Librarian's Book-of-the-Week—November 2024



WOMEN'S HOTEL: A NOVEL

Daniel M. Lavery

Contemporary Literary Fiction HarperVia; October 15, 2024

From the New York Times bestselling author and advice columnist, a poignant and funny debut novel about the residents of a women's hotel in 1960s New York City. As trenchant as the novels of Dawn Powell and Rona Jaffe and as immersive as Lessons in Chemistry, and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Women's Hotel is a modern classic—and it is very, very funny.

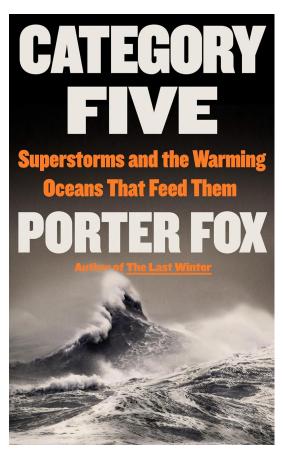


ABSOLUTION

Jeff Vandermeer

Thriller and Suspense, Literary Fiction MCD Publisher, October 22, 2024

The fourth volume of the Southern Reach series, Absolution offers long awaited answers to the original trilogy but also more questions, and profound new surprises. It is the final word on one of the most provocative and popular speculative fiction series of our time. A brilliant, beautiful, and ever-terrifying plunge into unique and fertile literary territory.



CATEGORY 5: SUPERSTORMS AND THE WARMING OCEANS THAT FEED THEM

Porter Fox

Non-Fiction Little, Brown & Co, Sept 23, 2024

The story of the largest storms on earth and how those storms are growing bigger and stronger. Extreme weather begins with the ocean. Oceans create weather, climate, floods, droughts, and most of the geophysical fallout of global warming. Exactly how, Porter Fox contends, depends on invisible ocean currents, planetary cycles just now being defined, and processes in the deep ocean that may well have already saved us from the worst effects of the climate crisis.



THE CHRISTMAS MITZVAH

Jeff Gottesfeld

Children 4-8

Creston Books; September 7, 2021

Al Rosen, a Jewish man, takes on the jobs of his Christian neighbors on Christmas Eve and day so they can spend the holiday with their families, starting a tradition that lasts for decades. A mitzvah, as Al explains, is a good deed, especially apt on holidays. A strong cross-over read, this warm story is about kindness and differences bringing people together.