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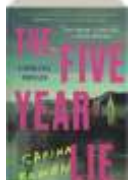
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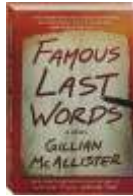
GOHTICHTOWN By Emily Carpenter. The email in Billie's inbox is a gift from the universe. For \$100, she can purchase a spacious Victorian home in Juliana, Georgia, a small town eager to boost its economy after the pandemic. Plus, she'll get a business grant to open a new restaurant in a charming riverside community. Is it a dream come true, or a devil's bargain? 358 pages. Kensington. Pub. at \$28.00

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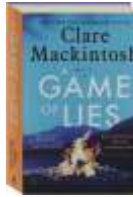
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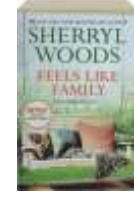
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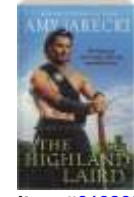
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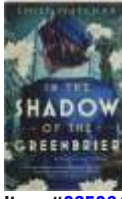
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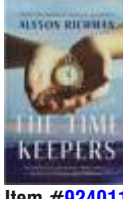
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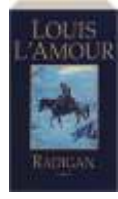
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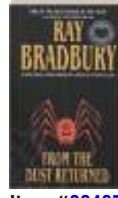
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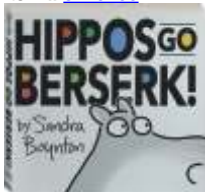
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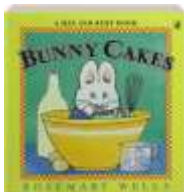
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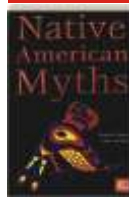


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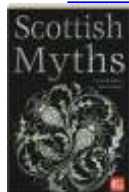
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