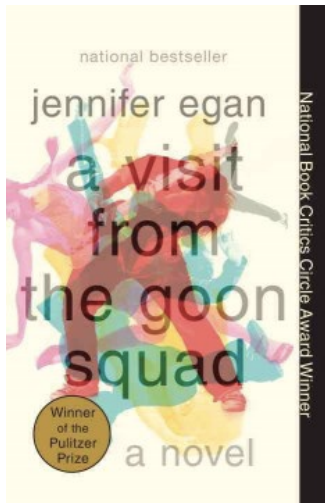
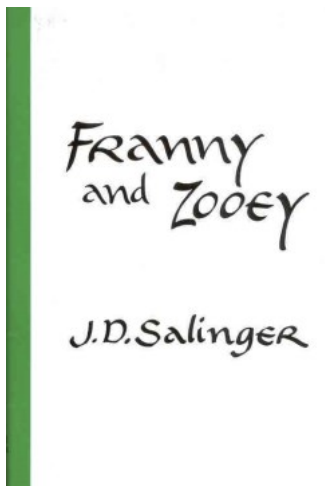


## Five Books for Fans of “THE QUEEN’S GAMBIT”



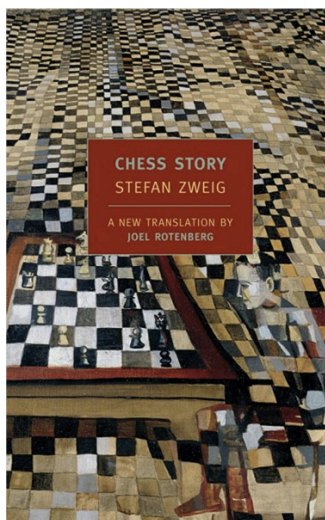
### **A Visit From the Goon Squad** by Jennifer Egan (Fiction)

In 1970s San Francisco, aging punk rocker and record executive Bennie Salazar and his passionate, troubled employee Sasha hide secrets from each other and cross paths and interact with various people from their past, present and future. From San Francisco and New York to Italy and Africa, this is an intimate story of love, disappointment, despair, introspection, redemption and rock n roll. Bold, complex, audacious and unforgettable.



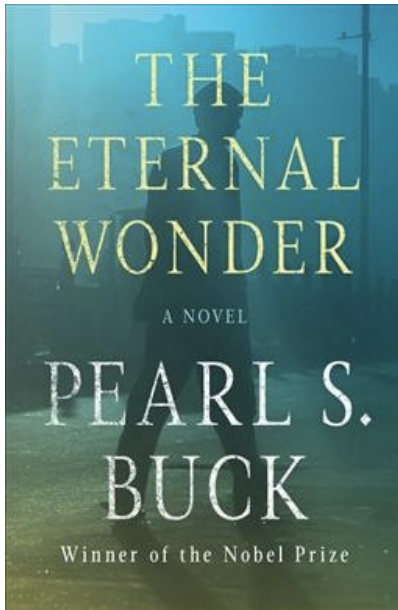
### **Franny and Zooey** by J.D. Salinger (Fiction)

A collection of two of Salinger’s most brilliant stories concerning the two youngest siblings of the Glass family. Franny, the daughter is attending an unnamed liberal arts college and on a date with her boyfriend and becomes increasingly frustrated with his obsession with the small minutiae of their lives and social norms than with deeper philosophical questions. Zooey, the youngest brother, is in the family home in New York and reading an old letter from his brother Buddy, argues with his mother and then connects with his sister Franny, who seems to be in a deep depression on the living room couch. Considered by many to be Salinger’s masterpiece, it is complicated, angsty, stylish, and uncompromising.



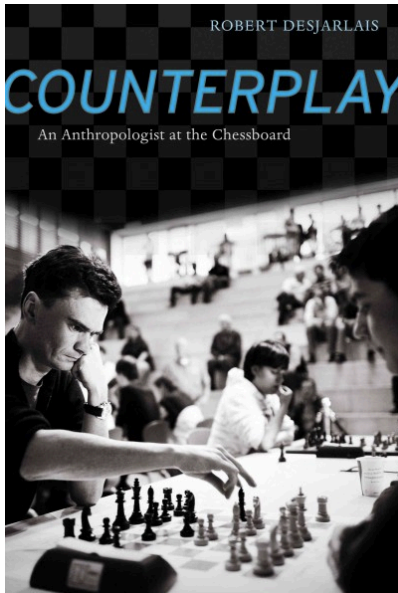
### **Chess Story** by Stefan Zweig (Fiction)

Set during World War II, an Austrian man known as Dr. B, who is obsessed with the game of chess and recovering from a nervous breakdown, is on an ocean liner travelling from New York to Buenos Aires. Also on board is a group of chess enthusiasts and the world chess champion Mirko Czentovic. The chess fans keep losing to the champion until Dr. B helps them and then he in turn takes his chance against the chess champion. Translated from the original, *The Royal Game*, Austrian author Zweig escaped the Nazis and wrote the book while in exile in Brazil. He sent off the manuscript to his American publishers only days before he and his wife committed suicide. Zweig writes about chess with an uncompromising energy that places readers psychologically in the player’s heads.



**The Eternal Wonder** by Pearl S. Buck (Fiction)

Set in the mid-20th century, Randolph Colfax, a gifted, young man in search of meaning and purpose, travels the world, including a stint at the DMZ in North Korea where his life is changed forever. In Paris, he meets and falls for the beautiful and brilliant Chinese American Stephanie Fung. They both yearn for real connection and big ideas and struggle with alienation, doubt and staying true to themselves. Found only a few years ago in a Texas storage unit, this newly discovered work by the award winning Buck, is a thoughtful look at the search for meaning and showcases why the author won so many accolades during her lifetime.



**Counterplay: An anthropologist at the chessboard** by Robert Desjarlais (Nonfiction)

“Chess gets a hold of some people, like a virus or a drug,” writes Desjarlais. Dive into the world of 21st century chess as the author, with his lifelong fascination with the game, takes readers through its highs, lows and challenges, its elite players and the small dramas that keep fans coming back for more. A compelling and immersive academic take on chess culture and game play.

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