starred review) On the surface, capable teenage boys may look lazy. But dig a little deeper,

writes child psychologist Adam Price in *He's Not Lazy*, and you'll often find conflicted boys who want to do well in middle and high school but are afraid to fail, and so do not try. This book can help you become an ally with your son, as he discovers greater self-confidence and accepts responsibility for his future. **Reconstruction Stories Small Beer Press** In *Reconstruction* Award-winning writer and musician Johnson digs into the lives of those trodden underfoot by the powers that be: from the lives of vampires and those caught in their circle in Hawai'i to a taxonomy of anger put together by Union soldiers in the American Civil War, these stories will grab you and not let you go. **All the Sad Young Literary Men Penguin** By the author of *A Terrible Country* and *Raising Raffi*, a novel of love, sadness, wasted youth, and literary and intellectual ambition—"wincingly funny" (*Vogue*) Keith Gessen is a brave and trenchant new literary voice. Known as an award-winning translator of Russian and a book reviewer for publications including *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*, Gessen makes his debut with this critically acclaimed novel, a charming yet scathing portrait of young adulthood at the opening of the twenty-first century. The novel charts the lives of Sam, Mark, and Keith as they overthink their college years, underthink their love lives, and struggle to find a semblance of maturity, responsibility, and even literary fame. **Emerald City Stories Macmillan** Eleven short stories explore a world of travel and a quest for self-identity, journeying from Bora Bora to Manhattan as the characters seek--and sometimes find--a transformation in their lives **Carry the One A Novel Simon and Schuster** When a car of inebriated guests from Carmen's wedding hits and kills a girl on a country road, Carmen and the people involved in the accident connect, disconnect and reconnect throughout 25 subsequent years of marriage, parenthood, holidays and tragedies. By the award-winning author of *Aquamarine*. Reprint. 125,000 first printing. **The Marriage Plot A Novel Farrar, Straus and Giroux** A *New York Times* Notable Book of 2011 A *Publisher's Weekly* Top 10 Book of 2011 A *Kirkus Reviews* Top 25 Best Fiction of 2011 Title One of *Library Journal's* Best Books of 2011 A *Salon* Best Fiction of 2011 title One of *The Telegraph's* Best Fiction Books of the Year 2011 It's the early 1980s—the country is in a deep recession, and life after college is harder than ever. In the cafés on College Hill, the wisecracking kids are inhaling Derrida and listening to Talking Heads. But Madeleine Hanna, dutiful English major, is writing her senior thesis on Jane Austen and George Eliot, purveyors of the marriage plot that lies at the heart of the greatest English novels. As Madeleine tries to understand why "it became laughable to read writers like Cheever and Updike, who wrote about the suburbia Madeleine and most of her friends had grown up in, in favor of reading the Marquis de Sade, who wrote about deflowering virgins in eighteenth-century France," real life, in the form of two very different guys, intervenes. Leonard Bankhead—charismatic loner, college Darwinist, and lost Portland boy—suddenly turns up in a semiotics seminar, and soon Madeleine finds herself in a highly charged erotic and intellectual relationship with him. At the same time, her old "friend" Mitchell Grammaticus—who's been reading Christian mysticism and generally acting strange—resurfaces, obsessed with the idea that Madeleine is destined to be his mate. Over the next year, as the members of the triangle in this amazing, spellbinding novel graduate from college and enter the real world, events force them to reevaluate everything they learned in school. Leonard and Madeleine

move to a biology Laboratory on Cape Cod, but can't escape the secret responsible for Leonard's seemingly inexhaustible energy and plunging moods. And Mitchell, traveling around the world to get Madeleine out of his mind, finds himself face-to-face with ultimate questions about the meaning of life, the existence of God, and the true nature of love. Are the great love stories of the nineteenth century dead? Or can there be a new story, written for today and alive to the realities of feminism, sexual freedom, prenups, and divorce? With devastating wit and an abiding understanding of and affection for his characters, Jeffrey Eugenides revives the motivating energies of the Novel, while creating a story so contemporary and fresh that it reads like the intimate journal of our own lives. **The White Girl Univ. of Queensland Press** A searing new novel from leading Indigenous storyteller Tony Birch that explores the lengths we will go to in order to save the people we love. Odette Brown has lived her whole life on the fringes of a small country town. After her daughter disappeared and left her with her granddaughter Sissy to raise on her own, Odette has managed to stay under the radar of the welfare authorities who are removing fair-skinned Aboriginal children from their families. When a new policeman arrives in town, determined to enforce the law, Odette must risk everything to save Sissy and protect everything she loves. In *The White Girl*, Miles-Franklin-shortlisted author Tony Birch shines a spotlight on the 1960s and the devastating government policy of taking Indigenous children from their families. **Vietnamerica A Family's Journey Ballantine Books** A memoir in graphic novel format about the author's experiences as the son of Vietnamese immigrants who fled to America during the fall of Saigon describes how he learned his tragic ancestral history and the impact of the Vietnam War on his family while visiting their homeland years later. **Tinkers HarperCollins Canada** An old man lies dying. As time collapses into memory, he travels deep into his past where he is reunited with his father and relives the wonder and pain of his impoverished New England youth. At once heartbreaking and life affirming, *Tinkers* is an elegiac meditation on love, loss, and the fierce beauty of nature. **Eat the Document A Novel Simon and Schuster** Idealistic activists Bobby and Mary find the course of their lives irrevocably changed when a series of radical protests against the Vietnam War goes wrong, a situation that forces them to separate and culminates years later in painful memories. **Reservation Blues A Novel Open Road Media** Winner of the American Book Award and the Murray Morgan Prize, Sherman Alexie's brilliant first novel tells a powerful tale of Indians, rock 'n' roll, and redemption. Coyote Springs is the only all-Indian rock band in Washington State—and the entire rest of the world. Thomas Builds-the-Fire takes vocals and bass guitar, Victor Joseph hits lead guitar, and Junior Polatkin rounds off the sound on drums. Backup vocals come from sisters Chess and Checkers Warm Water. The band sings its own brand of the blues, full of poverty, pain, and loss—but also joy and laughter. It all started one day when legendary bluesman Robert Johnson showed up on the Spokane Indian Reservation with a magical guitar, leaving it on the floor of Thomas Builds-the-Fire's van after setting off to climb Wellpinit Mountain in search of Big Mom. In *Reservation Blues*, National Book Award winner Alexie vaults with ease from comedy to tragedy and back in a tour-de-force outing powered by a collision of cultures: Delta blues and Indian rock. This ebook features an illustrated biography including rare photos from the author's personal collection. **Justice Rising Robert**

Kennedy's America in Black and White Harvard University Press A leading civil rights historian places Robert Kennedy for the first time at the center of the movement for racial justice of the 1960s—and shows how many of today's issues can be traced back to that pivotal time. History, race, and politics converged in the 1960s in ways that indelibly changed America. In *Justice Rising*, a landmark reconsideration of Robert Kennedy's life and legacy, Patricia Sullivan draws on government files, personal papers, and oral interviews to reveal how he grasped the moment to emerge as a transformational leader. When protests broke out across the South, the young attorney general confronted escalating demands for racial justice. What began as a political problem soon became a moral one. In the face of vehement pushback from Southern Democrats bent on massive resistance, he put the weight of the federal government behind school desegregation and voter registration. Bobby Kennedy's youthful energy, moral vision, and capacity to lead created a momentum for change. He helped shape the 1964 Civil Rights Act but knew no law would end racism. When the Watts uprising brought calls for more aggressive policing, he pushed back, pointing to the root causes of urban unrest: entrenched poverty, substandard schools, and few job opportunities. RFK strongly opposed the military buildup in Vietnam, but nothing was more important to him than "the revolution within our gates, the struggle of the American Negro for full equality and full freedom." On the night of Martin Luther King's assassination, Kennedy's anguished appeal captured the hopes of a turbulent decade: "In this difficult time for the United States it is perhaps well to ask what kind of nation we are and what direction we want to move in." It is a question that remains urgent and unanswered.

The Keep Anchor Two decades after taking part in a childhood prank with devastating consequences, two cousins are reunited at a remote medieval castle in Eastern Europe, where they are cut off from the outside world and doomed to reenact the horrific event from their past.

The Best of It New and Selected Poems Grove/Atlantic, Inc. Kay Ryan's recent appointment as the Library of Congress's sixteenth poet laureate is just the latest in an amazing array of accolades for this wonderfully accessible, widely loved poet. Salon has compared her poems to "Fabergé eggs, tiny, ingenious devices that inevitably conceal some hidden wonder." The two hundred poems in Ryan's *The Best of It* offer a stunning retrospective of her work, as well as a swath of never-before-published poems of which are sure to appeal equally to longtime fans and general readers.

Study Guide: a Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan (SuperSummary) SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 41-page guide for "A Visit From The Goon Squad" by Jennifer Egan includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 13 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Time and Meaning.

Cloud Atlas 10:04 Emblem Editions Following the international buzz for his debut, *Leaving the Atocha Station*, comes *10:04*, Ben Lerner's electric second novel that blends artistry and wit, intelligence and tenderness. A unique collision between art and life by an extraordinary young writer. For readers of Jeffrey Eugenides, Jonathan Lethem, Sheila Heti. *Leaving the Atocha Station* was hailed as "one of the truest (and

funniest) novels...of his generation" (Lorin Stein, *New York Review of Books*), "a work so luminously original in style and form as to seem like a premonition, a comet from the future" (Geoff Dyer, *The Observer*). Now Lerner's second novel departs from Atocha's exquisite ironies in order to explore new territories of thought and feeling. In the last year, the narrator of *10:04* has enjoyed unexpected literary success, has been diagnosed with a potentially fatal heart condition, and has been asked by his best friend to help her conceive a child, despite his dating a rising star in the visual arts. In a New York of increasingly frequent super storms and political unrest, he must reckon with his biological mortality, the possibility of a literary afterlife, and the prospect of (unconventional) fatherhood in a city that might soon be under water. In prose that Jonathan Franzen has called "hilarious...cracklingly intelligent...and original in every sentence," Lerner captures what it's like to be alive now, when the difficulty of imagining a future has changed our relation to both our present and our past. Exploring sex, friendship, medicine, memory, art, and politics, *10:04* is both a riveting work of fiction and a brilliant examination of the role fiction plays in our lives.

Lips Unsealed A Memoir Crown The former lead singer of the Go-Go's and Nutrisystem spokesperson recounts her career both as a woman band member and solo artist, describing her struggles with sobriety, self-esteem, and spirituality.

Santa A Novel of Mexico City UNC Press Books Every Last One A Novel Random House Digital, Inc. Een moeder van drie tieners geeft veel aandacht aan haar depressieve zoon, maar ziet niet dat de ex-vriend van haar dochter in nood is.

Tales from Silver Lands Courier Dover Publications Atmospheric woodcuts illustrate this Newbery Award-winning collection of 19 South American folktales. Fables of talking animals, witches, giants, and ordinary people in supernatural settings provide insights into regional values and culture.