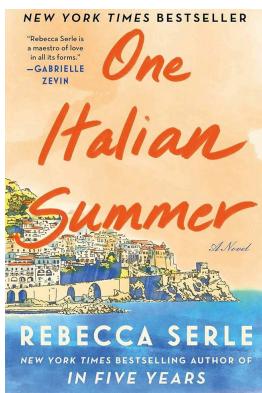


Winter Olympic Spirit:

Read a book set in a country that has hosted the Winter Olympics (Italy hosts the 2026 Winter Games, Feb 6–22)

One Italian Summer by Catherine Mangan (Italy - 1926, 2006, & 2026 Winter Olympics)

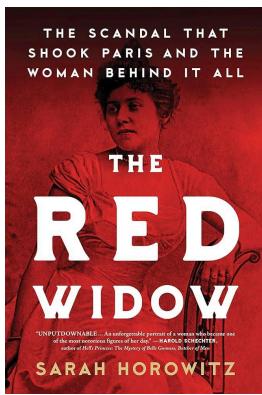
F Mang, Libby e-book & e-audio



When Lily's long-term relationship ends, she flees her life in New York to travel to her best friend's wedding on the sun-drenched Italian island of Ischia - but could there be more to the secluded island than she ever imagined? Ten days with nothing but sparkling seas, breath-taking beaches and delicious food sounds like the perfect cure for a broken heart. But Lily's blissful break is short-lived as she discovers not only has she lost her boyfriend, she's also lost her job. As Ischia slowly heals Lily's heart, will she in turn inject new life into the island? And will local Matt offer the possibility of a future she'd never dreamed of?

The Red Widow by Sarah Horowitz (France - 1924, 1968, & 1992 Winter Olympics)

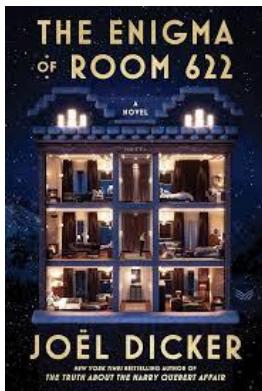
Bio Steinheil Marguerite, Libby and hoopla e-book



Paris, 1889 - Margeurite Steinheil is a woman with ambition. But having been born into a middle-class family and trapped in a marriage to a failed artist twenty years her senior, she knows her options are limited. Determined to fashion herself into a new woman, Meg orchestrates a scandalous plan with her most powerful resource- her body. Amid the dazzling glamor, art, and romance of bourgeois Paris, she takes elite men as her lovers, charming her way into the good graces of the rich and powerful.

The Enigma of Room 622 by Joël Dicker (Switzerland - 1928 and 1948 Winter Olympics)

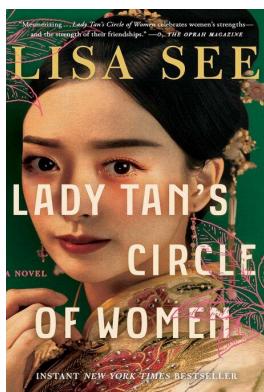
M Dick, Libby and hoopla e-book & e-audio



A writer named Joël, Switzerland's most prominent novelist, flees to the Hôtel de Verbier, a luxury resort in the Swiss Alps. Disheartened over a recent breakup and his longtime publisher's death, Joël hopes to rest. However, his plans quickly go awry. It all starts with a seemingly innocuous detail: at the Verbier, there is no room 622. Before long, Joël and fellow guest Scarlett uncover a long-unsolved murder that transpired in the hotel's room 622.

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See (China - 2022 Winter Olympics)

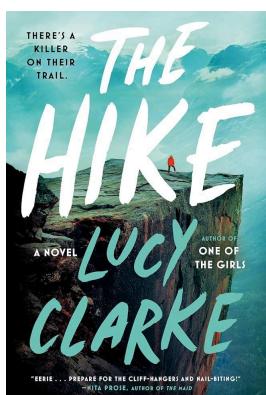
F See, Libby e-book & e-audio



Born into an elite family and raised by one of a handful of female doctors in China during the 15th-century, Tan Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. The two girls find fast friendship but when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling. Inspired by a true story, this historical novel shows how Yunxian tries to break free of the traditions to become one of the most remarkable women in the Ming dynasty.

The Hike by Lucy Clarke (Norway - 1952 and 1994 Winter Olympics)

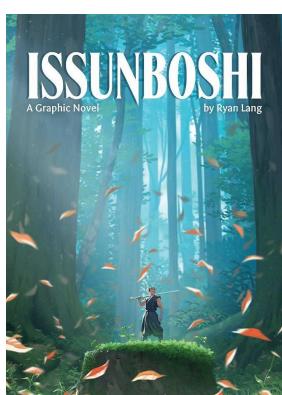
F Clar, Libby e-audio



Burned-out by both her marriage and work, Liz is desperate for an escape. More than that, she craves an adventure, a total reset. So, when she plans a vacation with her three best friends, she persuades them to spend four nights camping in the stunning mountains of Norway. Following a trail that climbs through lush valleys, towering peaks, and past jewel-blue lakes, Liz is sure that the hike is just what they need. But as they stride farther from civilization, it becomes clear that the women are not the only ones looking to lose themselves in the mountains. The wilderness hides secrets darker than they could ever have imagined.

Issunboshi by Ryan Lang (Japan - 1972 and 1998 Winter Olympics)

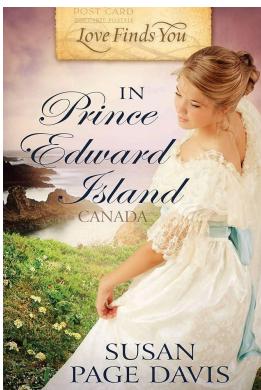
TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL Lang, hoopla e-book



In a feudal Japan where creatures of myth and folklore are real, a demon sets out to reforge an ancient weapon to take over the world. The only person who can stop him is an inches-tall would-be samurai, who also happens to be the final and most important piece of the weapon. *Issunboshi: A Graphic Novel* is a lush retelling of the classic Japanese folktale reminding us that one is not born a hero—you must discover the courage to become one.

Love Finds You in Prince Edward Island, Canada by Susan Page Davis

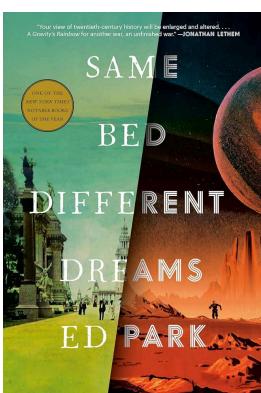
IF Love, Libby e-book (Canada - 1972 and 1998 Winter Olympics)



In the summer of 1860, Prince Edward Island is astir. Its citizens eagerly anticipate the arrival of the first member of the British royal family to visit the island. Molly Orland is too poor to be invited to the ball, but she is thrilled when she's hired as extra staff at the lieutenant governor's house, where the young Prince of Wales will be a guest. Peter Stark has arrived a few days in advance of the royal party to make sure arrangements are suitable for the prince. When Peter and Molly discover a long-buried secret that could bring shame to his royal employer, will he remain a loyal servant--or help Molly's family get the justice they deserve?

Same Bed Different Dreams by Ed Park (South Korea - 2018 Winter Olympics)

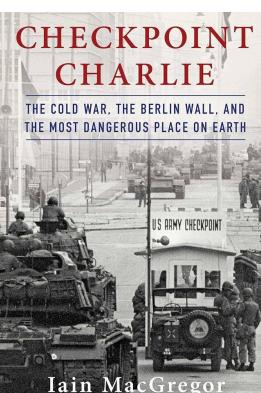
F Park, hoopla e-audio



In 1919, far-flung patriots established the Korean Provisional Government to protest the Japanese occupation of their country. This government-in-exile proves mostly symbolic, though, and after Japan's defeat in World War II, the KPG dissolves and civil war erupts, resulting in the tragic North-South split that remains today. But what if the KPG still existed--now working toward a unified Korea, secretly pulling levers to further its aims? Same Bed Different Dreams weaves together three distinct narrative voices with an archive of mysterious images, and twists reality like a kaleidoscope.

Checkpoint Charlie by Iain MacGregor (Germany - 1936 Winter Olympics)

HISTORY EUROPE GERMAN **MacGregor, hoopla e-audio**



In the early 1960s, East Germany committed a billion dollars to the creation of the Berlin Wall, an eleven-foot-high barrier that consisted of seventy-nine miles of fencing, 300 watchtowers, 250 guard dog runs, twenty bunkers. In 1989, the East German leadership buckled in the face of a civil revolt that culminated in half a million East Berliners demanding an end to the ban on free movement. The world's media flocked to capture the moment which, perhaps more than any other, signaled the end of the Cold War.