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Anne

Black Sun by Rebecca Roanhorse

The first volume in a planned fantasy trilogy inspired by the civilizations of the pre-Columbian Americas and woven into a tale of celestial prophecies, political intrigue, and forbidden magic. The winter solstice is usually a time for celebration and renewal in the holy city of Tova, but this year it coincides with a solar eclipse, a rare celestial event proscribed by the Sun Priest as an unbalancing of the world and when cultists believe an ancient god will return. Readalikes: **City of Brass** by S. A. Chakraborty, **Red Rising** by Pierce Brown

What It's Like to Be a Bird by David Allen Sibley

Through textual and colorfully visual portraits of numerous birds, ranging from the familiar American robin to more obscure species, Sibley explores various aspects of bird biology and behavior, such as hearing, nesting, and mating. Readalikes: **The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior** by David Allen Sibley

Fran

The Missing American by Kwei Quartey

The first in a series set in Accra, Ghana. Gordon Tilson, a middle-aged widower from Washington, DC, travels to Ghana to meet the woman he thinks he has been corresponding with online. When he stops communicating, his son hires Private Investigator Emma Djan to find him and unravel the international online scam that led to his disappearance.

Readalikes: **The Wife of the Gods** by Kwei Quartey, **Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line** by Deepa Anappara

Cormoran Strike series by Robert Galbraith

Fast-paced and full of complex characters, these atmospheric crime novels star private detective Cormoran Strike, a veteran of the Royal Military Police whose messy professional and personal lives belie a talented and driven problem solver. Bringing some order to the chaos is Robin Ellacott, a temp administrative assistant with her own investigative skills who later becomes his business partner.

Readalike: Jackson Brodie mysteries by Kate Atkinson

Lucy

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

In a small back alley in Tokyo at a century-old coffee shop rumored to offer patrons the chance to travel back in time, four customers reevaluate their formative life choices.

Readalikes: **Oona Out of Order** by Margarita Montimore, **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig