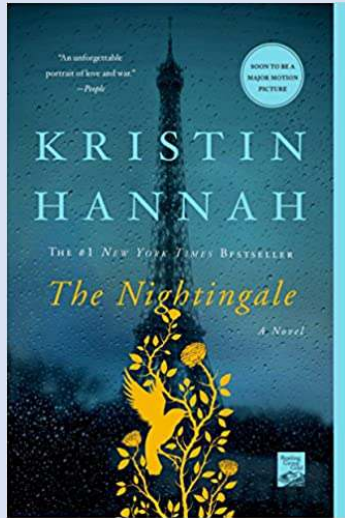


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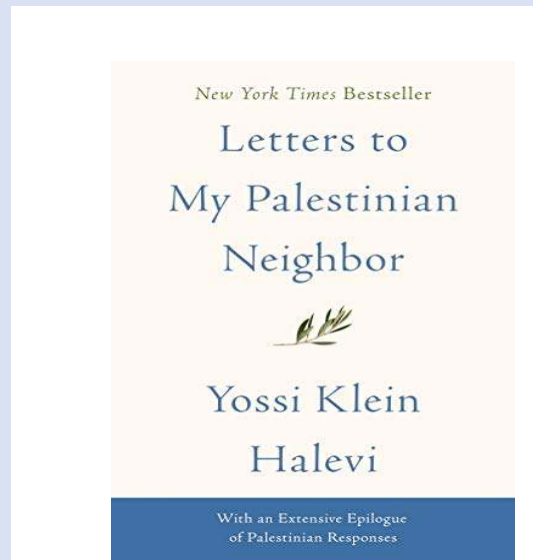
October 25, 2020

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

**A #1 New York Times bestseller, and Wall Street Journal Best Book of the Year, this unforgettable novel of love and strength in the face of war has enthralled a generation.**

France, 1939 - In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

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December 6, 2020

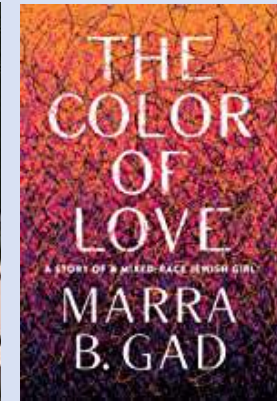
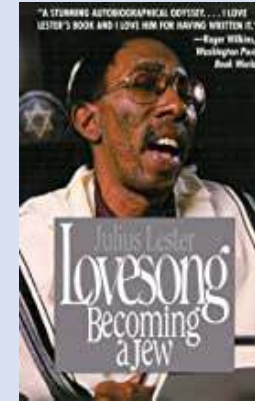
Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi

Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli commentator addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.

*I call you "neighbor" because I don't know your name, or anything personal about you. Given our circumstances, "neighbor" might be too casual a word to describe our relationship. We are intruders into each other's dream, violators of each other's sense of home.*

*Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* is one Israeli's powerful attempt to reach beyond the wall that separates Israelis and Palestinians and into the hearts of "the enemy."

**Zoom to start and in person later (we hope)**



January 17, 2021

Double feature: Choose one or both

Lovesong: Becoming a Jew by Julius Lester

Autobiographical odyssey" by one of the civil rights era's most provocative voices who writes of his spiritual journey away from the conventions of his Southern heritage and Methodist upbringing, culminating in his conversion to Judaism.

The Color of Love by Marra B. Gad

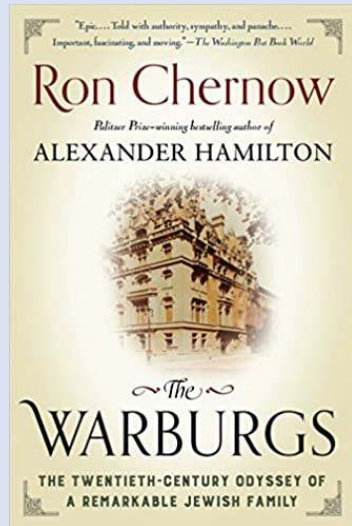
An unforgettable memoir of a mixed-race Jewish child with a black biological father and an unwed, white, and Jewish biological mother. The author was adopted by a white Jewish family in Chicago. For her parents, it was love at first sight—but they quickly realized the world wasn't ready for a family like theirs. Later, the author came to realize that she was "a mixed-race, Jewish unicorn." In black spaces, she was not "black enough" or told that it was OK to be Christian or Muslim, but not Jewish. In Jewish spaces, she

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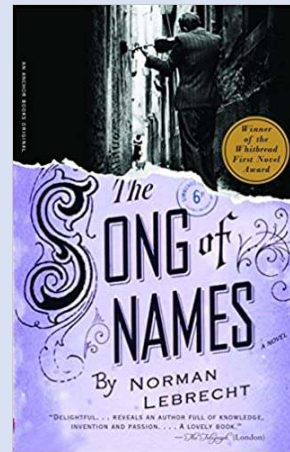


March 14, 2021

## The Warburgs: The Twentieth Century Odyssey of a Remarkable Jewish Family by Ron Chernow

Bankers, philanthropists, scholars, socialites, artists, and politicians, the Warburgs stood at the pinnacle of German (and, later, of German-American) Jewry. They forged economic dynasties, built mansions and estates, assembled libraries, endowed charities, and advised a German kaiser and two American presidents. But their very success made the Warburgs lightning rods for anti-Semitism. Bankers, philanthropists, scholars, socialites, artists, and politicians, the Warburgs stood at the pinnacle of German (and, later, of German-American) Jewry forging economic dynasties, building mansions and estates, assembling libraries, endowing

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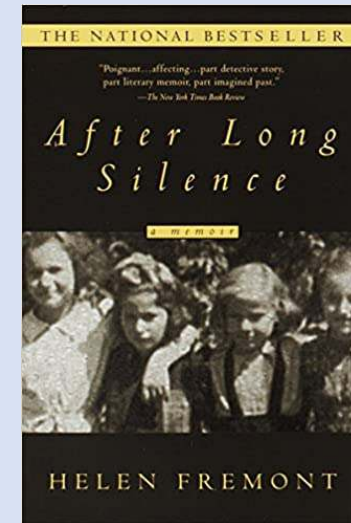
April 25, 2021

## The Song of Names by Norman Lebrecht

Martin Simmonds' father tells him, "Never trust a musician when he speaks about love." The advice comes too late. Martin already loves Dovidl Rapoport, an eerily gifted Polish violin prodigy whose parents left him in the Simmonds's care before they perished in the Holocaust. For a time the two boys are closer than brothers. But on the day he is to make his official debut, Dovidl disappears. Only 40 years later does Martin get his first clue about what happened to him.

In this ravishing novel of music and suspense, Norman Lebrecht unravels the strands of love, envy and exploitation that knot geniuses to their admirers. In doing so he also evokes the fragile bubble of Jewish life in prewar London; the fearful carnival of the Blitz, and the gray new world that emerged from its ashes

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May 16, 2021

## After Long Silence: A Memoir by Helen Fremont

Helen Fremont was raised as a Roman Catholic. It wasn't until she was an adult, practicing law in Boston, that she discovered her parents were Jewish -- Holocaust survivors living invented lives. Not even their names were their own. In this powerful memoir, Helen Fremont delves into the secrets that held her family in a bond of silence for more than four decades, recounting with heartbreaking clarity a remarkable tale of survival, as vivid as fiction but with the resonance of truth.

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