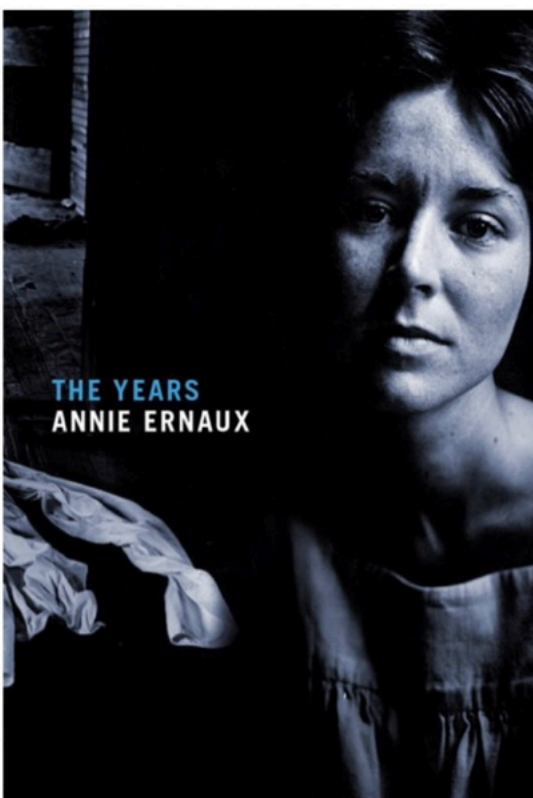


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Belletrist: What was your favorite book that you read in the last year & why?



MAI: 'THE YEARS' BY ANNIE ERNAUX

"translated by Alison Strayer. It's a memoir in the first-person plural, so 'we' instead of the usual 'I.' I love how this unconventional point of view for a memoir allows it to become both personal and collective simultaneously. It's Ernaux's story, yes, but it's also the story of her generation—its politics, culture, music, food. Her layering of time and memory is masterful."

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**Belletrist: What book are you looking forward to reading in the year ahead?**



**MAI: 'THE TROUBLE WITH HAPPINESS AND OTHER STORIES' BY TOVE DITLEVSEN**

"I've been devouring Ditlevsen's writing and can't wait for this one, published by FSG this April."

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