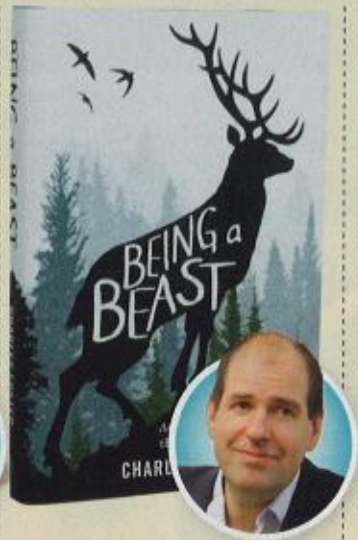


No. **12** The Best New Books
A Mr. Right who might be wrong, an embed with the animals and a surprising take on the role of beauty
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Autumn Whitefield-Madrano
Face Value

NONFICTION Wait, what? Is it possible women aren't as victimized by media images of physical perfection as we thought? Citing research and examining everything from compliments (is "cute" a dis?) to photoshopping, the author comes to a provocative conclusion: The *real* beauty myth might be that caring about appearance is bad for us.



Charles Foster
Being a Beast

NONFICTION Take a walk on the wild side with animal expert Foster, whose curiosity about what it's like to live as a badger, red fox or deer led him to actually try it: He ate worms, slept in a burrow and was tracked by hounds, for starters. Foster's quirky book shows how emulating animals not only helps our understanding of them—it makes us more human.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Swan Huntley
We Could Be Beautiful

NOVEL At 43, Catherine has plenty to be grateful for: impeccable taste, an art-filled Greenwich Village apartment and a trust fund. But she's dying for a family, so when—after two broken engagements—she meets debonair William at a gala, she falls hard. The only problem? Her mom and her former nanny believe William's not what he seems. A riveting psychological thriller, Huntley's debut takes you inside the world of Manhattan's elite—and keeps you on tenterhooks.

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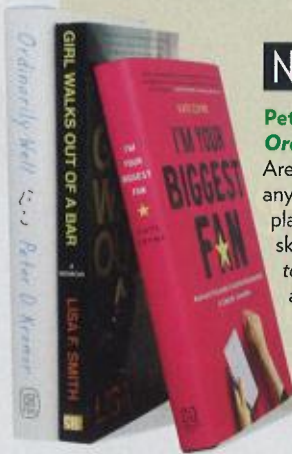
Peter D. Kramer
Ordinarily Well
Are antidepressants any better than placebos? Taking on skeptics, the *Listening to Prozac* author argues that drugs are an essential tool in easing depression's pain.

Lisa F. Smith
Girl Walks Out of a Bar
A successful corporate lawyer, Smith found herself spiraling into addiction and alcoholism. This powerful memoir chronicles her dizzying fall and the road back.

Kate Coyne
I'm Your Biggest Fan
Robert Downey Jr., Mariska Hargitay, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks... *People's* executive editor has encountered them all—and has the often mortifying, always hilarious stories to prove it.

Kid Pick!

Paul Griffin
When Friendship Followed Me Home
In this beguiling tearjerker, a foster kid's luck slowly changes after he befriends a scruffy pup he finds outside the library. (10 and up.)



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