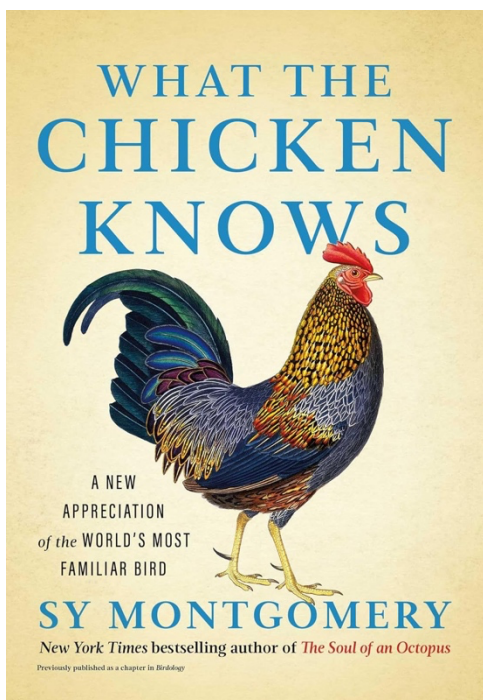


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WHAT THE CHICKEN KNOWS

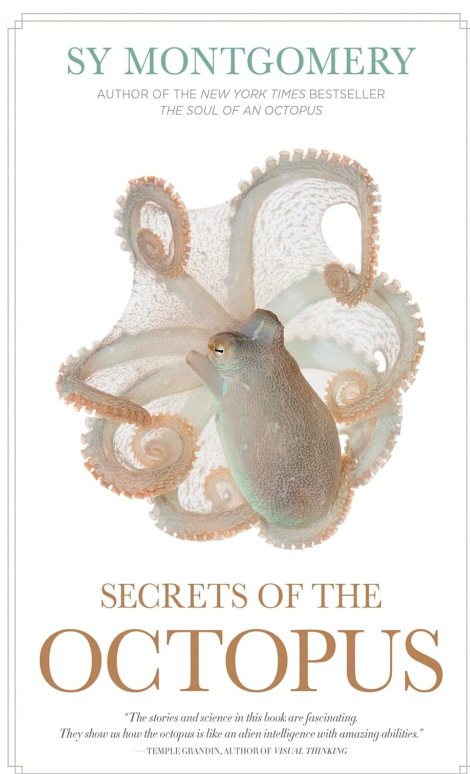
Sy Montgomery

Non-Fiction

Atria Books, November 5, 2024

This short, delightful book takes us inside the flock and reveals all the things that make chickens such remarkable creatures: only hours after leaving the egg, they are able to walk, run, and peck; relationships are important to them and the average chicken can recognize more than one hundred other chickens. With a winning combination of personal narrative and science, this is exactly the kind of book that has made

Montgomery such a beloved and popular author.



SECRETS OF THE OCTOPUS

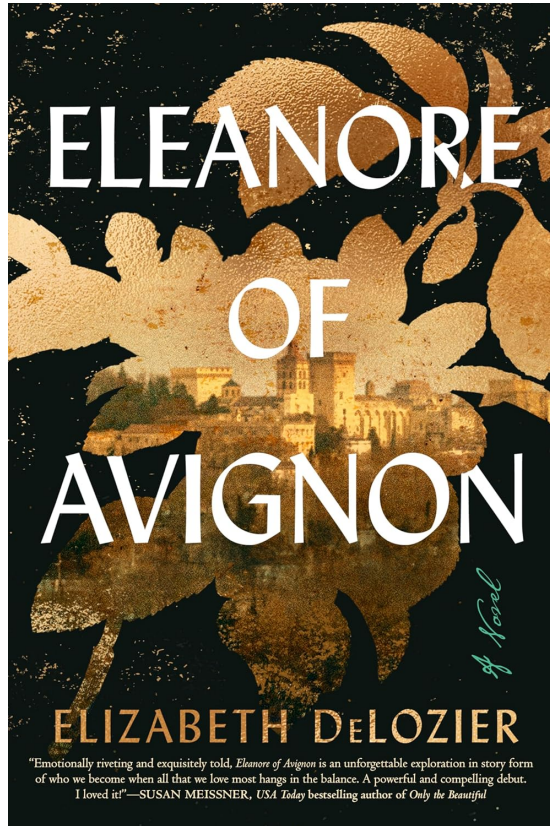
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Non-Fiction

National Geographic, March 19, 2024

This magical journey into the world of the octopus will reveal how the large and capable brain of these creatures occupies their whole body—not just their heads—and they can adjust their genetic makeup to respond to the demands of the environment.

Written by the beloved author of the international bestseller *The Soul of an Octopus*, the book is enhanced with National Geographic photography.



ELEANOR OF AVIGNON

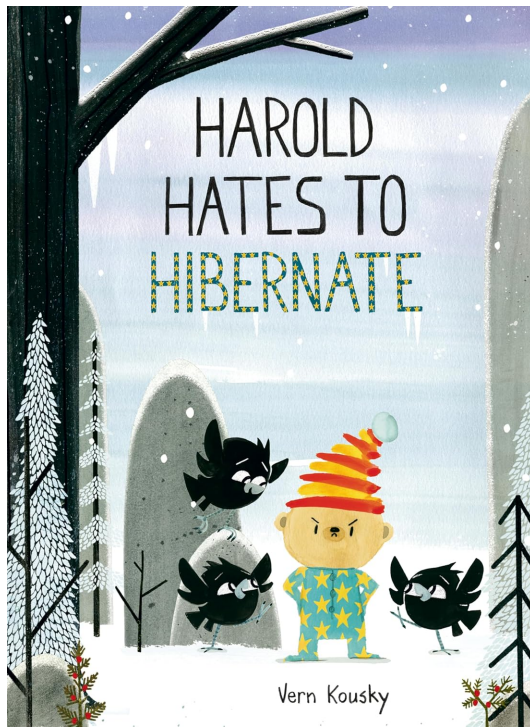
Elizabeth De Lozier

Historical Fiction

Dutton Publishing, November 5, 2024

Provence, 1347. Eleanore Blanchet is a young midwife and herbalist with remarkable skills. But as she learned the day her mother died, the most dangerous thing a woman can do is draw attention to herself.

Rich with unforgettable characters, gorgeously drawn, and full of captivating historical drama, this is the story of a healer who risks her life, her freedom, and everything she holds dear to protect her beloved city from the encroaching Black Death.



HAROLD HATES TO HIBERNATE

Vern Kousky

Children 3-5

Random House Studio; Oct 29, 2024

Harold is determined to stay awake. So, with help from his friends the crows, he tries everything—from filling his belly with delicious berries to wearing cozy pajamas to keep him warm. Finally, snow starts to fall, and Harold finds he needs to rest his eyes, just for a minute. When he finally dozes off, the crows return—with his woolly hat—to snuggle up for some winter rest. This is a sweet, cozy read

aloud about bears (*ahem*, kids) who are NOT ready to go to sleep.