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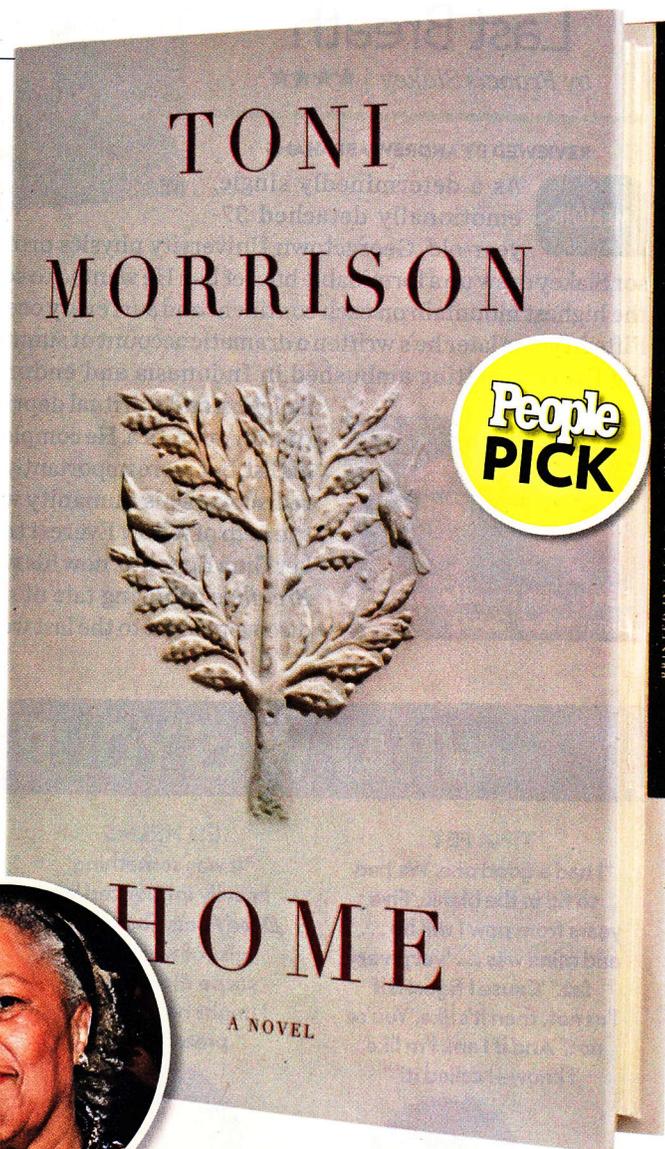
by Toni Morrison |★★★★

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NOVEL

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1988 and the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993, Toni Morrison is renowned for sweeping historical epics like *The Bluest Eye* and for indelible characters like escaped slave Sethe in *Beloved*. In this slim, scathing novel, her first since she unearthed slavery's roots in *A Mercy* (2008), Morrison brings us another quintessentially American character struggling through another shameful moment in our nation's history. Frank Money, an African-American Korean War soldier, returns to the U.S. to find the nation's racial wounds, and his own, deepened by conflicts both personal and political. After escaping the mental hospital in which he's been incarcerated following a breakdown we'd now recognize as war-related PTSD, Money embarks on a classic hero's journey: to find his younger sister, who's being medically abused by doctors mistreating her for female troubles. At half the length of most of her previous works, *Home* is as much prose poem as long-form fiction—a triumph for a beloved literary icon who, at 81, proves that her talents remain in full flower.

A tale of one man's search for redemption during a dark moment in American history



People PICK

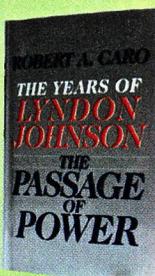
GREAT READS NEW IN NONFICTION



MY EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

by Sissy Spacek

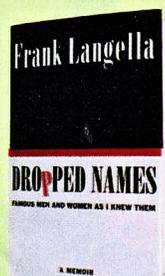
The Oscar winner's first book covers love (she's been married 38 years), loss (her brother died at 19) and defining roles.



THE PASSAGE OF POWER

by Robert A. Caro

The fourth volume of Pulitzer Prize winner Caro's biography of the 36th President. One for history buffs.



DROPPED NAMES

by Frank Langella

Threesomes and trysts, oh my! Though mum on rumored love Jackie O., the actor delivers a kiss-and-tell that'll make you blush.