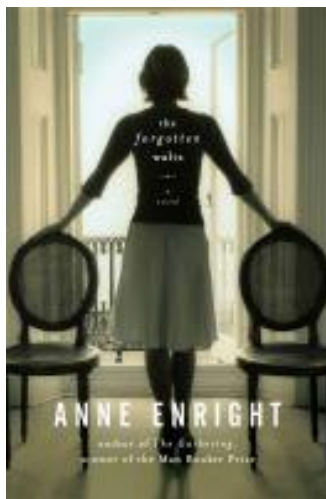
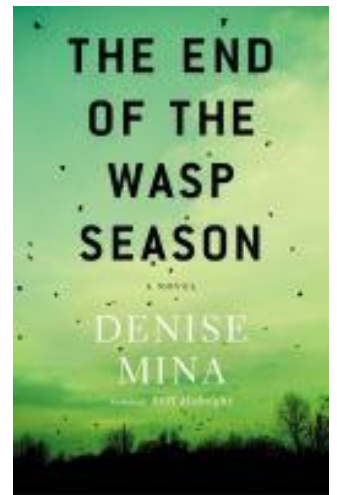


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Hatchette Book Co., 2011. \$25.99, 390 pages.**

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W.W. Norton & Co., 2011. \$25.95, 259 pages.**

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