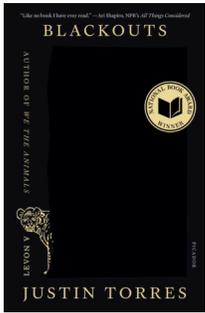


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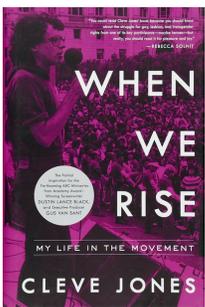


January

***Blackouts***

by Justin Torres

Out in the desert in a place called the Palace, a young man tends to a dying soul, someone he once knew briefly but who has haunted the edges of his life: Juan Gay. Juan has a project to pass along, one built around a true artifact of a book—Sex Variants: A Study of Homosexual Patterns—and its devastating history. He and the narrator recount moments of joy and oblivion; they resurrect loves, lives, mothers, fathers, minor heroes. In telling their own stories and the story of the book, they resist the ravages of memory and time.



March

***When We Rise: My Life In the Movement***

by Cleve Jones

This sweeping memoir tells the life story of longtime LGBTQ and AIDS activist Cleve Jones in a profoundly moving account from sexually liberated 1970s San Francisco, through the AIDS crisis, and up to his involvement with the marriage equality battle.



June

***The Skin And Its Girl***

by Sarah Cypher

Faced with a difficult decision, Betty, a young, queer Palestinian American woman finds answers in partially translated notebooks that reveal her late Aunt Nuha's complex life and struggle with her own sexuality, which she hid from the family, along with much more than that.



September

***Unprotected***

by Billy Porter

Before Billy Porter was an acclaimed recording artist, actor, playwright, and director, he was a young boy in Pittsburgh who was seen as different, who didn't fit in. At five years old, Porter was sent to therapy to "fix" his effeminacy. This is the story of a young man whose unbreakable determination led him through countless hard times to where he is now: a proud icon who refuses to back down or hide.