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**“THE GANGSTER WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR”** by lê thi diem thúy

“The Gangster We Are All Looking For” is the extraordinary tale of a Vietnamese refugee family in San Diego, told from the perspective of the family’s daughter, who is just six years old when they arrive. The narrator and her parents struggle to adapt to life in an unfamiliar land, while simultaneously dealing with a troubled marriage, a father’s mysterious past, and the loss of a brother, in this painful, magical, and poetic novel.

**“INTO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH”** by Luis Alberto Urrea

“Into the Beautiful North,” by Luis Alberto Urrea, tells the story of Nayeli, a young taco shop worker living in the Mexican village of Tres Camarones. Upon realizing that nearly all the men from her town have moved North, Nayeli and three of her friends travel to America in hopes of finding men to bring back to Mexico. The central characters encounter surprises along the way, in this funny yet powerful tale of their journey.

**“LET THE GREAT WORLD SPIN”** by Colum McCann

Colum McCann’s “Let the Great World Spin” takes place in 1974 New York City, beginning with Phillippe Petit’s historical tight-rope walk between the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The novel follows a diverse group of characters in the aftermath of this extraordinary event, as their lives occasionally collide in significant and lasting ways. Influenced by the events of 9/11, McCann’s story effectively mirrors the present, though it is set in the past.



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