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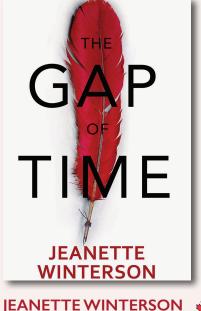
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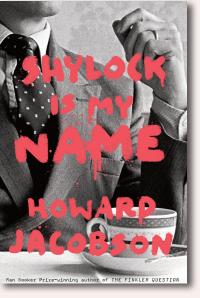


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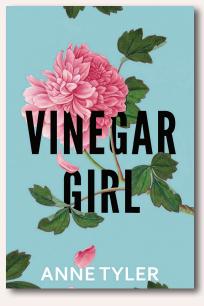
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# HOWARD JACOBSON Shylock is My Name

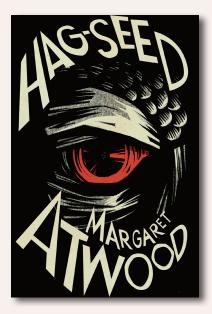
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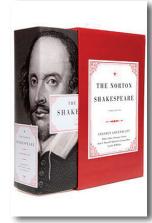
Bestselling and multiple award-winning author Margaret Atwood retells *The Tempest*, one of Shakespeare's most stirring and unforgettable plays.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Henry IV (Part One)



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Henry IV (Part Two)



## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Henry IV (Part One)

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