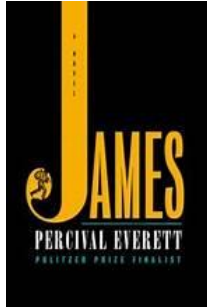


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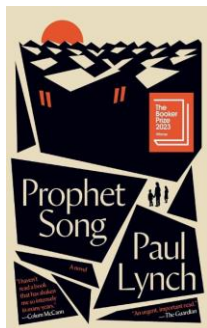
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James by Percival Everett

James is a reimagining of the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond. Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light.

Thursday, August 1, 2024



Prophet Song by Paul Lynch

On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother-of-four, Eilish Stack, answers her front door to find two officers from Ireland's newly formed secret police on her step. They have arrived to interrogate her husband, a trade unionist.

Ireland is falling apart, caught in the grip of a government turning towards tyranny. As the life she knows and the ones she loves disappear before her eyes, Eilish must contend with the dystopian logic of her new, unraveling country. How far will she go to save her family? And what—or who—is she willing to leave behind?

Prophet Song offers a shocking vision of a country at war and a deeply human portrait of a mother's fight to hold her family together.