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## **The Memory Police**

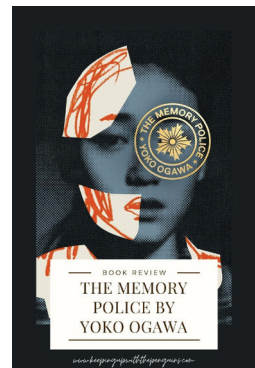
by Yoko Ogawa

Pub year: 2019

Formats Available: Hardcover, eBook, audiobook

Description: (Translated from Japanese)

In a world where state surveillance is the norm, items on an unnamed island in an unnamed country begin disappearing and no one takes notice. The Memory Police remove every disappeared item, ensuring they are forgotten. A young writer tries to shield her editor from danger in this novel about the heartache of loss.



## Our Share of Night

by Mariana Enríquez

Pub year: 2019

Formats Available: Hardcover, eBooks, audiobook

Description: (Translated from Spanish)

A young father and son set out on a road trip, devastated by the death of the wife and mother they both loved. United in grief, the pair travel to her ancestral home where they must confront the terrifying legacy she has bequeathed: a family called the Order that commits unspeakable acts in search of immortality.



## The Vegetarian

by Han Kang

Pub Year: 2015

Formats Available: Hardcover, eBook

Description: (Translated from Korean)

Yeong-hye begins to have nightmares and stops eating meat. Family members try to force Yeong-hye to change her views while her marriage begins to decay. Dark and at times surreal, this novel grapples with control and violence.



## Novelist as a Vocation

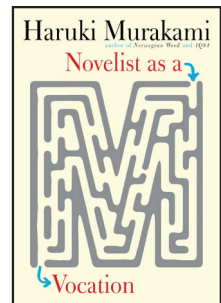
by Haruki Murakami

Pub year: 2022

Formats Available: Paperback, hardcover, audiobook

Description: Nonfiction (translated from Japanese)

In his own words, Haruki Murakami tells the story of becoming an internationally best-selling author. With tips and tricks for hopeful writers, as well as personal anecdotes, this book is an intriguing look into the mind of one of our time's most acclaimed writers.



## Convenience Store Woman

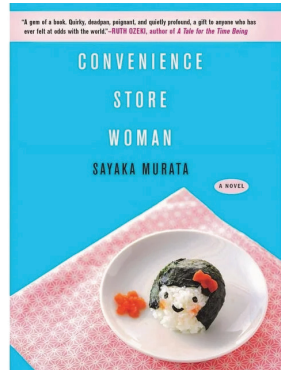
by Sayaka Murata

Pub Year: 2018

Formats Available: Hardcover, eBook, audiobook

Description: (Translated from Japanese)

A Smile Mart employee feels at home in the convenience store, but not with family or at school, where she feels mounting pressure to marry and find a career, and doesn't feel like she fits in. She thrives off the well-defined world of Smile Mart, where the social rules and expectations are defined in the store manual, and resists the pressure to move on from Smile Mart.



## Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead

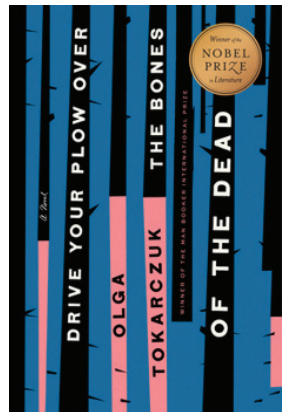
by Olga Tokarczuk

Pub Year: 2019

Formats Available: Hardcover, eBook, audiobook

Description: (Translated from Polish)

Janina lives in a rural village in Poland, pursuing her varied interests in the winter. Finding animals more tolerable than people, Janina is the town recluse. Soon villagers begin to die suspiciously so Janina involves herself in the investigation by playing detective.



**The Empusium: A health resort horror story**

by Olga Tokarczuk

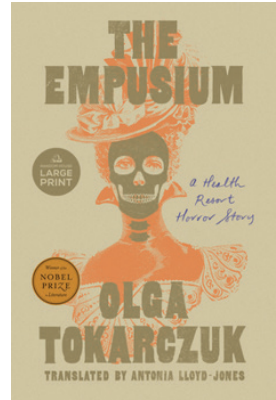
Pub Year: 2024

Formats Available: Hardcover, LP, eBook, audiobook

Description: (Translated from Polish)

WWI is about to start and a student with tuberculosis takes refuge at a health resort.

The residents drink hallucinogenic alcohol produced locally and have philosophical debates. But is there something more sinister out there?



**Before the Coffee Gets Cold: A Novel**

by Toshikazu Kawaguchi [translated by Geoffrey Trousselot]

Pub Year: 2020

Formats Available: Book, BOCD, Libby, eBook and audio

Description: (Translated from Japanese)

In a small back alley in Tokyo at a century-old coffee shop rumored to offer patrons the chance to travel back in time, four customers reevaluate their formative life choices.



## Silent Parade

by Keigo Higashino

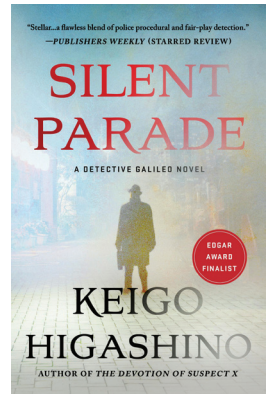
[translated by Giles Murray]

Pub Year: 2021

Formats Available: Hardcover

Description: (Translated from Japanese)

A popular young girl disappears without a trace, her skeletal remains discovered three years later in the ashes of a burned-out house. There's a suspect and compelling circumstantial evidence of his guilt, but no concrete proof. And this isn't the first time he's been suspected of the murder of a young girl. Detective Chief Inspector Kusanagi of the Homicide Division of the Tokyo Police worked on both cases and now must solve the mystery.



## The Three Body Problem

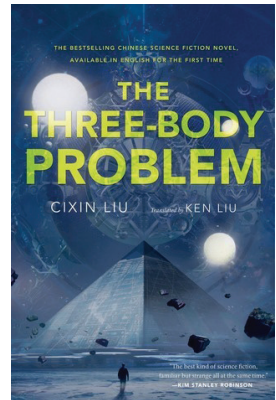
by Cixin Liu [translated by Ken Liu]

Pub Year: 2014

Formats Available: Book, BOCD, eBook & audiobook

Description: (Translated from Chinese)

Set against the backdrop of China's Cultural Revolution, a secret military project sends signals into space to establish contact with aliens. An alien civilization on the brink of destruction captures the signal and plans to invade Earth. Meanwhile, on Earth, different camps start forming, planning to either welcome the superior beings and help them take over a world seen as corrupt, or to fight against the invasion.



## **Anxious People**

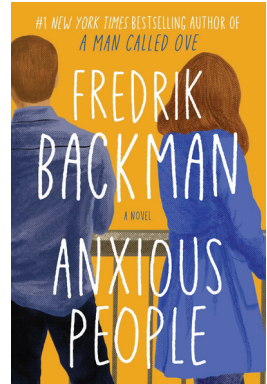
by Fredrik Backman [translated by Neil Smith]

Pub Year: 2020

Formats Available: Book, LP, BOCD, eBook & audiobook, MP3

Description: (translated from Swedish)

Taken hostage by a failed bank robber while attending an open house, eight anxiety-prone strangers—including a redemption-seeking bank director, two couples who would fix their marriages, and a plucky octogenarian—discover their unexpected common traits.



## **What You Are Looking For is in the Library**

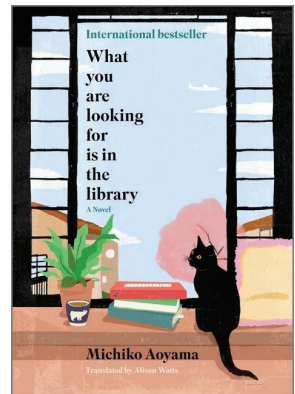
by Michiko Aoyama [translated by Alison Watts]

Pub year: 2023

Formats Available: Book, LP, Hoopla, ebook, audio & Libby

Description: (Translated from Japanese)

What You Are Looking For Is in the Library relates five loosely connected stories of five different people who visit a community library in Tokyo, only to find themselves changing for the better, all because of an unexpected book recommendation by the enigmatic librarian.





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