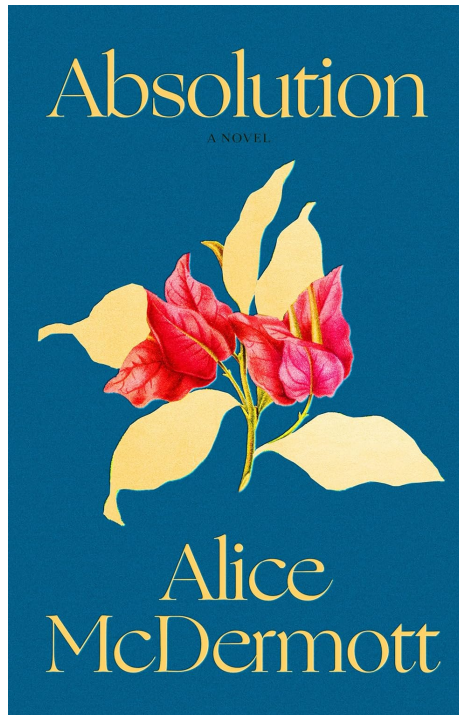


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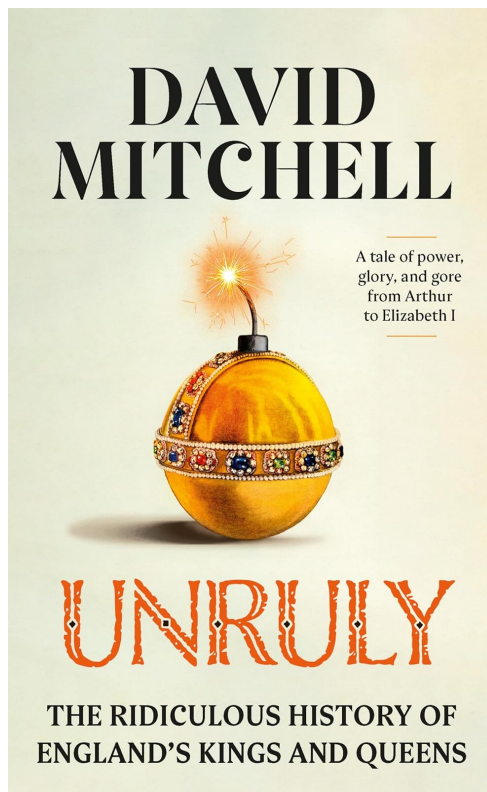
ABSOLUTION: A NOVEL

Alice McDermott

Fiction

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, October 31, 2023

American wives have been mostly minor characters in the literature of the Vietnam War, but in *Absolution* they take center stage. Tricia, married to a rising attorney on loan to navy intelligence, and Charlene, a corporate spouse and mother of three, form a wary alliance as they balance the era's mandate to be "helpmeets" to their ambitious husbands with their own inchoate impulse to "do good" for the people of Vietnam.



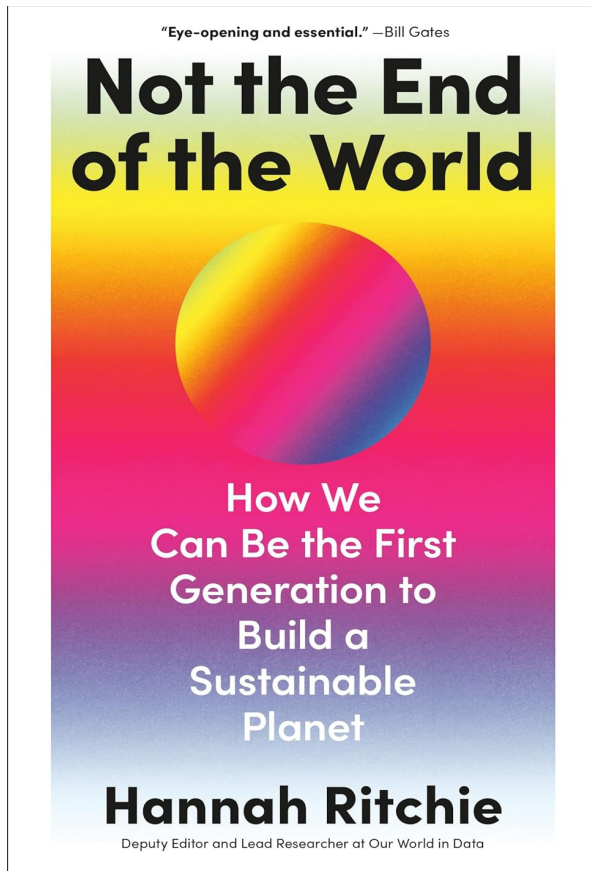
UNRULY: THE RIDICULOUS HISTORY OF ENGLAND'S KINGS AND QUEENS

David Mitchell

Non-Fiction

Crown Press, October 3, 2023

David Mitchell explores how early England's monarchs, while acting as feared rulers firmly guiding their subjects' destinies, were mostly as silly and weird in real life as they appear today in their portraits. Mitchell tells the founding story of post-Roman England from "King Arthur" to Elizabeth I. It's a tale of narcissists, inadequate self-control, middle-management insurrection, and uncivil wars.



NOT THE END OF THE WORLD: HOW WE CAN BE THE FIRST GENERATION TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE PLANET

Hannah Ritchie

Non-Fiction, Environmental Science
Little, Brown Spark, January 9, 2024

We are constantly bombarded by doomsday headlines that tell us, due to climate change, the soil won't be able to support crops, fish will vanish from our oceans, and that we should reconsider having children. But in this radically hopeful book, scientist Hannah Ritchie suggests data shows we've made so much progress on these problems that we could be on track to achieve true sustainability for the first time in human history.



BECOMING A GOOD CREATURE

Sy Montgomery

Rebecca Green, illustrator

Ages 4-8

Clarion Books; September 29, 2020

In this beautiful picture book, learn what animals can teach us about friendship, compassion, and how to be a better creature in the world. Whether two, four, or eight legged; whether with fur, feathers, or hooves, all animals have a lesson to share.