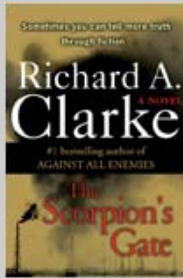


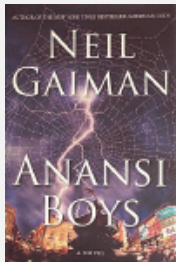
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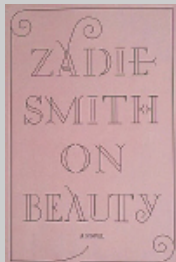
SCORPION'S GATE **Clarke, Richard A.**

Richard Clarke was appointed by President Clinton as the first National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Counterterrorism in 1998 and continued in that position under George W. Bush. In an extraordinary geopolitical thriller, Clarke takes readers just five years into the future, when forces both in the Middle East and the United State are at work to launch another war. But this time, it could be bigger. This time, it could be nuclear, and spread to Asia and beyond.



ANANSI BOYS **Gaiman, Neil**

When Charlie Nancy's father dies on a karaoke stage, he leaves a lot of things behind. One is the 'Fat Charlie' nickname. Another is the tall, good-looking man who shows up on Charlie's doorstep claiming to be the brother he never knew. He and Charlie are as different as brothers can be, but he may be just the one to show Charlie how to lighten up and have a little fun in his life. All of a sudden, things start getting very interesting for Fat Charlie.



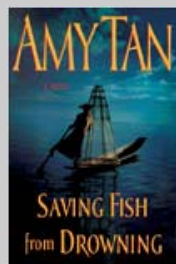
ON BEAUTY **Smith, Zadie**

The epic story of a not-so-typical New England family living in Wellington, a small liberal-arts college town outside Boston, Mass., who struggle with the prejudices and preconceptions of their family, their town, their country, and the world.



ORDINARY HEROES: A NOVEL **Turow, Scott**

Stewart Dubinsky had always thought of his World War II veteran father as a hero, even though the man refused to talk about his experiences. After his father's death, he discovers a packet of wartime letters addressed to his father's former fiancée and learns of his court-martial and imprisonment. Plunged into the mystery of his family's secret, he's driven to uncover the truth about his father's military past and to an understanding of the brutal nature of war itself.



SAVING FISH FROM DROWNING **Tan, Amy**

Eleven Americans on an art expedition in Southern Burma disappear on Christmas morning and are never heard from again. Their incredible journey, from Southern China to a place deep in the Burma jungle, is narrated by Bibi Chen, a 63-year-old Chinese-American woman who is actually a ghost. What begins as a novel about tourists abroad, slowly transforms into a haunting exploration of the consequences of intentions, both good and bad, and the responsibility individuals must take for their actions.