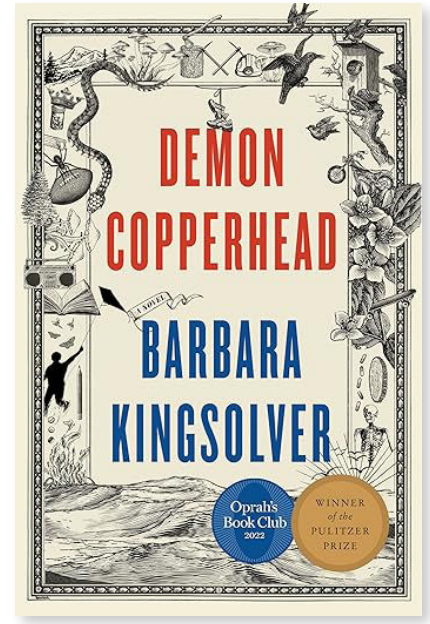


Dear SelectBooks reader,

The SelectBooks team at The Ford Family Foundation was moved to our core by *Demon Copperhead*, the parallels we saw to our experiences growing up in rural Oregon and the experiences that rural kids have today. We couldn't put the book down, and when we did, we needed to process it with someone. When you finish this novel, we invite you to use the following questions with other readers in your community and join us in conversation on Facebook and Instagram at @fordfamilyfound. We'll pose a question each week during September as an opportunity to connect with other rural readers and members of the #SelectBooksCommunity.

**When we read together, we build community together.
Thank you for being part of our community.**

Sincerely,
The SelectBooks team



Wednesday, September 3rd

- Why is the city so shocking and difficult for Demon?
- What might it mean that “there was no outside anywhere”?
- Despite its problems and poverty, what did the rural environment of Lee County offer Demon and others that was valuable?
- What might it mean that spending time in the woods “can set you back on your haunches, in a good way”?
- What’s the difference between “country poor” and “city poor”?

Tuesday, September 9th

- What arguments does Mr. Armstrong, Demon’s teacher, make about stereotypes of various kinds, based on class, race and culture?
- Why have he and his wife chosen to stay in southern Appalachia?

Tuesday, September 16th

- Why is Tommy Waddles important to Demon when they meet at Mr. Crickson’s farm?
- What does he demonstrate and provide later when he works at the newspaper?

Tuesday, September 23rd

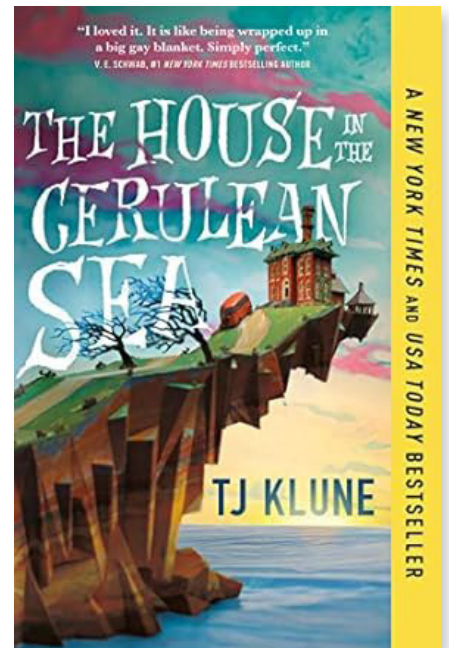
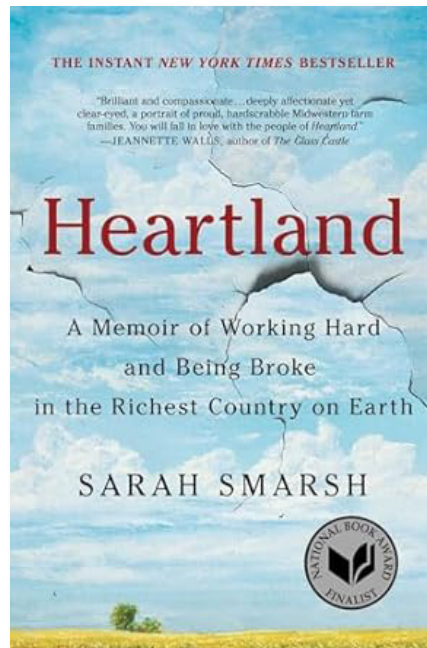
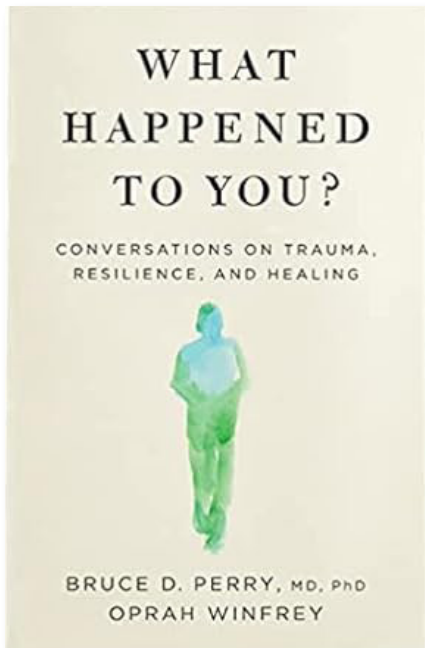
- Discussing the prescription painkiller epidemic in Lee County and across the country, June says, “They did this to us.” Who is she saying is responsible?
- What are the various mechanisms and powers that created such widespread pharmaceutical harm and abuse?
- In what ways were many of the people of Lee County particularly vulnerable to such addictions?

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