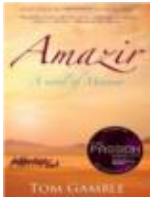


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1 **Amazir F GAM**



British--Morocco--Fiction.; Americans--Morocco--Fiction.; Berbers--Morocco--Fiction.; Nationalism--Morocco--History--Fiction.; Anti-imperialist movements--Morocco--Fiction.; Voyages and travels--Fiction.; Morocco--History--1912-1956--Fiction.

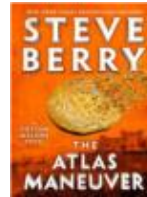
London ::Beautiful 2010 535 p.; ; 20 cm.

Summary Notes

An idealistic young Englishman, Harry Summerfield, befriends an American oil explorer in Gibraltar in the 1930s. Their meeting sparks a journey for both men that will take them across Morocco and northern Africa, to encounter the harsh realities of Berber opposition to French colonial rule and the passion and conflict of a love for the same young French woman. Full of action, character and extraordinarily vivid local colour, this is a vast novel of adventure, romance and intrigue which keeps the reader guessing page after page. From the hustle and bustle of Marrakech to the beautiful solitude of the Atlas Mountains, and incorporating all levels of society in pre-war Morocco (from Berber tribesmen to French politicians), Amazir is a powerfully evocative work dealing with a vast spectrum of human experience from wonder to despair. Revisiting the traditional epic-style novel format, Tom Gamble's Amazir is a breathtaking journey into the souks and mountains of Morocco that chronicles a powerful love affair and a nation's political turmoil.

[Link: Amazir](#)

2 **The Atlas Maneuver LT BER**



Malone, Cotton, (Fictitious character)--Fiction.; Cryptocurrencies--Fiction.; Bitcoin--Fiction.; Conspiracies--Fiction.; Banks and banking--Fiction.; Treasure troves--Fiction.; World War, 1939-1945--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.; Suspense fiction.; Large print books.; Thrillers (Fiction); Spy fiction.; Action and adventure fiction.

New York, NY ::Grand Central Large Print 2024 vii, 561 pages (large print) ; 24 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

"1945. In the waning months of World War II, Japan hid vast quantities of gold and other stolen valuables in boobytrapped underground caches all across the Philippines. By 1947 some of that loot was recovered, not by treasure hunters, but by the United States government, which told no one about the find. Instead, those assets were stamped classified, shipped to Europe, and secretly assimilated into something called the Black Eagle Trust. Present day. Retired Justice Department operative, Cotton Malone, is in Switzerland doing a favor for a friend. But what was supposed to be a simple operation turns violent and Cotton is thrust into a war between the world's oldest bank and the CIA, a battle that directly involves the Black Eagle Trust. He quickly discovers that everything hinges on a woman from his past, who suddenly reappears harboring a host of explosive secrets centering around bitcoin. The cryptocurrency is being quietly weaponized, readied for an assault on the world's financial systems, a calculated move that will have devastating consequences. Cotton has no choice. He has to act. But at what cost? From the stolid banking halls of Luxembourg, to the secret vaults of Switzerland, and finally up into the treacherous mountains of southern Morocco, Cotton Malone is stymied at every turn. Each move he makes seems wrong, and nothing works, until he finally comes face-to-face with the Atlas Maneuver"--

[Link: The Atlas Maneuver](#)

3 **Blood passage TEEN DEM**



Jinn--Fiction.; Magic--Fiction.; Wishes--Fiction.; Genies--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.

New York, NY ::Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers 2015 481 pages ; 22 cm.

Adolescent

Summary Notes

"Nalia and her comrades travel to Morocco to search for Solomon's sigil"--

[Link: Blood passage](#)

5 **The death of Murat Idrissi F WIE**



Women--Morocco--Fiction.; Women travelers--Morocco--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.

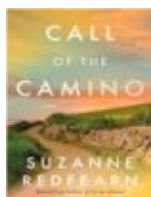
Victoria, Australia ::Scribe Publications 2019 102 pages ; 21 cm.

Summary Notes

Two women on a journey through the land of their fathers and mothers. A wrong turn. A bad decision. They had no idea, when they arrived in Morocco, that their usual freedoms as young European women would not be available. So, when the spy Saleh presents himself as their guide and saviour, they embrace his offer. He extracts them from a tight space, only to lead them inexorably into an even tighter one: and from this far darker space there is no exit. Their tale of confinement and escape is as old as the landscapes and cultures so vividly depicted in this story of where Europe and Africa come closest to meeting, even if they never quite touch.

[Link: The death of Murat Idrissi](#)

4 **Call of the camino a novel / F RED**



Women journalists--Fiction.; Teenage girls--Fiction.; Pilgrims and pilgrimages--Fiction.; Grief--Fiction.; Female friendship--Fiction.; Camino de Santiago de Compostela--Fiction.; Historical fiction.

Seattle, WA ::Lake Union Publishing 2025 307 pages : map ; 23 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

"Reina Watkins lost her father when she was eight. Seventeen years later, she still carries that grief. When her budding journalism career takes an unexpected turn, it leads her to the ancient five-hundred-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain. Now she finds herself embarking on the same pilgrimage that her father made at her age, unaware of how profoundly it will change her. Back in 1997, Isabelle Vidal is a teenager on the run. Fleeing from her boarding school, she heads straight for the Way of Saint James. She's heard the Camino will provide. And so it does, in the form of a handsome young American and the promise of a new life. But it could all fall apart if her troubles catch up with her. One woman is coming to grips with her past; the other is grasping for her future. But as each treads the same hallowed trail, it will knot their destinies together in a most miraculous way"--

[Link: Call of the camino : a novel /](#)

General Notes

Includes discussion questions.

General Notes

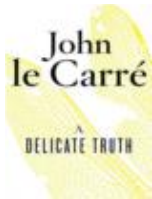
Originally published as De dood van Murat Idrissi in Dutch in 2017.

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6 **A delicate truth F LEC**



Terrorism--Prevention--Fiction.; War on Terrorism, 2001-2009--Fiction.; Illegal arms transfers--Fiction.; Special forces (Military science)--Great Britain--Fiction.; Political corruption--Great Britain--Fiction.; Undercover operations--Fiction.; Political fiction.; Suspense fiction.; Spy stories.

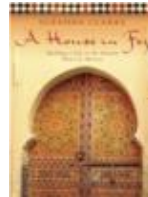
New York ::Viking 2013 309 pages ; 24 cm.

Summary Notes

2008. A counter-terrorist operation, codenamed Wildlife, is being mounted on the British crown colony of Gibraltar. Its purpose: to capture and abduct a high-value jihadist arms-buyer. Its authors: an ambitious Foreign Office Minister, a private defense contractor who is also his bosom friend, and a shady American CIA operative of the evangelical far-right. So delicate is the operation that even the Minister's personal private secretary, Toby Bell, is not cleared for it. Cornwall, UK, 2011. A disgraced Special Forces Soldier delivers a message from the dead. Was Operation Wildlife the success it was cracked up to be--or a human tragedy that was ruthlessly covered up? Summoned by Sir Christopher ("Kit") Probyn, retired British diplomat, to his decaying Cornish manor house, and closely observed by Kit's beautiful daughter, Emily, Toby must choose between his conscience and duty to his Service. If the only thing necessary to the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing, how can he keep silent?

[Link: A delicate truth](#)

8 **A house in Fez 916.4 CLA**



Dwellings--Maintenance and repair.; Buildings--Repair and reconstruction.; Morocco--Social life and customs.; Morocco--Description and travel.

New York, NY ::Pocket Books 2008 263 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.

Summary Notes

When Suzanna Clarke and her husband bought a dilapidated riad, or traditional courtyard house, in the Middle the ancient Medina of Fez, their friends thought they were mad. Located in a maze of donkey-trod alleyways, the house was beautiful but in desperate need of repair. Walls were in danger of collapse, the plumbing non-existent. It was a state common to many of Fez's exquisitely crafted houses, which were falling to ruin for want of local funds to restore them. Or worse, they were being bought by foreigners and modernised. With a view to living there semi-permanently, Suzanna was determined to restore the riad to its original splendour.

[Link: A house in Fez](#)

General Notes

"Originally published in Australia in 2007 by Penguin Group (Australia)."--t.p. verso.

7 **The forgiven F OSB**



Married people--Fiction.; Visitors, Foreign--Morocco--Fiction.; Accidents--Fiction.; Parties--Fiction.; Master and servant--Fiction.; Muslims--Fiction.; Morocco--Race relations--Fiction.

New York ::Hogarth 2012 272 p. ; 22 cm.

Summary Notes

A couple in a deteriorating relationship are involved in a fatal car accident on their way to an annual wild party at a friend's house deep in the Moroccan desert and must deal with the repercussions.

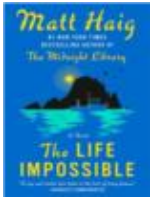
[Link: The forgiven](#)

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9 **The life impossible F HAI**



Retired teachers--Fiction.; Mathematics teachers--Fiction.; Widows--Fiction.; Inheritance and succession--Fiction.; Life change events--Fiction.; Moving, Household--Fiction.; Sons--Death--Fiction.; Guilt--Fiction.; Human-alien encounters--Fiction.; Psychic ability--Fiction.; Islands--Fiction.; Ibiza (Spain)--Fiction.; Magic realist fiction.; Fantasy fiction.

[New York] ::Viking 2024 324 pages ; 22 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

"When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook and no plan. Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed. But to dive into this impossible truth, Grace must first come to terms with her past. Filled with wonder and wild adventure, this is a story of hope and the life-changing power of a new beginning"--

[Link: The life impossible](#)

General Notes

First published in hardcover in Great Britain by Canongate Books Ltd., Edinburgh, in 2024.

11 **The Moroccan girl F CUM**



Authors--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction. New York ::St. Martin's Press 2019 358 pages ; 25 cm.

Summary Notes

Renowned author Kit Carradine is approached by an MI6 officer with a seemingly straightforward assignment: to attend a literary festival in Morocco and track down a mysterious woman hiding somewhere in the exotic, perilous city of Marrakesh. But when Carradine learns the woman is a dangerous fugitive with ties to international terrorism, the glamour of being a spy is soon tainted by fear and betrayal. Lara Bartok is a leading figure in Resurrection, a violent revolutionary movement whose brutal attacks on prominent right-wing public figures have spread hatred and violence across the world. Her disappearance ignites a race between warring intelligence services desperate to find her--at any cost. But as Carradine edges closer to the truth, he finds himself drawn to this brilliant, beautiful, and profoundly complex woman. Caught between increasingly dangerous forces who want Bartok dead, Carradine soon faces an awful choice: to abandon Lara to her fate, or to risk everything trying to save her.

[Link: The Moroccan girl](#)

10 **Mediterranean street foods 641.59 HEL**



Cooking, Mediterranean.

New York ::HarperCollins 2002 277 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

[Link: Mediterranean street foods](#)

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12 The most beautiful libraries in the world 027.4 LAU



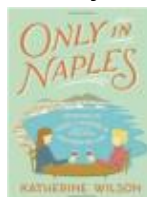
Library buildings.; Library architecture.; Libraries.
New York ::Harry N. Abrams 2003
247 p. : col. ill. ; 29 cm.

[Link: The most beautiful libraries in the world](#)

Content Notes

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14 Only in Naples lessons in food and famiglia from my Italian mother-in-law / 945.731 WIL



Wilson, Katherine, 1974-; Americans--Italy--Naples--Biography.; Daughters-in-law--Family relationships--Italy--Naples.; Mothers-in-law--Italy--Naples--Biography.; Families--Italy--Naples.; Cooking--Italy--Naples.; Naples (Italy)--Biography.; Naples (Italy)--Social life and customs.

New York ::Random House 2016 viii, 287 pages ; 22 cm.

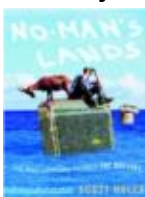
Summary Notes

"In the tradition of M.F.K. Fisher and Peter Mayle, this enchantingly warm and witty memoir follows American-born Katherine Wilson on her adventures abroad, where a three-month rite of passage in Naples turns into a permanent embrace of this boisterous city on the Mediterranean. It is all thanks to a surprising romance, a new passion for food, and a spirited woman who will become her mother-in-law--and teach her to laugh, to seize joy, and to love"--

"When Katherine Wilson decides to do an internship abroad after graduating from college in 1996, she is warned by her family and friends against going to Naples. It is dirty and dangerous, she is told. 'The good guys and the bad guys all look alike.' 'You should really go to Tuscany,' she is cautioned. But it is the chaos and vibrancy of Naples that intrigues Katherine. After taking an internship at the American Consulate she is set up on a blind date with a young man named Salva. She expects to be taken to dinner at a pizzeria, but instead is taken home to meet Salva's mother, Raffaella. This marks the start of Katherine's initiation into Italian society. She and Salva end up marrying, but it's Raffaella who gives Katherine the culinary and cultural education that marks the beginning of her womanhood"--

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13 No man's lands one man's odyssey through The Odyssey / 883.01 HUL



Homer. Odysseus.; Odysseus (Greek mythology)--Travel.; Literary landmarks--Mediterranean Region.; Literary landmarks--Greece.; Mediterranean Region--Description and travel.; Greece--Description and travel.

New York ::Crown 2008 xiv, 286 p. : maps ; 25 cm.

[Link: No man's lands : one man's odyssey through 1](#)

Content Notes

"No greater claim to our credence" : on the isle of the nymph Calypso -- Something to say for yourself, or, Among the oar-loving Phaeacians -- Troy, backstory capital of the world -- Losing to the twelfth seed : surprised by the Cicones -- Acropolis now : Athens and other places actually on the map -- A drink with an umbrella in it : the honeyed fruit of the lotus -- Where no man has gone before : in the cyclops' cave -- "Help! I need somebody!" : the hospitality of the Wind King -- Run away! run away! : catastrophe in the land of the Laestrygonians -- Bewitched, bothered, and bewildered : in the neighborhood of Circe -- Regarding the journey to hell, and how upon arriving there I found it closed -- Hold me back! : the island of the Sirens -- The truth about consequences : the choice between Scylla and Charybdis -- Everyone loves a hero : the cattle of the sun -- Among the Phaeacians, II : Corfu and the journey by night -- What these Ithakas mean -- Home at last : Penelope and Odysseus.

[Link: Only in Naples : lessons in food and famiglia fr](#)

15 **The princess spy the true story of World War II spy Aline Griffith, Countess of Romanones / BIOG GRI**



Aline, Countess of Romanones, 1923-2017.; Spies--Biography.; Spies--Spain--Biography.; World War, 1939-1945--Secret service.; World War, 1939-1945--Secret service--Spain.

New York ::Atria Books 2021 xvii, 361 pages : illustrations ; 24 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

As the US entered the Second World War, Aline Griffith was a college graduate desperate to aid in the war effort, but her only career experience was modeling clothes. A chance meeting led her to join the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the CIA. She was sent to Spain to be a coder, but soon given the additional assignment of infiltrating the upper echelons of society, mingling with high-ranking officials, diplomats, and titled Europeans, any of whom could be an enemy agent. Griffin recruited sub-agents to counter Nazi tactics in Madrid. Even after marrying the Count of Romanones, one of the wealthiest men in Spain, she was given special assignments when abroad that would benefit from her impeccable pedigree and social connections.

[Link: The princess spy : the true story of World War](#)

Content Notes

Dying to fight -- The farm -- Close encounters -- The clerk -- Man of swords -- Snatch-22 -- Death by murder -- Putting on the Ritz -- Glorious Gloria -- Visitors -- The body -- Resurrection -- The prisoner -- The Bohemian -- The lady vanishes -- The count -- Butch -- Pay dirt -- Intelligence goes to ground -- Paris -- La Tienta -- The bookkeeper -- Cortando la Coleta -- Countess Quintanilla -- Living the dream -- Twin souls -- The rest of the story.

16 **The punishment BIOG BEN**



Ben Jelloun, Tahar, 1944-; Authors, Moroccan--Biography.; Political prisoners--Morocco--Biography.; Demonstrations--Morocco.; Morocco--History--1956- New Haven ::Yale University Press 2020 vii, 151 pages ; 21 cm.

Summary Notes

"In 1967 Tahar Ben Jelloun, a peaceful young political protestor, was one of nearly a hundred other hapless men taken into punitive custody by the Moroccan army. It was a time of dangerous importance in Moroccan history, and they were treated with a chilling brutality that not all of them survived. This powerful portrait of the author's traumatic experience, written with a memoirist's immediacy, reveals both his helpless terror and his desperate hope to survive by drawing strength from his love of literature. Shaken to the core by his disillusionment with a brutal regime, unsure of surviving his ordeal, he stole some paper and began to secretly write, with the admittedly romantic idea of leaving some testament behind, a veiled denunciation of the evils of his time. His first poem was published after he was unexpectedly released, and his vocation was born."--Jacket.

[Link: The punishment](#)

Content Notes

Cover -- Half Title -- Title -- Copyright -- Contents -- Translator's Prefac -- Off to El Hajeb -- Last Moments of Freedom -- Akka -- Medical Exam -- Punished by His Majesty -- Heavy Stones out in the Sun -- Maneuvers in the Rain -- Mohammed V Hospital -- An Evening chez Ababou -- The Convoy -- Ahermoumou -- On Sophisticated Brutality -- Daily Life -- Liberation Yes, Liberation No -- On the Outside -- June 5, 1971 -- The Surprise -- Translator's Notes -- Translator's Afterword.

General Notes

"Originally published as La punition, copyright Ã Éditions Gallimard, Paris, 2018"--Title page verso.

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17 **The queen of the South F PER**



Young women--Fiction.; Women drug dealers--Fiction.; Drug traffic--Fiction.; Drug smugglers--Fiction.; Drug traffic--Fiction.; Mexico--Fiction.; Spain--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.

New York ::Penguin/Plume 2004 449 pages ; 21 cm.

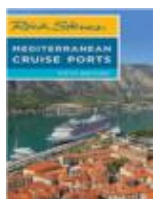
Juvenile

Summary Notes

When she discovers that her boyfriend Guero, a Mexican drug smuggler, has been killed by rivals and that she is the next target, Teresa Mendoza must give up her old life and become a member of a dark and deadly world in order to survive.

[Link: The queen of the South](#)

18 **Rick Steves Mediterranean cruise ports 914.6 STE**



Port cities--Mediterranean Region--Guidebooks.; Ocean travel--Guidebooks.; Mediterranean Region--Description and travel.; Mediterranean Region--Guidebooks.

Edmonds ::Rick Steves 2019 997 pages : illustrations (black and white, and colour), maps (colour) ; 21 cm.

[Link: Rick Steves Mediterranean cruise ports](#)

19 **The rocks F NIC**



Family secrets--Fiction.; Majorca (Spain)--Fiction.; Romance fiction.; Love stories.

New York ::Riverhead Books, a member of Penguin Group (USA) 2015 417 pages ; 24 cm.

Summary Notes

Set against dramatic Mediterranean Sea views and lush olive groves, "The Rocks" opens with a confrontation and a secret: What was the mysterious, catastrophic event that drove two honeymooners apart so suddenly and absolutely in 1948 that they never spoke again despite living on the same island for sixty more years? And how did their history shape the Romeo and Juliet like romance of their (unrelated) children decades later? Centered around a popular seaside resort club and its community, The Rocks is a double love story that begins with a mystery, then moves backward in time, era by era, to unravel what really happened decades earlier.

[Link: The rocks](#)

20 **The surf house a thriller / F CLA**



Surfers--Fiction.; Missing persons--Fiction.; Travelers--Fiction.; Secrecy--Fiction.; Beaches--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.; Thrillers (Fiction); Detective and mystery fiction.

New York ::Atlantic Monthly Press 2025 391 pages ; 24 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

"From the million-copy bestselling author Lucy Clarke, a sun-soaked thriller on the Moroccan coast where deadly secrets threaten to breach the surface. High on the cliffs of Morocco, far from the city lights and the souks, stands The Surf House: a sanctuary for travelers chasing sunshine and waves. But the idyll hides a dark mystery. And when Bea washes in, seeking refuge after a dangerous encounter in Marrakesh, she soon gets caught in the current. A woman her age--who stayed in the same area, walked the same beaches, met the same guests--disappeared one year earlier, vanishing without trace. Somewhere inside The Surf House lies the truth--but there'll be a price for uncovering it"--

[Link: The surf house : a thriller /](#)

General Notes

First published in 2025 in Great Britain by Harper Collins.

21 **Tangerine F MAN**



Female friendship--Fiction.; Deception--Fiction.; Missing persons--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.

New York, NY ::Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers 2018 308 pages ; 24 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

Arriving in Tangier with her new husband only to encounter the estranged best friend she has not seen in more than a year, Alice allows her friend to introduce her to the rhythms and culture of Morocco, only to be quickly stifled by the woman's controlling nature.--

[Link: Tangerine](#)

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22 **La Tercera Luz** a poetic journey through Spain.
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Stanley, Corinne.; Pavon, Esther
Bendala Pavon; Poetry.; Spain--
Description and travel.

Iowa City, IA ::Conejo En La Luna Press
2022 131 pages : black & white
illustrations ; 23 cm.

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Summary Notes

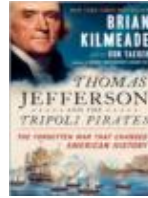
Corinne Stanley's *La tercera luz: A Poetic Journey Through Spain* tells the story of the birth of the poetry collection, *Silence from the Forest (Silencios del bosque)* by Maria Esther Bendala Pavón. But it is also the story of a poet translator's awakening at the intersection of loneliness and desire. When Stanley decides to leave her Midwest cubicle for Spain, chance encounters spiral her into intimate proximity with a mysterious, beautiful Spanish poet suffering from brain cancer named Esther. We also meet fortune tellers, literary companions with varying degrees of allegiance, architecture vibrating with layers of history, and most haunting, an elusive beloved whose abandonment propels Stanley deep into the labyrinth of her own heart. Ultimately, *La tercera luz* is a rhapsody of arriving, death muse faced and the triumph of not one, but two books in hand, heart's path met with ceaseless passion and generosity despite setback: "I want / to be lost so I can say / I walked that path--I was there, / singing the dark days of the Córdoba moon." from the book's forward.

[Link: La Tercera Luz : a poetic journey through Spai](#)

General Notes

Donated by The Author, Corinne Stanley.

23 **Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli pirates** the forgotten war that changed American history / 973.47 KIL



Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.; Pirates--History--19th century.; United States--History--Tripolitan War, 1801-1805.; United States--History--Tripolitan War, 1801-1805.; Africa, North--History, Naval--19th century.; Mediterranean Region--History, Naval--19th century.

New York, New York ::Sentinel 2015
xvi, 238 pages : illustrations, maps ; 24 cm.

Summary Notes

This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America's third president decided to stand up to intimidation. When Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801, America faced a crisis. The new nation was deeply in debt and needed its economy to grow quickly, but its merchant ships were under attack. Pirates from North Africa's Barbary coast routinely captured American sailors and held them as slaves, demanding ransom and tribute payments far beyond what the new country could afford. Over the previous fifteen years, as a diplomat and then as secretary of state, Jefferson had tried to work with the Barbary states (Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco). Unfortunately, he found it impossible to negotiate with people who believed their religion justified the plunder and enslavement of non-Muslims. These rogue states would show no mercy -- at least not while easy money could be made by extorting America, France, England, and other powers. So President Jefferson decided to move beyond diplomacy. He sent the U.S. Navy's new warships and a detachment of marines to blockade Tripoli -- launching the Barbary Wars and beginning America's journey toward future superpower status.

[Link: Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli pirates : the 1](#)

Content Notes

Prologue: Unprepared and unprotected -- Americans abroad -- Secretary Jefferson -- The humiliation of the USS *George Washington* -- Jefferson takes charge -- A flagpole falls -- The first flotilla -- Skirmish at sea -- Patience wears thin -- The doldrums of summer -- The omens of October -- The Philadelphia disaster -- By the cover of darkness -- The Battle of Tripoli -- Opening a new front -- Win the desert or die in the desert -- Endgame -- Fair winds and following seas.

24 **Who is Maud Dixon? F AND**



Women novelists--Fiction.; False personation--Fiction.; Women authors--Fiction.; Administrative assistants--Fiction.; Traffic accidents--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.; Morocco--Fiction.

New York ::Little, Brown and company
2021 324 pages ; 25 cm.

Adult

Summary Notes

Florence Darrow is a low-level publishing employee who believes that she's destined to be a famous writer. When she stumbles into a job the assistant to the brilliant, enigmatic novelist known as Maud Dixon -- whose true identity is a secret -- it appears that the universe is finally providing Florence's big chance. The arrangement seems perfect. Maud Dixon (whose real name, Florence discovers, is Helen Wilcox) can be prickly, but she is full of pointed wisdom - not only on how to write, but also on how to live. Florence quickly falls under Helen's spell and eagerly accompanies her to Morocco, where Helen's new novel is set. Amidst the colorful streets of Marrakesh and the wind-swept beaches of the coast, Florence's life at last feels interesting enough to inspire a novel of her own. But when Florence wakes up in the hospital after a terrible car accident, with no memory of the previous night -- and no sign of Helen -- she's tempted to take a shortcut. Instead of hiding in Helen's shadow, why not upgrade into Helen's life? Not to mention her bestselling pseudonym... Taut, twisty, and viciously entertaining, *Who is Maud Dixon* is a stylish psychological thriller about how far into the darkness you're willing to go to claim the life you always wanted.

[Link: Who is Maud Dixon?](#)