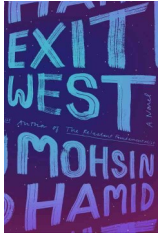


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Exit West



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Several books use the concept of a magical door to provide characters entry into other worlds, or to better places in this one. *Exit West*, a timely novel about refugees by Man Booker Prize winner Mohsin Hamid, employs this device?but because of the power of his plotting and beauty of his prose, it's highly believable.

The novel begins when a young man, Saeed, meets Nadia in an adult evening class in an unnamed country at some point in the near future. Civil war wracks the country; terrorists and militants roam the streets. [Read more](#)

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Shakespeare in the Park

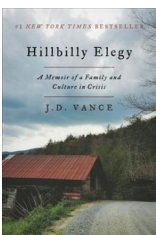
Monroe County Civic Theatre is giving free performances of *As You Like It*, the William Shakespeare comedy, in the park at Third Street Park (Third and Washington Streets, Bloomington) June 1?4. Before or afterward (hopefully not during!), you can also check out the various formats in which the play is available from the Library. [Read more](#)

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Hillbilly Elegy



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Many in the media and politics keep trying to figure out why our new President attracts so many Rust Belt and Appalachian voters. This memoir of a young man?s coming of age in both regions

may offer some insight.

At only thirty-one, J.D. Vance admits he's way too young to have penned a memoir. He hasn't done anything extraordinary (though he did graduate from Yale Law School, a major accomplishment for a kid from a single-parent home in a working-class town in Ohio, where many did not finish high school).

Vance writes most vividly of Jackson, his dirt-poor but beautiful ancestral home in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. He also describes his people: a great-grandmother who once killed someone, and his own Mamaw who often threatens to do the same to her husband when he comes home drunk. In fact, J.D. relates, one night he saves his Pawpaw after Mamaw poured gasoline over him and lights a match. [Read more](#)

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