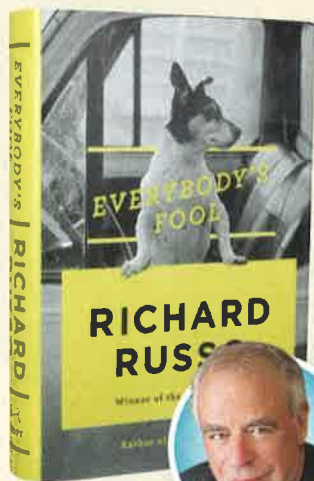


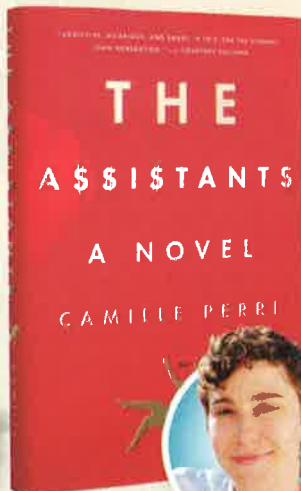
No. **12** The Best New Books
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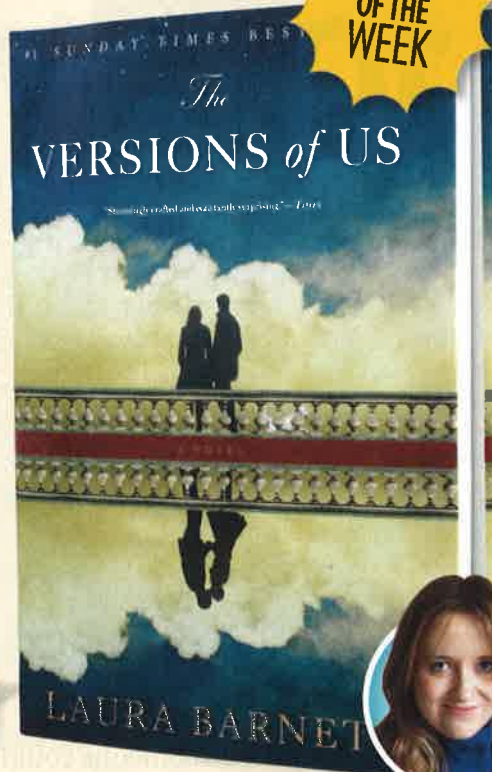
Richard Russo
Everybody's Fool

NOVEL Returning to the down-and-out small town he wittingly portrayed in *Nobody's Fool* (1993), Russo brings wit and warmth to this slapstick tale centered on the travails (cuckoldry, lightning strikes, snakes) of insecure police chief Douglas Raymer. Once again Russo's characters are marvelous creatures, endearing in spite of themselves.



Camille Perri
The Assistants

NOVEL Tired of slaving for a wealthy CEO at her entry-level media-company job, Tina Fontana “accidentally” turns expense-report filing into a money-making scam—and soon her fellow assistants want in. Anyone who’s ever struggled to pay down a student loan and make the rent on that rat-infested apartment will savor this wry, keenly observed debut.



Laura Barnett
The Versions of Us

NOVEL While rushing to meet one of her professors at Cambridge, Eva runs into Jim on a country lane. When he offers to fix the flat tire on her bike, the brainy duo (she’s studying literature, he’s a lawyer-in-training who longs to be an artist) form an immediate connection. But what future will they share? Barnett’s enchanting debut imagines three possible lives, three possible love stories—each with its unique joys and sorrows—demonstrating that life has no perfect path.

NEW IN NONFICTION



Fernanda Santos
The Fire Line
Meticulously researched and as dramatic as any thriller, Santos’s account of the 2013 Arizona wildfire that killed 19 firefighters will keep you on the edge of your seat and break your heart.

Angela Duckworth
Grit
It really isn’t talent but practice—along with passion—that makes perfect, explains psychologist Duckworth in this illuminating book. Inspiration for non-genius everywhere.

Eliza McGraw
Here Comes Exterminator!
Before there was Seabiscuit there was Exterminator, the long-shot Thoroughbred that won the Kentucky Derby—and America’s devotion—in 1918. His story is a wonderful ride.

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