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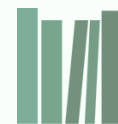
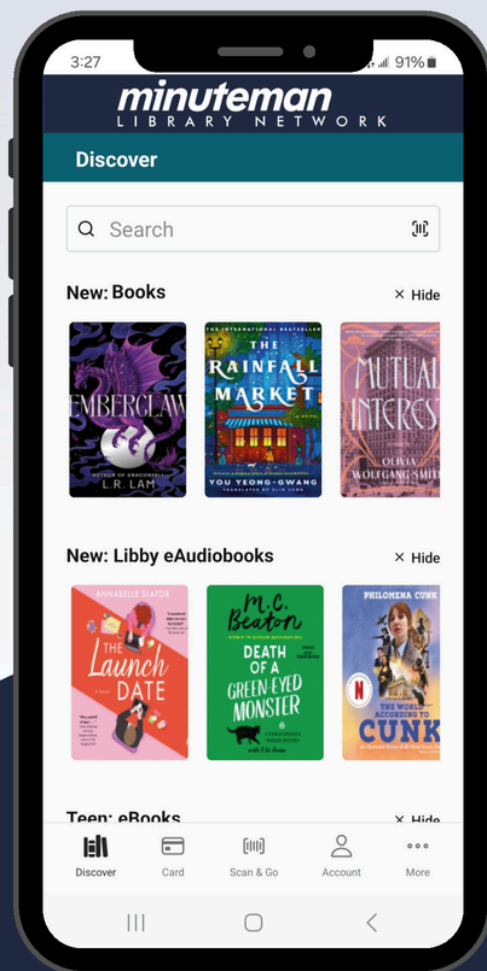
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Adult Reading Guide January- April 2025



new
releases
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faves



Hot off the Press

the biggest new titles to add to your TBR list this season



Onyx Storm Rebecca Yarros

The follow-up to Fourth Wing and Iron Flame...After nearly eighteen months at Basgiath War College, Violet Sorrengail knows there's no more time for lessons. No more time for uncertainty...But a storm is coming... and not everyone can survive its wrath. (Jan.)



Good Dirt Charmaine Wilkerson

The daughter of an affluent Black family pieces together the connection between a childhood tragedy and a beloved heirloom in this moving novel from the New York Times bestselling author of Black Cake, a Read with Jenna Book Club Pick. (Jan.)

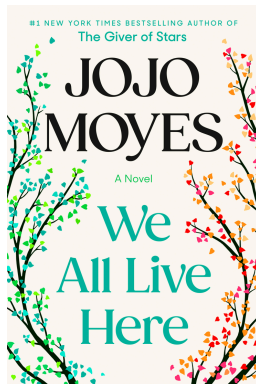
Witchcraft for Wayward Girls Grady Hendrix

They call them wayward girls... they're sent to Wellwood House in St. Augustine, Florida, where unwed mothers are hidden by their families...Then Fern meets a librarian who gives her an occult book, and power is in the hands of the girls for the first time in their lives. (Jan.)



We All Live Here Jojo Moyes

Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. So when her real dad suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw. But it turns out even the family you thought you could never forgive might have something to teach you. (Feb.)



Memorial Days Geraldine Brooks

A spare and profoundly moving memoir that joins the classics of the genre, Memorial Days is a portrait of a larger-than-life man and a timeless love between souls that exquisitely captures the joy, agony, and mystery of life. (Feb.)



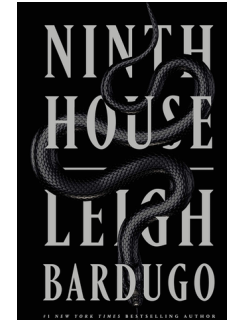
The JFK Conspiracy Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch

From New York Times bestselling authors comes a true, little-known story about the first assassination attempt on John F. Kennedy. A brilliant exploration of what could've been for one of the most compelling leaders of the 20th century. (Jan.)

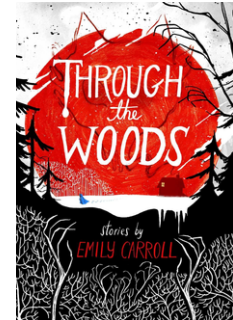
Staff Winter Favorites



Liz's Pick



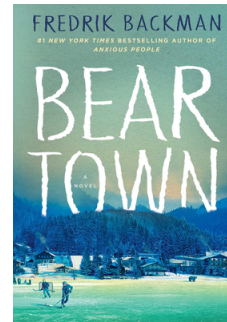
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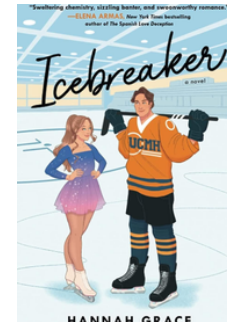
Julia's Pick



Molly's Pick



Patti's Pick



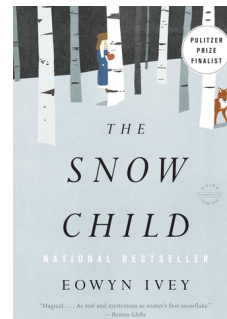
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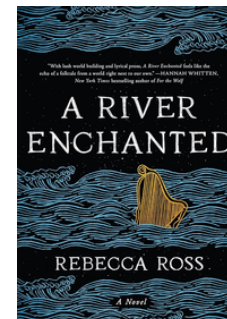
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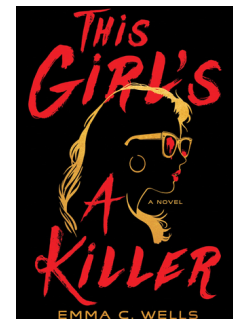
Frazier's Pick



Kate's Pick



Cecilia's Pick

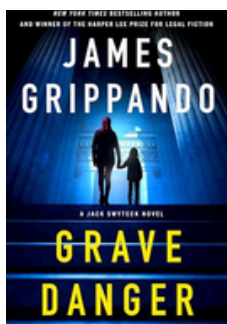


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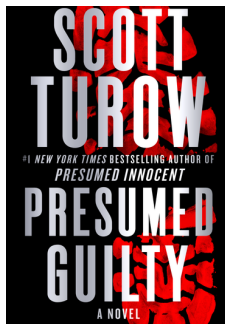


Andy's Pick

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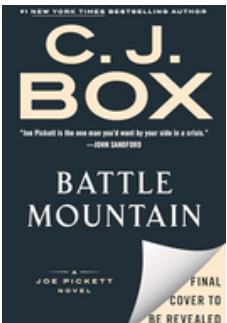
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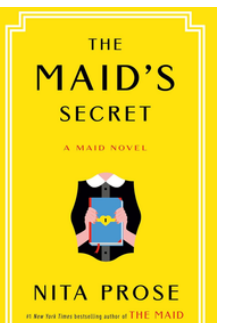
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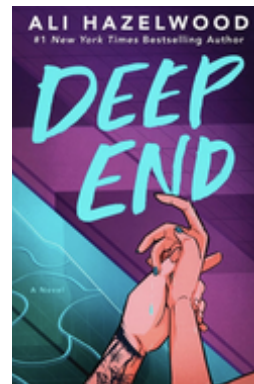
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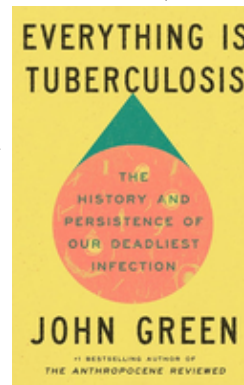


Deep End
Ali Hazelwood

On the surface, Lukas and Scarlett have nothing in common. Until a secret slips out, and everything changes. So they start an arrangement. But when staying away from Lukas becomes impossible, Scarlett realizes that her heart might be treading into dangerous water. (Feb.)

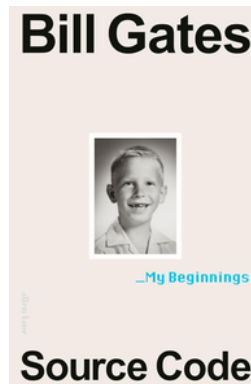
Everything is Tuberculosis
John Green

In 2019, John Green met Henry, a young tuberculosis patient. In this book, John tells Henry's story, woven through with the scientific and social histories of how tuberculosis has shaped our world and how our choices will shape the future of tuberculosis. (Mar.)



Wild Dark Shore
Charlotte McConaghay

A family on a remote island. A mysterious woman washed ashore. A rising storm on the horizon. Wild Dark Shore is about the impossible choices we make to protect the people we love, even as the world around us disappears. (Mar.)



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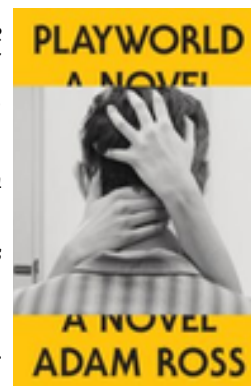
Homeseeking
Karissa Chen

There are moments when a single choice can define an entire life... Homeseeking spans seven decades, through the most tumultuous period of modern Chinese history up to contemporary times, tracing the separated lovers as they migrate from Shanghai to Hong Kong, Taiwan, and America. (Jan.)



Playworld
Adam Ross

A big and big-hearted novel—one enthralling, transformative year in the life of a child actor coming of age in a bygone Manhattan, from the critically acclaimed author of Mr. Peanut. (Jan.)



Keep an eye out for these new releases on:



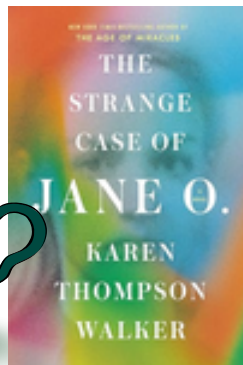
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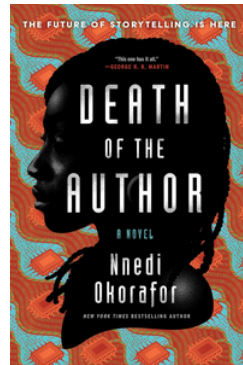
Mocktails & Must-Reads: Winter Warm-up Panel Picks

Readers' Services Most Anticipated New Releases

Kristy's Picks



The Strange Case of Jane O.
Karen Thompson Walker
February 25



Death of the Author
Nnedi Okorafor
January 14



The Favorites
Layne Fargo
January 14



The Antidote
Karen Russell
March 11

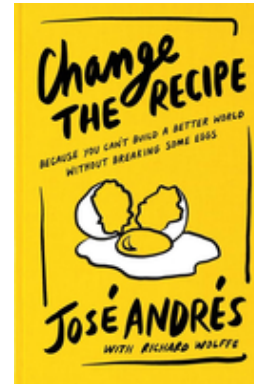


The Harder I Fight the More I Love You
Neko Case
January 28



Hungerstone
Kat Dunn
February 18

Julia's Picks

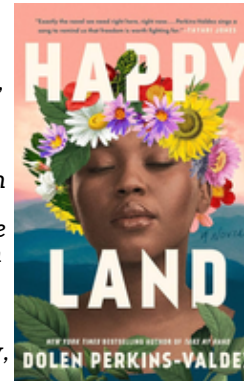


Change the Recipe
José Andrés

Written in José's unmistakable voice, *Change the Recipe* is a collection of José's most affecting and powerful life lessons: hard-won wisdom from a man who has dedicated his life to changing the world through the power of food.

Happy Land
Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Nikki hasn't seen her grandmother in years, due to a mysterious estrangement... So when the elder calls out of the blue with an urgent request for Nikki to visit her in the hills of western North Carolina, Nikki hesitates only for a moment. After years of silence in her family, she's determined to learn the truth.



The Staircase in the Woods
Chuck Wendig

Five high school friends are bonded by an oath to protect one another no matter what. Then, on a camping trip in the middle of the forest, they find something extraordinary: a mysterious staircase to nowhere. One friend walks up—and never comes back down. Then the staircase disappears.



New Releases

Rabbit Moon
Jennifer Haigh

A tense, propulsive drama set in Shanghai, about a fractured American family, secret lives, and the unbreakable bond between two sisters...a taut, suspenseful story about the ties of marriage that no divorce can sever, and the fabled red thread that pulls two sisters together.



The Hollow Half
Sarah Aziza

A brush with death. An ancestral haunting. A century of family secrets. Sarah Aziza's searing, genre-bending memoir traces three generations of diasporic Palestinians from Gaza to the Midwest to New York City—and back.



The Last American Road Trip
Author Name

Bestselling author of *The View from Flyover Country*, navigates a changing America as she and her family embark on a series of road trips, in a book that is part memoir, part history, and wholly unique.



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Great Big Beautiful Life Emily Henry

Two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve in this dazzling and sweeping new novel from Emily Henry.



The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits Jennifer Weiner

One of the most anticipated books of the year, from #1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner, a glimmering novel set in the world of pop music about sisters, motherhood, young love, and the dreams we chase.

Audition Katie Kitamura

One woman, the performance of a lifetime. Or two. An exhilarating, destabilizing Möbius strip of a novel that asks whether we ever really know the people we love. Taut and hypnotic, Audition is Katie Kitamura at her virtuosic best.



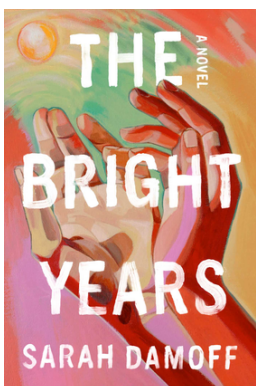
Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping on a Dead Man Jesse Q. Sutanto

Vera Wong is back and as meddling as ever in this follow-up to the hit Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers. Ever since a man was found dead in Vera's teahouse, life has been good. For Vera that is.



The Bright Years Sarah Damoff

One family. Four generations. A secret son. A devastating addiction. A Texas family is met with losses and surprises of inheritance, but they're unable to shake the pull back toward each other in this big-hearted family saga perfect for readers of Mary Beth Keane and Claire Lombardo.

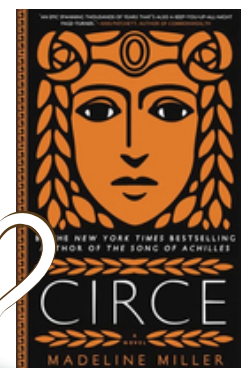


Accidentally on Purpose Kristen Kish

Accidentally on Purpose dives into Kish's childhood as a Korean adoptee in the Midwest, finding purpose in kitchens, and becoming the season 10 winner of—and now host—of Top Chef all the while navigating life in the spotlight, coming out in her adult years, and all the life lessons in between.

Staff Spotlights

Cecilia's Picks



Circe Madeline Miller



Morgan Is My Name Sophie Keetch



The Witch's Heart Genevieve Gornichec



Spark of the Everflame Penn Cole



Five Broken Blades Mai Corland

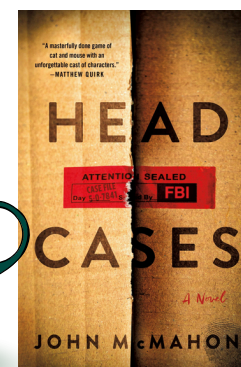


Heartless Hunter Kristen Ciccarelli

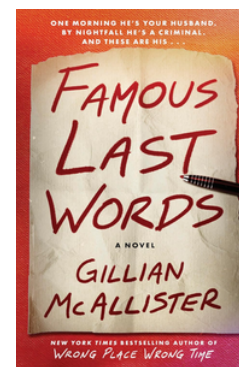
Caitlyn's Picks



Liz's Picks



Head Cases John McMahon

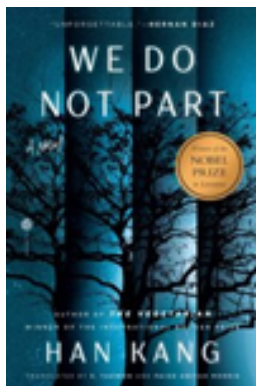


Famous Last Words Gillian McAllister



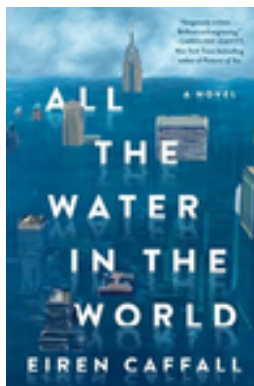
One by One Ruth Ware

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We Do Not Part Han Kang

...
We Do Not Part powerfully illuminates a forgotten chapter in Korean history, buried for decades. Both a hymn to an enduring friendship and an argument for remembering, it is the story of profound love in the face of unspeakable violence.



All the Water in the World Eiren Caffall

...
In the tradition of Station Eleven, a literary thriller set partly on the roof of New York's Museum of Natural History...both a meditation on what we save from collapse and an adventure story—with danger, storms, and a fight for survival.

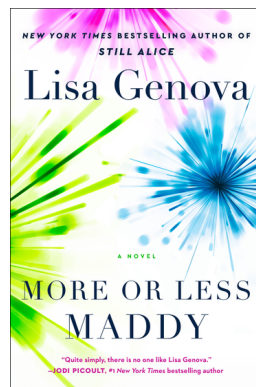
Wake Up and Open Your Eyes Clay McLeod Chapman

...
A relentless social horror novel about a family on the run from a demonic possession epidemic that spreads through media. This ambitious, searing novel from one of horror's modern masters holds a mirror to our divided nation, and will shake readers to the core.



Black in Blues Imani Perry

...
A surprising and beautiful meditation on the color blue—and its fascinating role in Black history and culture—from National Book Award winner Imani Perry. Attuned to the harrowing and the sublime aspects of the human experience, it is every bit as vivid, rich, and striking as blue itself.



More or Less Maddy Lisa Genova

...
A breathless, riveting novel about a young woman diagnosed with bipolar disorder who rejects the stability and approval found in a traditionally "normal" life for a career in stand-up comedy. Harvard-trained neuroscientist and New York Times bestselling author Lisa Genova has crafted another profoundly moving novel.



The Crash Freida McFadden

...
The nightmare she's running from is nothing compared to where she's headed. A gut-wrenching story of motherhood, survival, and twisted expectations, #1 New York Times bestselling author Freida McFadden delivers a snowbound thriller that will chill you to the bone.

New Releases



The River Has Roots Amal El-Mohtar

...
The River Has Roots is the hugely anticipated solo debut of the New York Times bestselling and Hugo Award winning author Amal El-Mohtar. Follow the river Liss to the small town of Thistleford, on the edge of Faerie, and meet two sisters who cannot be separated, even in death.



All the Other Mothers Hate Me Sarah Harman

...
Florence Grimes is a thirty-one-year-old party girl who always takes the easy way out...she has only one reason to get out of bed each day: her ten-year-old son Dylan. But then Alfie Risby, her son's bully and the heir to a vast frozen food empire, vanishes during a class trip, and Dylan becomes the prime suspect.

Propaganda Girls Lisa Rogak

...
The incredible untold story of four women who spun the web of deception that helped win World War II...And outside of a small group of spies, no one knew they existed. Until now.



The Californians Brian Castleberry

...
For fans of Trust and North Woods, a daring novel that spans 100 years of American history, from the early days of cinema to the rise of NFTs, about parents and children, the drive to create even in times of crisis, and the inheritance of grand western dreams.



Goddess Complex Sanjena Sathian

...
A darkly funny, novel about the dilemmas of procreation, pregnancy, and parenting, Goddess Complex is a twist-filled psychological thriller and a feminist satire of our age of GirlBosses turned self-care influencers, optimization cults, internet mommy gurus, egg freezing, and much more.



The Writer James Patterson & J.D. Barker

...
From #1 New York Times murder-thriller author James Patterson, when a world-famous crime writer's husband is found dead, detectives must uncover if she is the target, the next victim—or a mastermind.

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Dream Count Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

...
A trenchant reflection on the choices we make and those made for us, on daughters and mothers, on our interconnected world, Dream Count pulses with emotional urgency and poignant observations of the human heart, in language that soars with beauty and power.

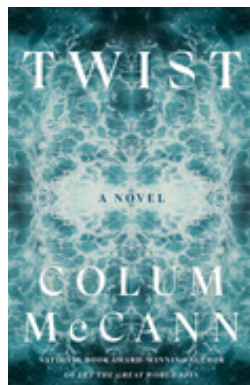


The Love we Found Jill Santopolo

...
The long-awaited follow-up to the Reese's Book Club pick and New York Times bestselling global phenomenon The Light We Lost: a thrilling love story about the roles fate and choice play in shaping a life.

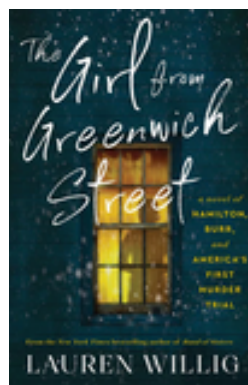
Twist Colum McCann

...
A propulsive novel of rupture and repair in the digital age, delving into a hidden world deep under the ocean...Resoundingly simple and turbulent at the same time, Twist is a meditation on the nature of narrative and truth from one of the great storytellers of our times.



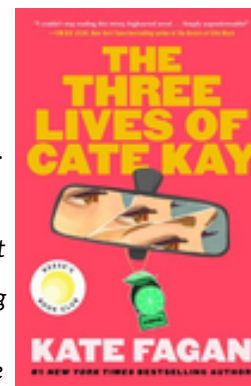
The Girl from Greenwich Street Lauren Willig

...
Based on the true story of a famous trial, this novel is Law and Order: 1800, as Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr investigate the shocking murder of a young woman who everyone—and no one—seemed to know.



Babylonla Costanza Casati

...
A common woman. The governor she married. The king who loved them both. From the author of Clytemnestra comes another intoxicating excursion into ancient history, painting the brutal and captivating empire of gods and men, and the one queen destined to rule them all.



The Three Lives of Cate Kay Kate Fagan

...
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo meets First Lie Wins in this electric, voice-driven debut novel about an elusive bestselling author who decides to finally confess her true identity after years of hiding from her past.

Wiseguys and the White House Eric Dezenhall

...
A "connected" account of how the Mob has worked with America's Commander in Chiefs and have influenced the presidency for nearly a century. Wiseguys offers insight into the myths about the power in America.



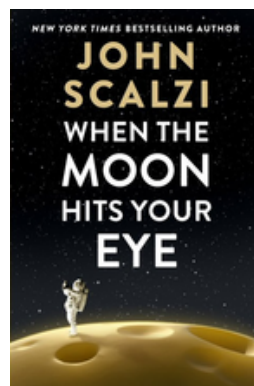
Beautiful Ugly Alice Feeney

...
Alice Feeney returns with a gripping and deliciously dark thriller about marriage...and revenge. Wives think their husbands will change but they don't. Husbands think their wives won't change but they do.



Four Red Sweaters Lucy Adlington

...
The New York Times bestselling author of The Dressmakers of Auschwitz tells the stories of four Jewish girls during the Holocaust, strangers whose lives were unknowingly linked by everyday garments, revealing how the ordinary can connect us in extraordinary ways.



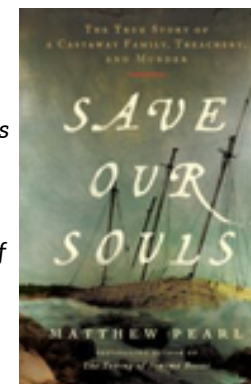
When the Moon Hits Your Eye John Scalzi

...
The moon has turned into cheese. Now humanity has to deal with it. For some it's an opportunity. For others it's a moment to question their faith: In God, in science, in everything. Still others try to keep the world running in the face of absurdity and uncertainty.



Dirtbag Queen Andy Corren

...
A story of love and forgiveness, as well as a celebration of the author's mother, Dirtbag Queen is an entertaining and poignant portrayal of the complex and heartfelt humanity that unites us all—especially family.



Save Our Souls Matthew Pearl

...
From the bestselling author of The Taking of Lemima Boone, the unbelievable true story of a real-life Swiss Family Robinson (and their dog) who faced sharks, shipwreck, and betrayal. Matthew Pearl unveils one of the most incredible yet little-known historical true stories.

New Releases

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The Bones Beneath My Skin TJ Klune

A spine-tingling standalone novel by bestselling author TJ Klune—a supernatural road-trip thriller featuring an extraordinary young girl and her two unlikely protectors on the run from cultists and the government.

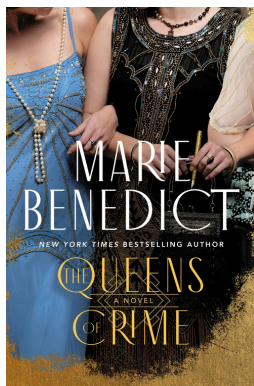
Three Days in June Anne Tyler

A socially awkward mother of the bride navigates the days before and after her daughter's wedding. Told with deep sensitivity and a tart sense of humor, full of the joys and heartbreaks of love and marriage and family life.



You Are Fatally Invited Ande Pliego

An exclusive thriller writer's retreat hosted on a private island turns lethal when one of the authors is found murdered in this twisty locked room mystery. With a storm isolating the island, and the body count rising, Mila must outwit a killer who knows literally every trick in the book.

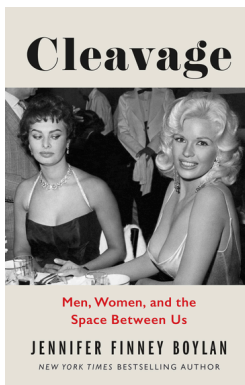


Queens of Crime Marie Benedict

A story of the five greatest women writers of the Golden Age of Mystery and their bid to solve a real-life murder...brings to life the lengths five talented women writers will go to be taken seriously in the male-dominated world of letters.

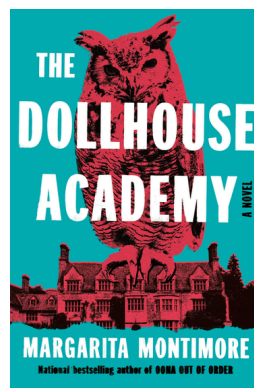
Cleavage Jennifer Finney Boylan

What is the difference between men and women? Jennifer Finney Boylan, bestselling author of *She's Not There* examines the divisions—as well as the common ground—between the genders, and reflects on her own experiences, both difficult and joyful, as a transgender American.



The Dollhouse Academy Margarita Montimore

A novel about two best friends and aspiring actresses who join the Dollhouse Academy, where stars are made and dangerous secrets are hidden...A novel about the complexities of friendship, our desire to be seen and understood, and the true cost of making our dreams a reality.

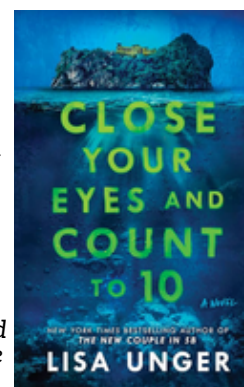


On the Hippy Trail Rick Steves

In the 1970s, the ultimate trip for any backpacker was the storied "Hippy Trail" from Istanbul to Kathmandu. A 23-year old Rick Steves made the trek, and like a travel writer in training, he documented everything along the way.

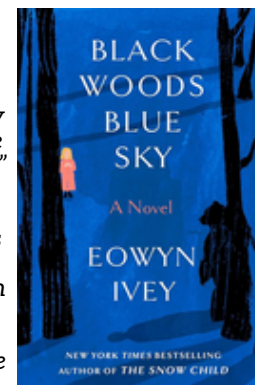
Close Your Eyes and Count to 10 Lisa Unger

An extreme game of hide-and-seek turns deadly in this riveting new thriller from New York Times bestselling author Lisa Unger... a ruthless battle for survival where the stakes are higher than ever, the blurry line between the virtual and the real proves that the only person we can trust is ourselves.



Listen to Your Sister Neena Viel

For fans of Jordan Peele's films, *Stranger Things*, and *The Other Black Girl*, *Listen To Your Sister* is a laugh-out-loud, deeply terrifying, and big-hearted speculative horror novel from electrifying debut talent Neena Viel.

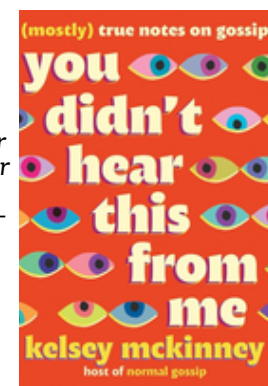


Black Woods Blue Sky Eowyn Ivey

An unforgettable reimagining of *Beauty and the Beast*...*Black Woods, Blue Sky* is a novel with life-and-death stakes, about the love between a mother and daughter, and the allure of a wild life—about what we gain and what it might cost us.

Fearless and Free Josephine Baker

Published in the US for the first time, *Fearless and Free* is the memoir of the fabulous, rule-breaking, one-of-a-kind Josephine Baker, the iconic dancer, singer, spy, and Civil Rights activist. First published in France in 1949, her memoir will now finally be published in English.



You Didn't Hear This From Me Kelsey McKinney

From the host of the *Normal Gossip* podcast, a delightfully insightful exploration of our obsession with gossip that weaves together journalism, cultural criticism, and memoir.

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