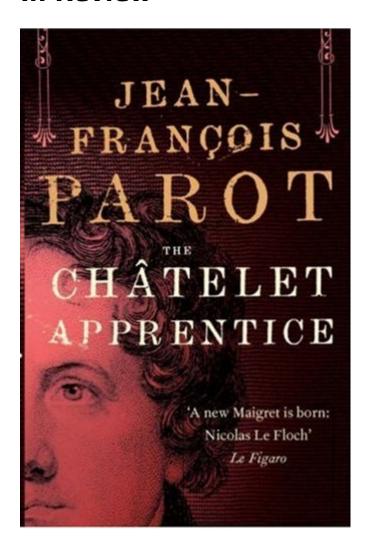
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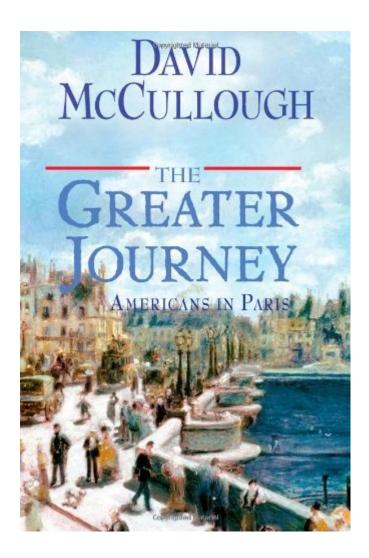
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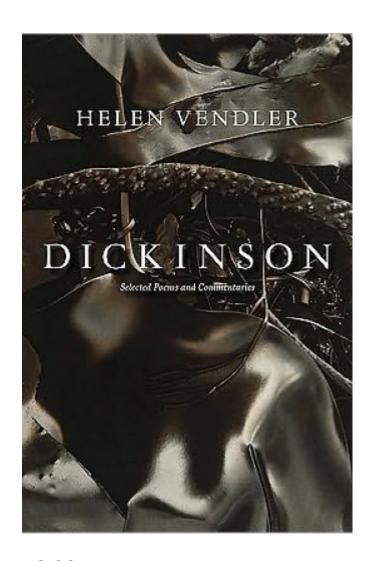
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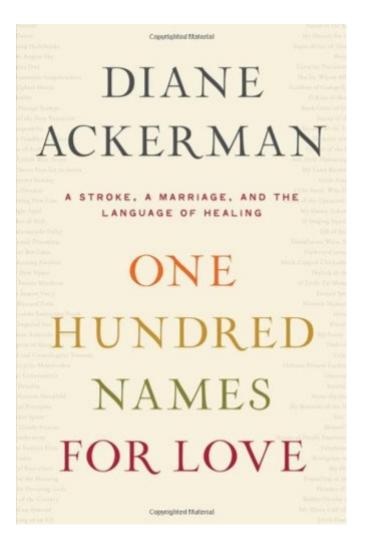
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## Dickinson

by Helen Vendler Belknap



#### One Hundred Names for Love

by Diane Ackerman Norton

What are you hoping to

read this summer? We posed this question to the Century staff, a group of people with diverse tastes

and interests. Along with commenting on our choices, feel free to post your own in the comments. --Ed.

The Chatelet Apprentice, by Jean-François Parot.

I've been re-invigorating my French with the mystery novels of French diplomat Jean-François Parot.

(Several titles are available in English.) As police commissioner Nicolas Le Floch works to solves crimes in 18<sup>th</sup>-century Paris, author Parot expands the plot

with descriptions of the era's culture, political intrigues and haute cuisine.

The Greater Journey, by David McCullough.

Before I turn away from Paris, I want to read McCullough's book about the city in the 1800s, and about the many Americans of that era--James Fennimore Cooper, Mary Cassatt, Oliver Wendell Holmes--who went to France in their youth and then on to acclaim in art, medicine or politics.

Dickinson: Selected Poems and Commentaries, by Helen Vendler. I read Brenda Wineapple's book White Heat last year, and am interested in dipping into Emily Dickinson's poems with Vendler as my guide.

#### One

Hundred Names for Love, by Diane Ackerman. Out of respect for Ackerman the naturalist/writer (*The Whale by Moonlight*), I hope to try this more personal story. Ackerman's husband, author Paul West, was accustomed to communicating with an unusually rich, playful and sophisticated vocabulary until he had a stroke. Ackerman describes the stroke's devastation and the challenge and adventure of communicating with each other post-stroke.