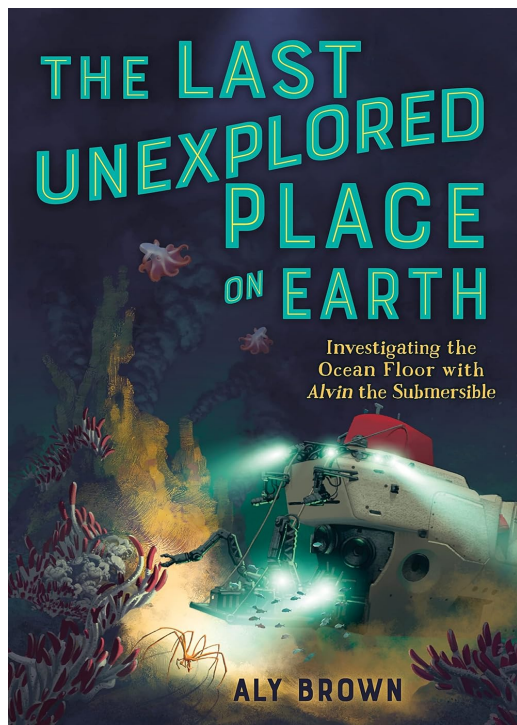


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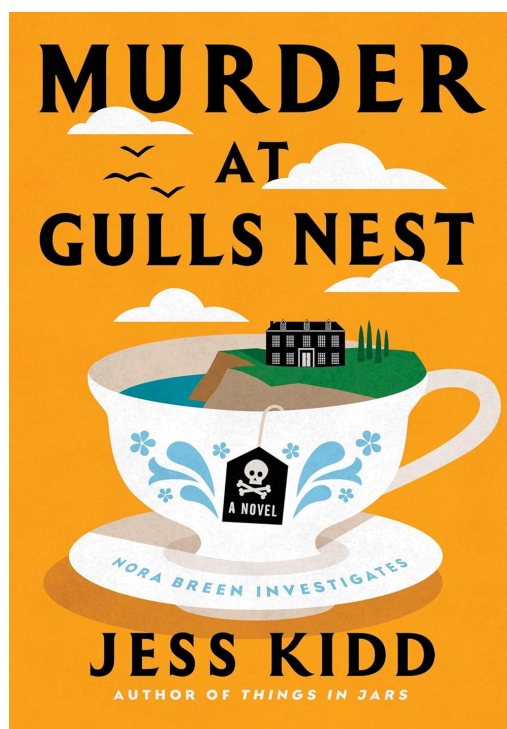
THE LAST UNEXPLORED PLACE ON EARTH:
INVESTIGATING THE OCEAN FLOOR WITH ALVIN THE
SUBMERSIBLE

Aly Brown

Ages 9-12, Non-Fiction

Square Fish Publisher, April 8, 2025

Humans have explored the far reaches of the globe, from the top of Mount Everest to Badwater Basin. But for most of our time on this planet, the ocean has been a huge mystery. It's only in the last 50 years that scientists have really started studying the ocean floor, with the help of one amazing creation: Alvin the submersible.



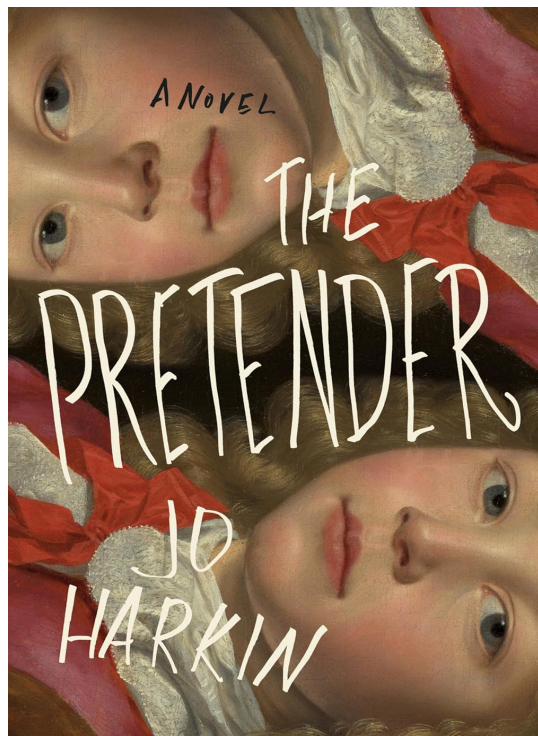
MURDER AT GULLS NEST: A NOVEL

Jess Kidd

"Cozy Mystery Series"

Atria Books, April 8, 2025

Nora Breen, a former nun, seeks answers in a quaint seaside town after her pen pal's mysterious disappearance. Anonymously, Nora checks into Gulls Nest, a charming hotel in Gore-on-Sea in Kent and begins to delve into the lives of her fellow guests. However, when a series of peculiar murders shakes the foundation of Gulls Nest, she is forced to confront the possibility that a dark past can never truly be exorcised.

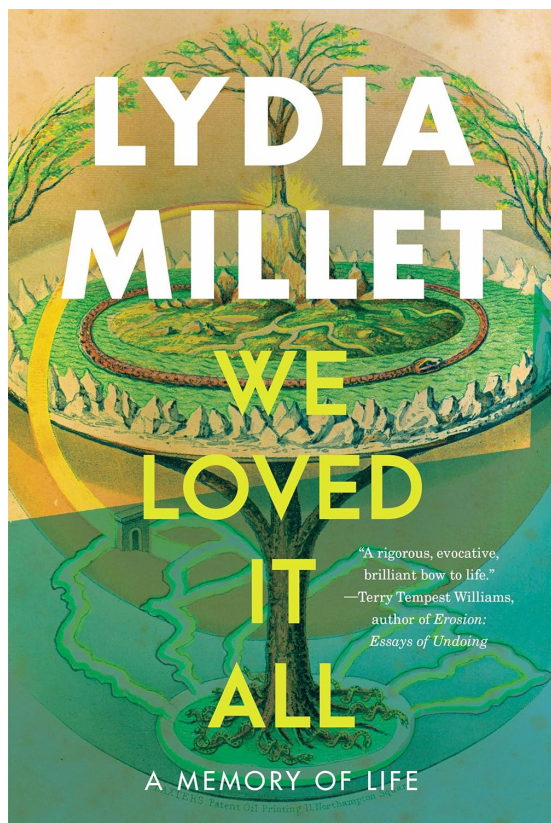


THE PRETENDER

Jo Harkin

Historical Fiction; Knopf, April 22, 2025

Inspired by a footnote to history—the true story of Lambert Simnel, who was a figurehead of the 1487 Yorkist rebellion and ended up working as a spy in the court of King Henry VII—*The Pretender* is historical fiction at its finest, a gripping, exuberant, rollicking portrait of British monarchy and life within the court, with a cast of unforgettable heroes and villains drawn from fifteenth-century England. A masterful new work from a major new author.



WE LOVED IT ALL

Lydia Millet

Non-Fiction

W.W. Norton & Co, February 18, 2025

Emerging from Millet's quarter-century of wildlife and climate advocacy, "*We Loved it All*" intertwines scenes from her life with moments of profound connection with "the others"—the animals and plants with whom we share the Earth.

Millet's book radiates curiosity and humor while addressing the most pressing crises of our time and urges us to extend to other living beings the protection they deserve—the simple grace of continued existence.