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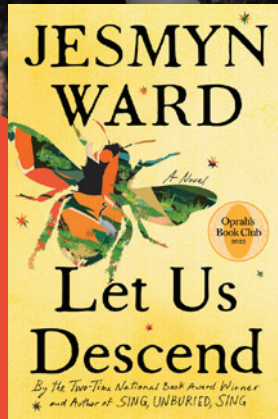


Jesmyn Ward is one of the most acclaimed contemporary writers and is celebrated for her compelling portrayals of family, resilience, race and the rural South. Ward is a native of Mississippi, where many of her books are set.

She is the author of the novels *Where the Line Bleeds*, *Salvage the Bones*, *Sing*, *Unburied Sing*, and *Let Us Descend*; the memoir *Men We Reaped*; and the essay collection *On Witness and Respair: Essays*.

Ward is the only woman and the first person of color to receive two National Book Awards for Fiction and was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People.

She is also the recipient of the 2022 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction. The Oprah Magazine recognized Ward as "an attentive and precise writer" who tells "stories we need to hear with race clarity and power."





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KORTNEY MORROW

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Kortney Morrow is a poet, arts advocate, and organizational strategist with over ten years of experience advocating for literacy and the literary arts. As a writer, her work has received support from The Academy of American Poets, The Atlantic, The Studio Museum in Harlem, Prairie Schooner, Tin House, and Transition Magazine. Her debut poetry collection, *Run It Back*, was the winner of the Saturnalia Books Poetry Prize, judged by Carmen Giménez. She currently serves as the Program Director of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards—the nation's only juried prize focused on works that address racism and diversity.



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CARRIE R. MOORE

Carrie R. Moore's fiction has appeared in *One Story*, *New England Review*, *The Sewanee Review*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and other publications. A recipient of the Keene Prize and the inaugural writer-in-residence at the Steinbeck Writers' Retreat, she earned her MFA at the Michener Center for Writers. Born in Georgia, she currently resides in Texas with her husband.

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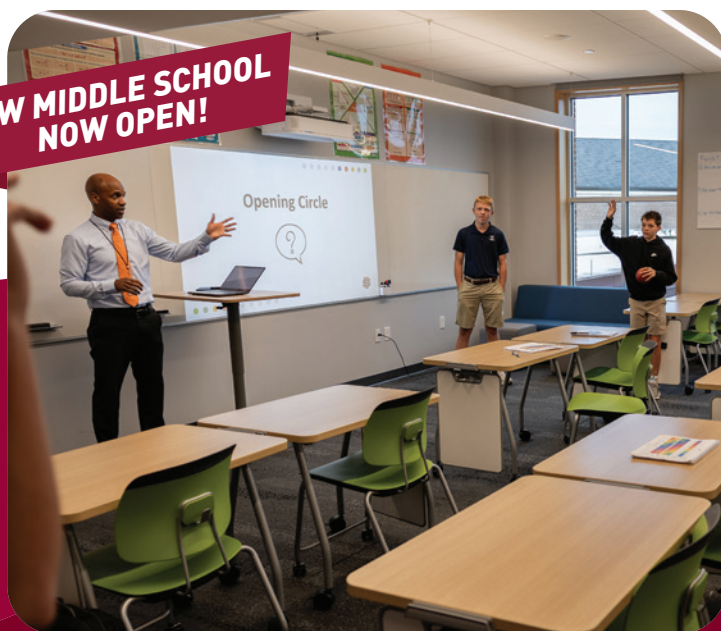


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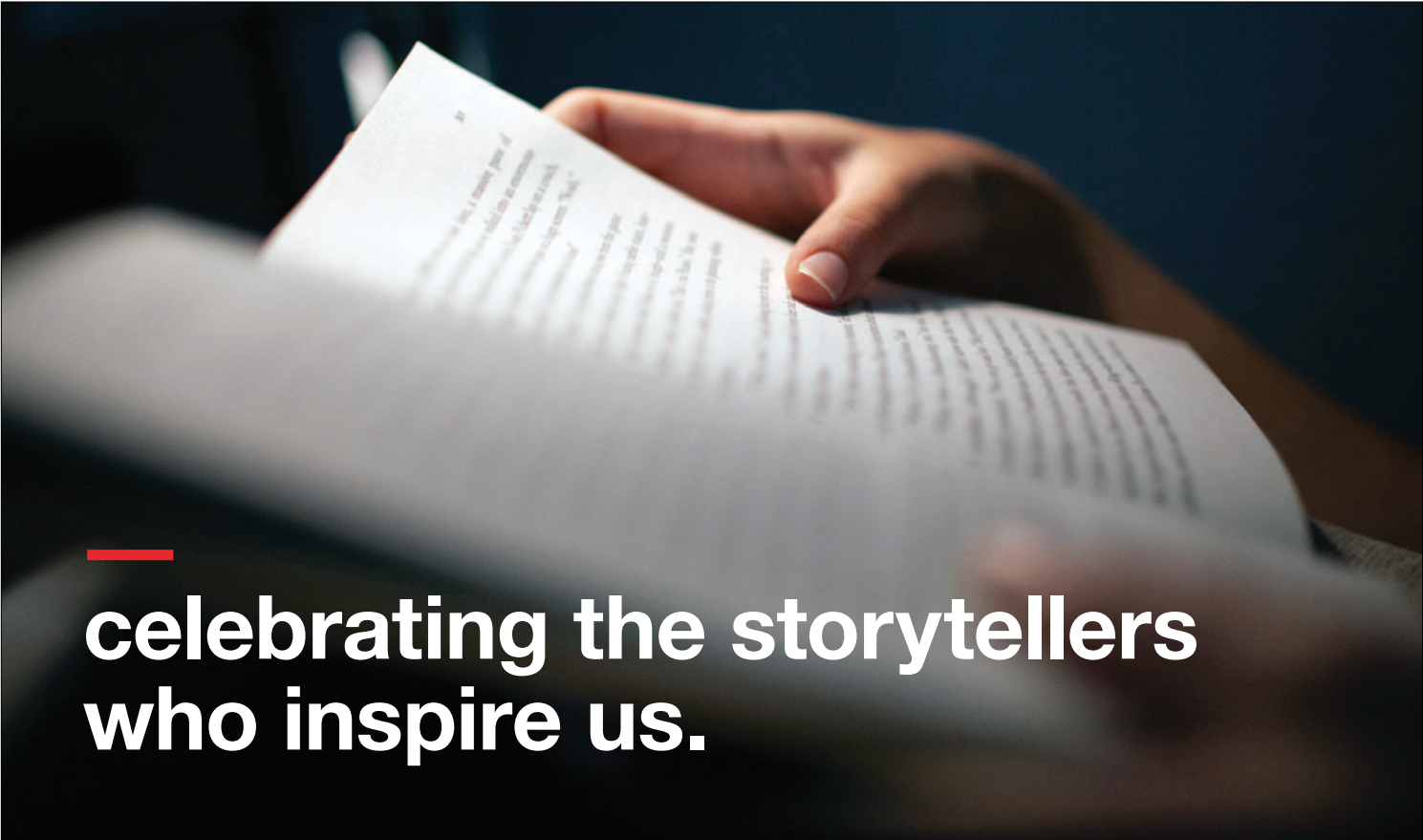


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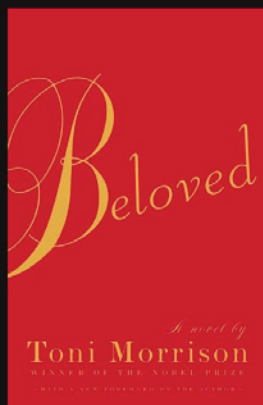


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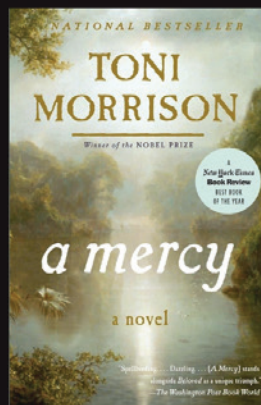
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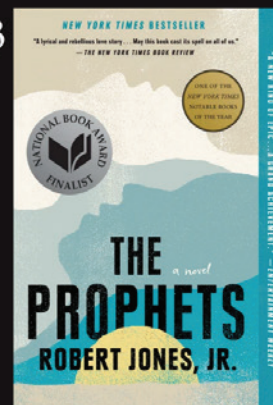
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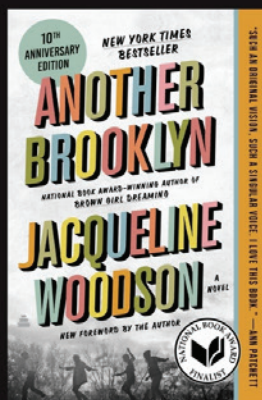
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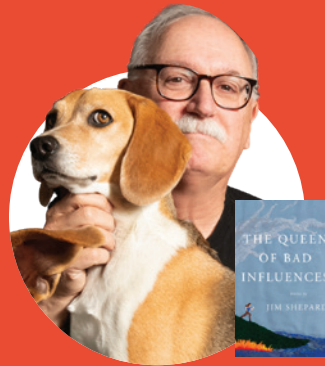


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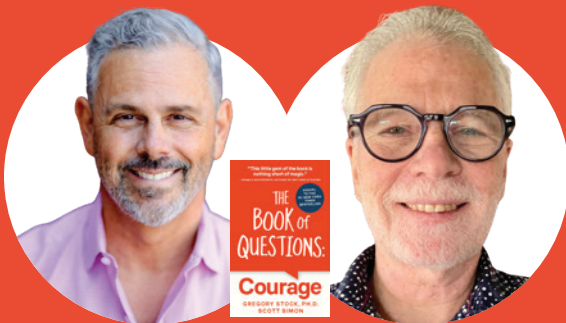
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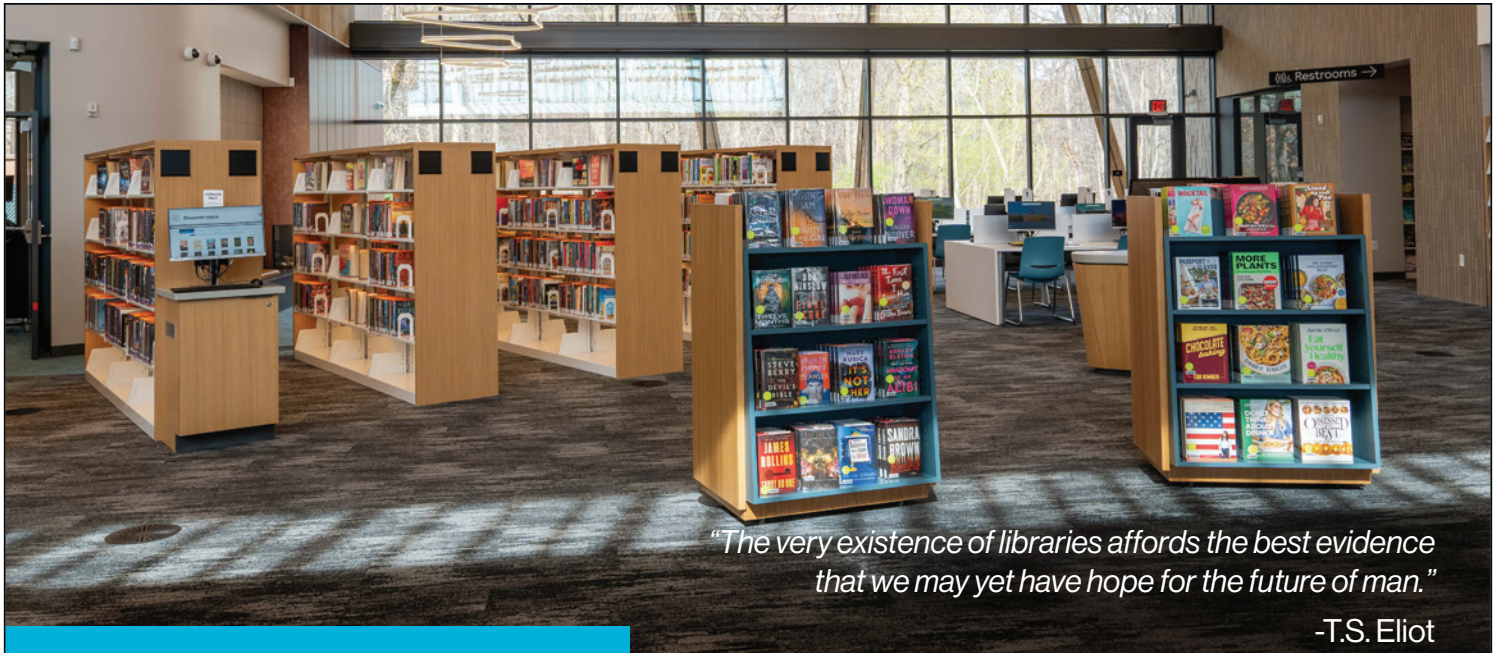
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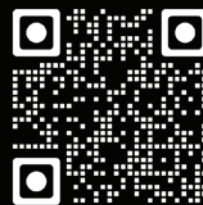
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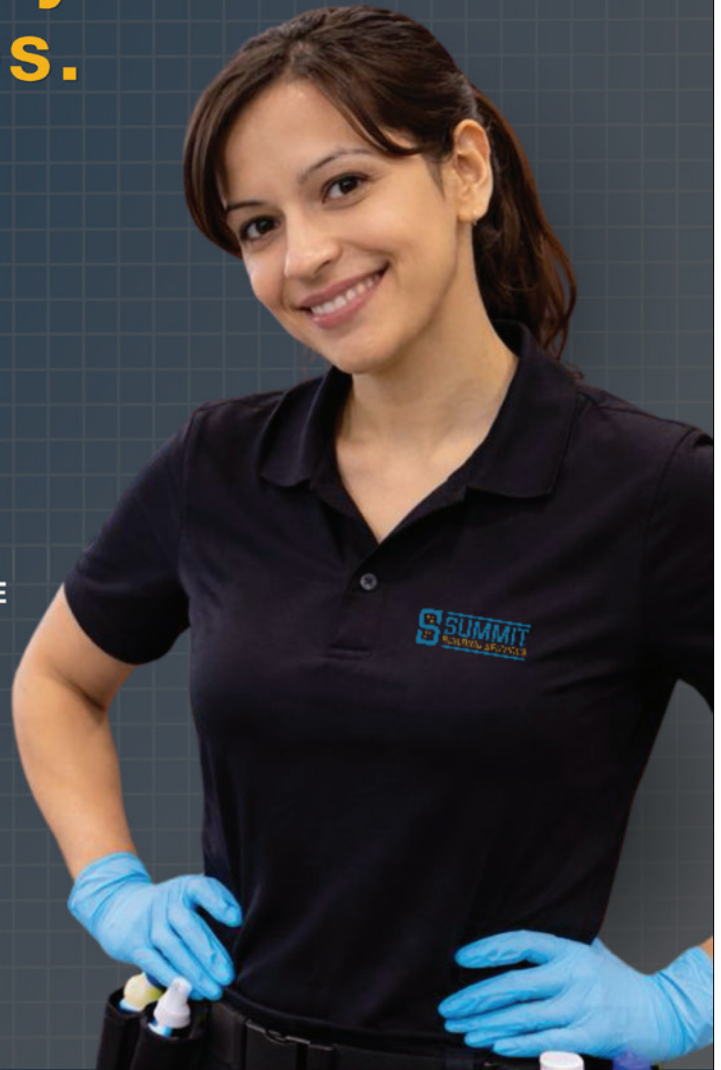
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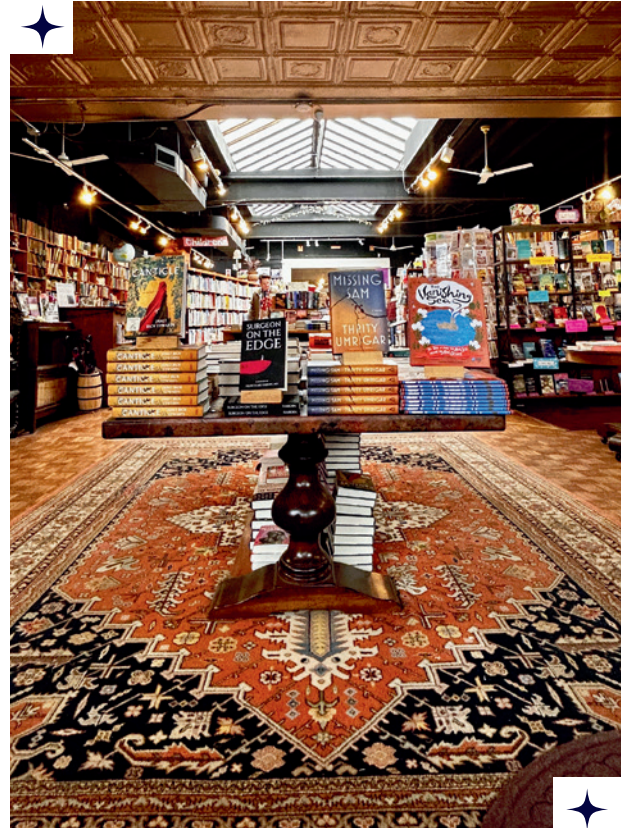
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