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The River

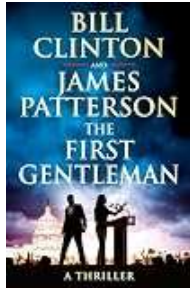
Author: Rumer Godden

Publisher: A Virago Modern Classic

Overview: The River by British author Rumer Godden is a semi-autobiographical coming-of-age novel set along the banks of the Hooghly River in Bengal. The book explores themes of adolescent awakening, grief, and the loss of childhood innocence through the eyes of a young British girl growing up in an expatriate family managing a jute mill.

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The First Gentleman

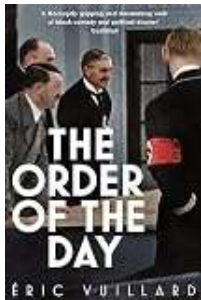
Author: James Patterson and Bill Clinton

Publisher: Century

Overview: The First Gentleman by James Patterson and President Bill Clinton is a political thriller centering on a high-stakes conspiracy and murder investigation inside the White House. The plot follows the husband of the first female U.S. President as he works to clear his name and expose a deep-state network after becoming the prime suspect in a shocking murder.

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The Order of the Day

Author: Eric Vuillard

Publisher: Picador

Overview: The Order of the Day by Éric Vuillard (translated by Mark Polizzotti) is a Prix Goncourt-winning historical novel detailing the behind-the-scenes political manoeuvres, industrial complicity, and diplomatic failures leading up to the Anschluss and World War II. Through dramatic vignette narrative, Vuillard exposes how secret funding by German industrial tycoons and spineless diplomatic appeasement accelerated Hitler's catastrophic rise to power.

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