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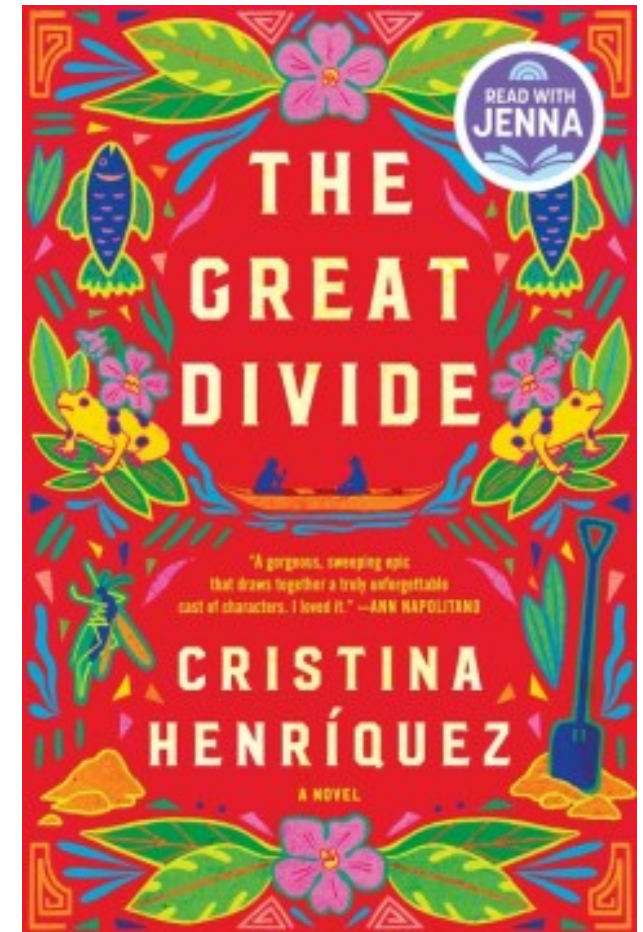
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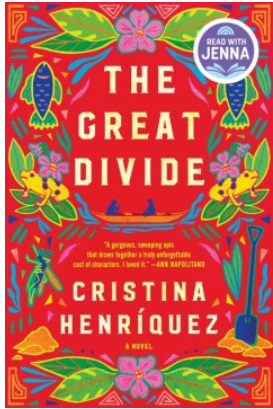
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Character List

from marmaladeandmustardseed.com

Ada Bunting: heads to Panama to earn money for her mother and sister in Barbados

Lucille Bunting: Ada's mother

Millicent Bunting: Ada's sister who is ill

Willoughby: bachelor in Barbados trying to court Lucille

Henry Camby: white plantation owner; Lucille and Millicent's father

Gertrude Camby: Henry's wife

J.R. Robinson: lawyer and friend of Henry's

Dr. Leonard Jenkins: British Doctor who knows J.R. Robinson

Omar Aquino: 17-year old Panamanian who goes to work on building canal in the Cut

Berisford: 20 year-old Barbadian working in the Cut

Clement: canal worker who came from Jamaica

Miller: American and foreman at the Cut

Francisco Aquino: Omar's father and fisherman

Esme Aquino: Omar's mother who suffers melancholy after Omar's birth and disappears

Doña Ruiz: seer in Francisco's town

Joaquín: fish seller at market, to whom Francisco sells his fish

Valentina: organizer of protest in Gatún and married to Joaquín

Renata: Valentina's sister who lives in Gatún

John Oswald: American from Tennessee who came to Panama to study malaria

Marian Oswald: botanist and married to John

Antoinette: cook who works for the Oswalds

Michael: mail carrier to Oswalds, came to Panama from Virginia

Dr. Pierre Renaud: Omar's doctor in Ancón Hospital and later Oswald's doctor

Learn About the Canal

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