

### ***Bel Canto* by Anne Patchett**

When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people is thrown together, including American opera star Roxanne Coss, and Mr. Hosokawa--a Japanese CEO and her biggest fan.

### ***Hard Revolution* by George Pelecanos**

Two brothers--rookie police officer Derek Strange, and his older brother, Dennis, a troubled Vietnam Veteran--become caught up in the riots engulfing Washington, D.C., in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

### ***Animal Farm* by George Orwell**

Tired of their servitude to man, a group of farm animals revolt and establish their own society, only to be betrayed into worse servitude by their leaders, the pigs, whose slogan becomes: "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." This 1945 satire addresses the socialist/ communist philosophy of Stalin in the Soviet Union.

### ***Black Leopard* by Steven Voien**

While studying the elusive leopard in the hostile rain forest of a former Belgian colony in West Africa, American field biologist David Trowbridge finds himself caught up in violence, murder, political corruption, and civil war.



## **THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED**

*Movies more your style? Check out these films about turbulent times!*

**Les Misérables:** In 19th-century France, Jean Valjean, who for decades has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's daughter, Cosette. The fateful decision changes their lives forever.

**V for Vendetta:** A shadowy freedom fighter known only as "V" uses guerrilla tactics to fight against his terrorist, totalitarian society. Upon rescuing a girl from the secret police, he also finds his best chance at having an ally.

**The Patriot:** Peaceful farmer Benjamin Martin is driven to lead the Colonial Militia during the American Revolution when a sadistic British officer murders his son.

**The Motorcycle Diaries:** The dramatization of a motorcycle road trip Che Guevara went on in his youth that showed him his life's calling

**The Matrix:** A computer hacker learns from mysterious rebels about the true nature of his reality and his role in the war against its controllers.

**Z:** A Greek pacifist leader is murdered at a rally. Despite the official police report of accidental death, a journalist's persistent questioning leads to a full-scale investigation, revealing corruption in high places.

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**POWER TO THE PEOPLE:  
FICTION ABOUT THOSE  
FIGHTING FOR CHANGE  
IN SETTINGS BOTH REAL  
AND IMAGINED.**

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### ***In The Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez**

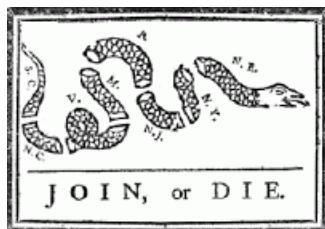
An affecting novel based on a true story drawn from the history of the Dominican Republic, about the Mirabel sisters, who, along with their husbands, were instrumental in the formation of an underground resistance movement against the dictatorship of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo.

### ***The Darling* by Russell Banks**

Hannah Taylor, a political radical wanted by the FBI, flees to Liberia where she befriends the notorious warlord Charles Taylor. When Taylor himself flees to the U.S. to escape embezzlement charges and is thrown into prison, it is Hannah who orchestrates his escape. Years later, Taylor returns to Liberia to foment a bloody rebellion and now Hannah's sons become embroiled in the conflict and she must make heart-rending decisions about the fate of her family.

### ***American Woman: A Novel* by Susan Choi**

A fictionalization of the Patty Hearst kidnapping, American Woman focuses on Jenny Shimada, a Japanese-American woman who helps a victim and her kidnappers. It is the story of Jenny and her charges -- Pauline, Juan, and Yvonne, the remains of the busted revolutionary cadre -- as they pursue their destinies from an old farmhouse in upstate New York back to California.



### ***A Star Called Henry* by Roddy Doyle**

Henry Smart was born in the Dublin slums in 1901. He has survived by grabbing what he needs--bread, love and weapons--wherever he can get them. At the age of 14, he has become a soldier in the Irish Republican Army. Henry's path crosses Collins, Connolly and other people whose names form a history of modern Ireland.

### ***American Subversive* by David Goodwillie**

Four days after a small bombing attack in Manhattan, failed journalist Aidan Cole receives an anonymous e-mail that identifies an attractive young woman as the bomber, a clue that leads Aidan to a Vermont bomb factory.

### ***WOOL* by Hugh Howey**

The world outside has grown unkind, the view of it limited, talk of it forbidden. But there are always those who hope, who dream. These are the dangerous people, the residents who infect others with their optimism. Their punishment is simple. They are given the very thing they profess to want: They are allowed outside. (Synopsis from [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com))

### ***No One To Trust* by Iris Johansen**

Trained by the military as an assassin, Elena Kyler is forced into a deadly alliance with Sean Galen, the most dangerous man she knows, when she is targeted for death by Rico Chavez, a ruthless killer with unlimited resources.



### ***Revolution No. 9* by Neil McMahon**

Abducted by the followers of a paramilitary sociopath responsible for a series of bizarre, high-profile murders, Dr. Carroll Monks is ensconced within a backwoods community and forced to care for his captor's dangerously ill son.

### ***Runaway Horses* by Yukio Mishima**

Isao is a young, engaging patriot, and a fanatical believer in the ancient samurai ethos. He turns terrorist, organising a violent plot against the new industrialists, who he believes are threatening the integrity of Japan and usurping the Emperor's rightful power. As the conspiracy unfolds and unravels, Mishima brilliantly chronicles the conflicts of a decade that saw the fabric of Japanese life torn apart. (Synopsis from [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com))

### ***V for Vendetta* by Alan Moore**

In a near-future Britain ruled by a totalitarian regime, Evey is rescued from certain death by a masked vigilante calling himself "V," a beguiling and charismatic figure who launches a one-man crusade against government tyranny and oppression.

### ***Magic Seeds* by V. S. Naipaul**

In his early forties, Willie Chandran joins an underground movement in India, but seven years of revolutionary campaigns--and several years in jail--convince him to return to England.