

## **Featured Book:**

### ***The Heavens***

by Sandra Newman

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*The Heavens* is a powerful look at the consequences of our actions. Newman has created a thought-provoking novel, weaving many complicated threads into a hard-core exploration of dreams, love and their power to change us. It was named a Best Book of the Year by the New York Times, NPR, Guardian, Literary Hub, Electric Lit, Observer, Kirkus Reviews, Washington Independent Review of Books, and Tor.com.

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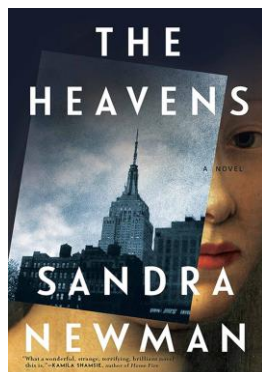
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