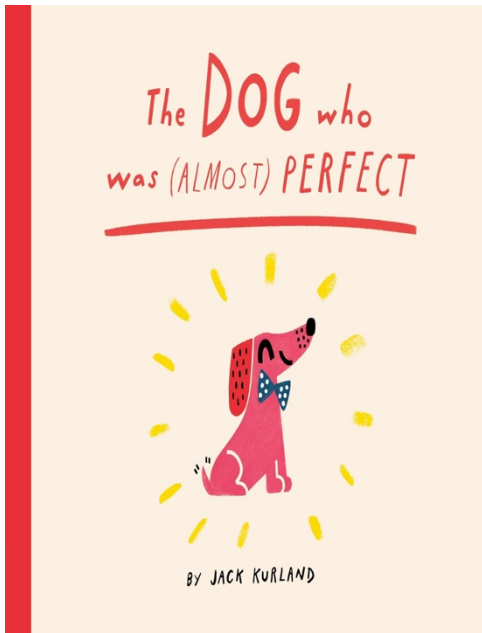


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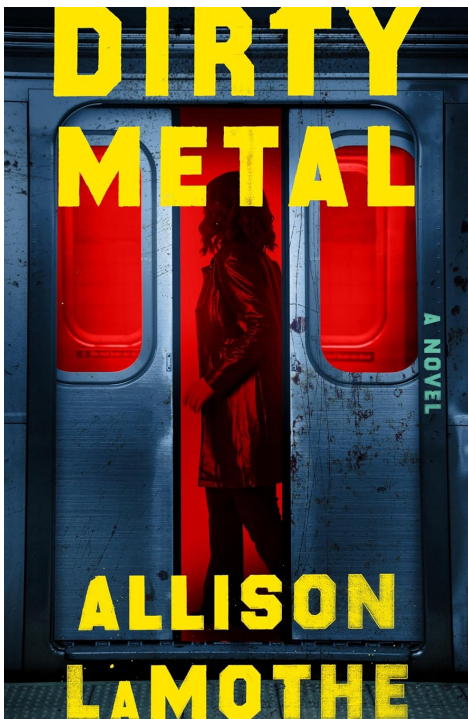
THE DOG WHO WAS (ALMOST) PERFECT

Jack Kurland

Frances Lincoln Books, June 2, 2026

Ages 2-5

There once was a dog called Doris who was practically perfect in every way. She could perform all her tricks flawlessly and she loved being perfect. But one day, something not-so-perfect happened and Doris panicked. This is a heartwarming story that helps children embrace imperfection, manage worries about getting things wrong, and learn that mistakes are part of life.



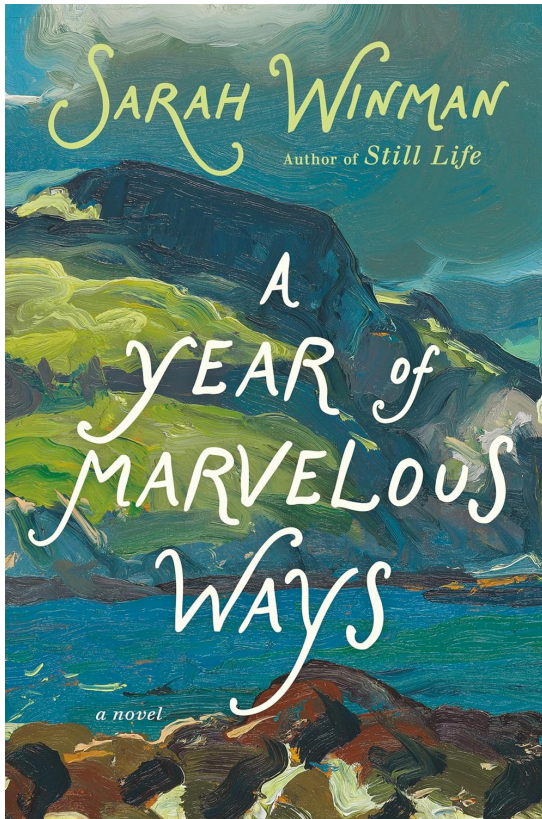
DIRTY METAL: A NOVEL

Allison LaMothe

Flatiron Books, February 3, 2026

(A Parker Snow Thriller, 1)

This debut crime novel features tenacious tabloid reporter Parker Snow in 1992 New York City. Trying to run down two stories at once—a simmering mafia turf war, and a homicide that leads to two more with no clear link between them—Parker must also fight the pull of her pills and the arrogant men who get in her way at every turn. Despite it all, she's determined to find truth and redemption for herself, the victims, and a city in chaos—if her demons don't get to her first.



A YEAR OF MARVELOUS WAYS

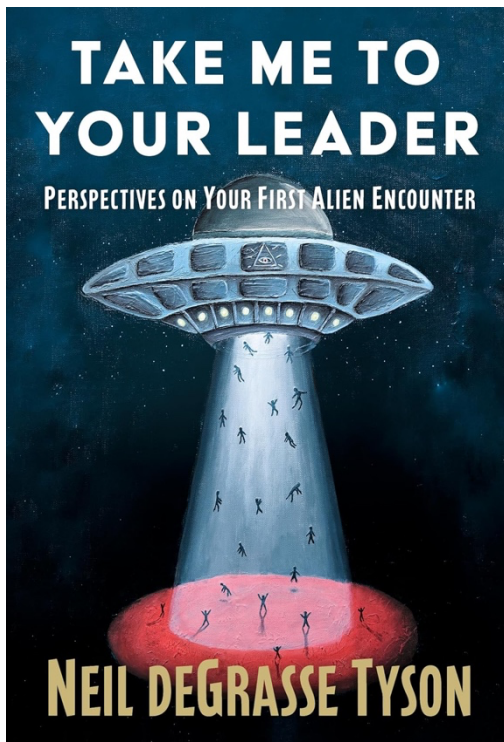
Sarah Winman

G.P.Putnam's Sons, June 16, 2026

Novel

Set in 1940s Cornwall, a story about the unlikely friendship between Marvelous, an eighty-nine-year-old woman, and Francis, a young soldier reeling from loss and the war. Marvelous Ways has lived alone alongside a winding creek near the rugged Cornwall coast all her life. After a journey that goes awry, Francis washes up in Marvelous's creek, broken in body and spirit.

A beautiful, bighearted story *A Year of Marvelous Ways* is a testament to friendship and connection.



TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER:

PERSPECTIVES ON YOUR FIRST ALIEN ENCOUNTER

Neil deGrasse Tyson

Simon Six Publisher, May 12, 2026

Non-fiction, Astronomy

This book is the culmination of a lifetime of fascination, speculation, and the amassing of scientific data about the possibility of Aliens visiting Earth. Drawing on a wealth of depictions from history, literature, pop culture, and film, Tyson makes the case for what Aliens might look like, act like, how they might travel through the universe to reach us, and what they might think of us upon arrival.