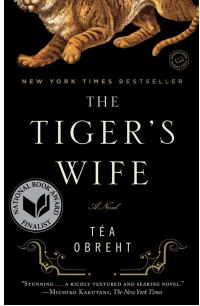


Rise to the Challenge Reading Program: Read an author's debut novel

Below are recommendations for books that are an author's debut novel

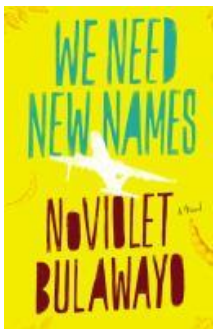


[The Tiger's Wife](#)

By Téa Obreht

Genre: Fiction/Domestic Fiction

Descriptors: Family Secrets, Women and Orphans, Balkan Civil War

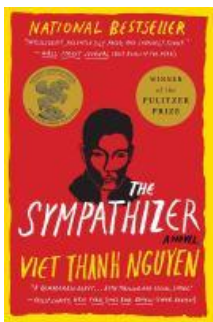


[We Need New Names](#)

By NoViolet Bulawayo

Genre: Fiction/Domestic Fiction

Descriptors: Immigratin, Family, Girlhood, Zimbabwe

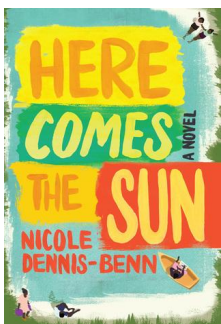


[The Sympathizer](#)

By Viet Thanh Nguyen

Genre: Spy Fiction/Historical Fiction

Descriptors: Identity, Vietnam War, Exile, Culture



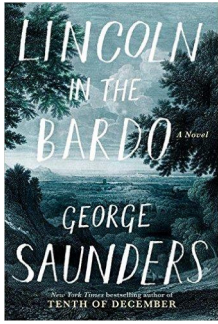
[Here Comes the Sun](#)

By Nicole Dennis-Benn

Genre: Fiction

Descriptors: Queer Love and Loss, Tourism and Consumerism, Women and Society





[Lincoln in the Bardo](#)

By George Saunders

Genre: Historical Fiction

Descriptors: Grief, Abraham Lincoln, Purgatory, Love and Loss



[Severance](#)

By Ling Ma

Genre: Science Fiction

Descriptors: Plague, Zombies, Dark Humor, Nostalgia, Assimilation

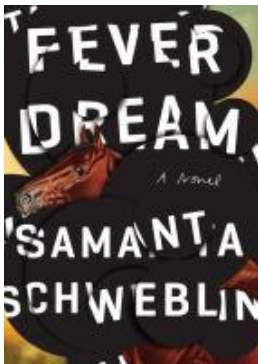


[Swamplandia!](#)

By Karen Russell

Genre: Fiction

Descriptors: Florida Everglades, Loss, Coming of Age, Family

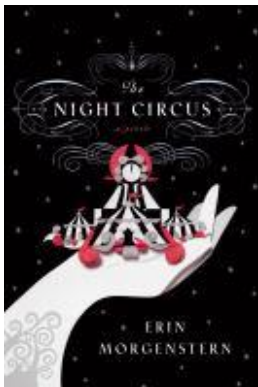


[Fever Dream](#)

By Samantha Schwebel

Genre: Horror/Psychological Fiction

Descriptors: Surrealism, Families, Plague



[The Night Circus](#)

By Erin Morgenstern

Genre: Fiction

Descriptors: Magicians, Circus, Magic, Romance

