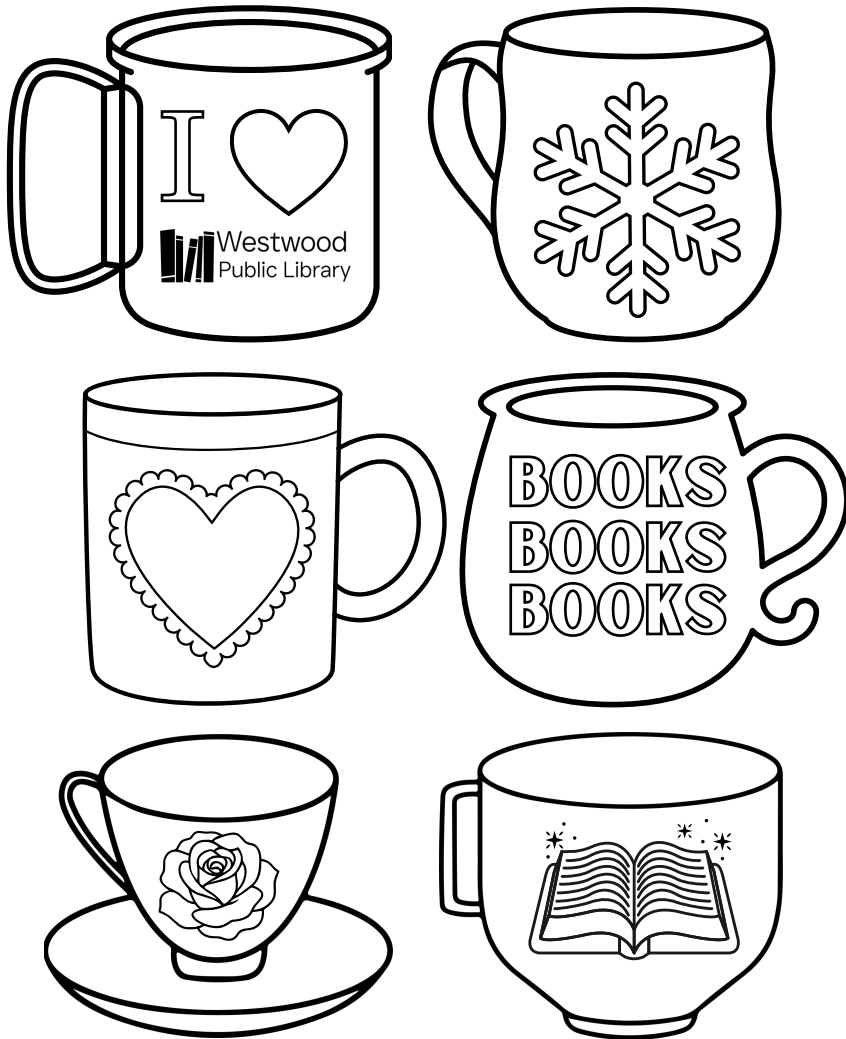


Find Your Cozy

Adult Winter Reading Challenge 2026

Color a mug for each book you read!



January 1- February 28, log your reading (up to six books) to be entered in a drawing for a Book Lovers' Basket! Pick up a paper log from the library, or track your books on Beanstack!

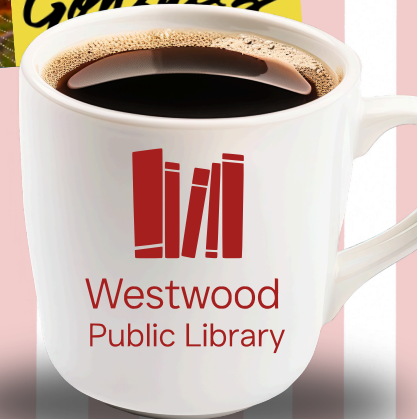


Adult Reading Guide

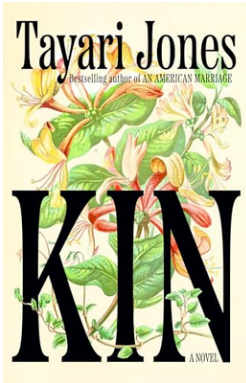
January- April 2026



90+
new releases

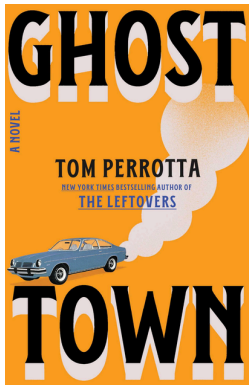


Big Names, New Books

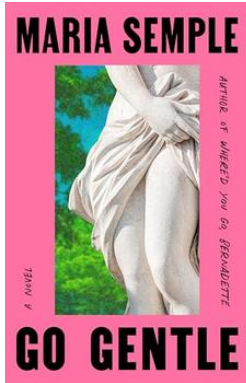


Kin
Tayari Jones
...
A novel about mothers and daughters, friendship and sisterhood, and the complexities of being a woman in the American South. An emotionally rich, unforgettable work from one of the brightest voices in contemporary fiction.
Feb. 24

Ghost Town
Tom Perrotta
...
A gripping and darkly nostalgic tale about a tumultuous summer in 1970s suburban New Jersey, from the perspective of a middle-aged writer looking back on a series of events that changed his life.
Apr. 28

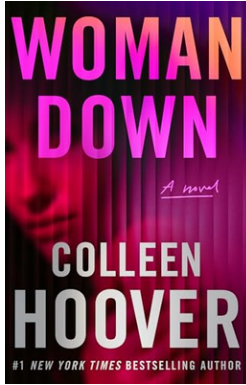
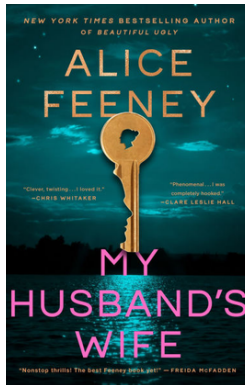


Lake Effect
Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney
...
A 1977 scandal where a housewife's affair with a neighbor upends her family and haunts her daughter for decades, exploring themes of love, betrayal, and family secrets with the author's signature humor and insight.
Mar. 3

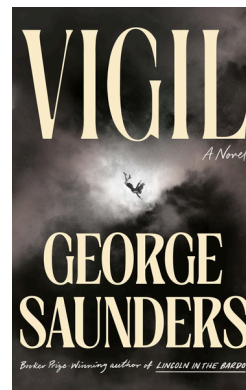


Go Gentle
Maria Semple
...
A Stoic philosopher in New York City whose meticulously ordered life is upended by a chance encounter, leading to a story of midlife reinvention, desire, and self-discovery.
Apr. 21

My Husband's Wife
Alice Feeney
...
an artist named Eden Fox returns home to find a woman who looks exactly like her living there with her husband, leading to a web of deception, obsession, and mystery.
Jan. 20

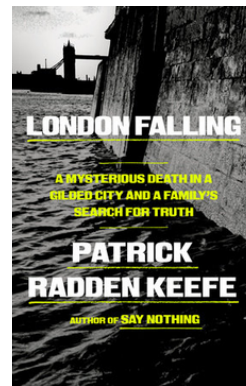
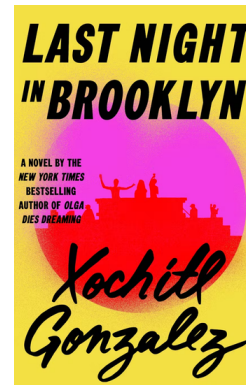


Woman Down
Colleen Hoover
...
A struggling author finds dark inspiration and blurred reality when a detective shows up at her secluded cabin, blending suspense with romance and delving into themes of creativity and obsession.
Jan. 13

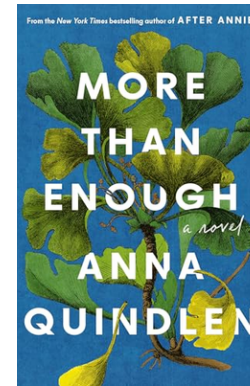


Vigil
George Saunders
This novel follows a spirit guide as she attempts to usher a powerful oil CEO, K.J. Boone, into the afterlife while exploring themes of corporate greed, capitalism, and absolution.
Jan. 27

Last Night in Brooklyn
Xóchitl González
...
A young woman whose life becomes ensnared in her glamorous neighbor's secret past, laying bare the mounting tensions at play in a rapidly gentrifying, early 2000's Fort Greene, Brooklyn.
Apr. 21

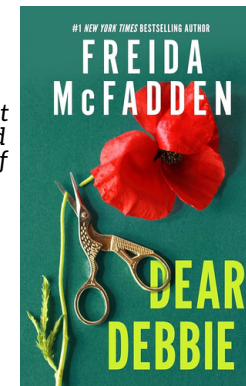
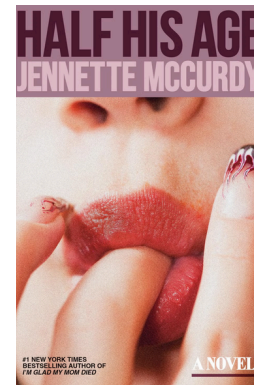


London Falling
Patrick Radden Keefe
...
A spellbinding account of a family devastated by the sudden death of their son, only to discover that he had created a secret life which drew him into the dangerous underworld that lies beneath London's glittering surface.
Apr. 7



More Than Enough
Anna Quindlen
...
A high school teacher's life is upended by an unexpected ancestry DNA match, leading her to explore family, identity, and the profound impact of her close-knit book club and friendships.
Feb. 24

Half His Age
Jennette McCurdy
...
A sad, funny, thrilling novel about sex, consumerism, class, desire, loneliness, the internet, rage, intimacy, power, and the lengths we'll go to in order to get what we want.
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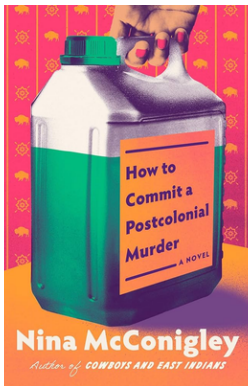


Dear Debbie
Freida McFadden
...
For years, she has compiled all of her best advice into her column, Dear Debbie. These days, Debbie's life seems to be spiraling out of control and it's time to stop being the bigger person and take her own advice.
Jan. 27

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Can't-Miss Novels



How to Commit a Postcolonial Murder

Nina McConigley

Summer, 1986. The Creel sisters welcome their extended family to live with them. Because this is what families do. That is, until the sisters decide that it's time for their uncle to die.

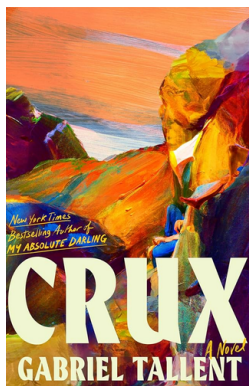
Jan. 20

CruX

Gabriel Tallent

In this story of intense friendship and grit, two down-and-out teens escape the hopelessness of their lives and chase a different future through rock-climbing.

Jan. 20



American Fantasy

Emma Straub

When the American Fantasy cruise ship sets sail for a four-day voyage, aboard are all five members of a famous 1990s boyband, and three thousand screaming women who have worshipped them for thirty years.

Apr. 7



The Hitch

Sara Levine

A delightfully unhinged comedy following a woman as she attempts to exorcise the spirit of a dead corgi from her nephew and renegotiate the borders of her previously rational world.

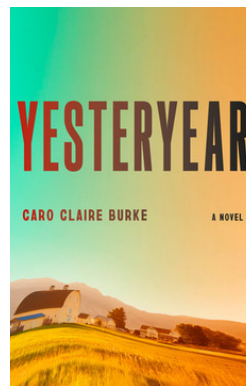
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Yesteryear

Caro Claire Burke

A traditional American woman, a beautiful wife and mother who sells her pioneer lifestyle to her millions of social media followers, suddenly awakens in 1805.

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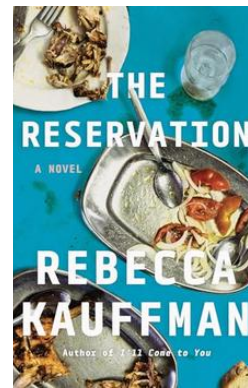
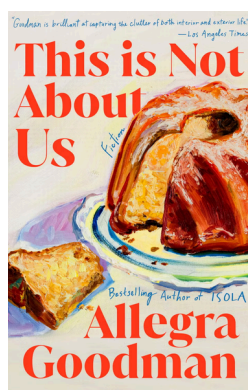


This is Not About Us

Allegra Goodman

When their beloved sister passes, Sylvia and Helen are unmoored. A misunderstanding about apple cake turns into a decade of stubborn silence. As for their grandchildren? Impossible.

Feb. 10



The Reservation

Rebecca Kauffman

Following a vibrant cast through a single, high-stakes day in the life of a bustling restaurant-- a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the drama, grace, and grit it takes to bring a beautiful meal to the table.

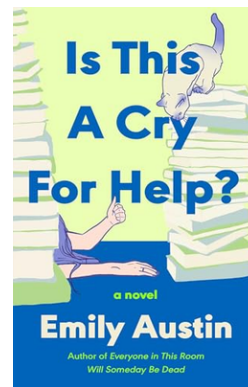
Feb. 24

The Jills

Karen Parkman

A Buffalo Bills cheerleader will stop at nothing to solve the disappearance of her best friend and teammate, navigating the dark underbelly of a hardscrabble city, the grime and glamour of professional cheerleading, and her tangled family history.

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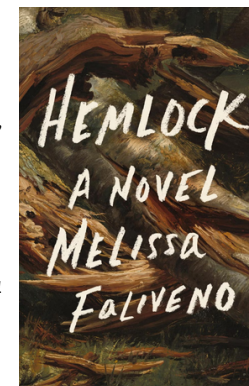


Is This A Cry For Help

Emily Austin

A luminous novel following a librarian who comes back to work after a mental breakdown only to confront book-banning crusaders in an empowering story of grief, love, and the power of libraries.

Jan. 13



Hemlock

Melissa Faliveno

A woman haunted by a dark inheritance returns to the woods where her mother vanished. As the borders of reality blur, she senses she is battling something sinister--both nested in the woods and within herself.

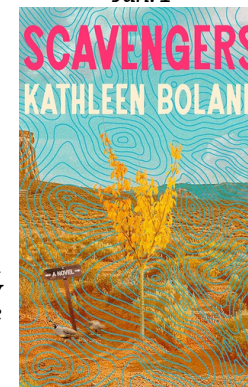
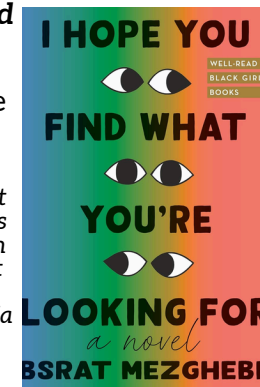
Jan. 20

I Hope You Find What You're Looking For

Bsrat Mezghebe

Teenage Lydia and her family are grappling with what peace--after decades of war--might mean for their future, just as they welcome a relative from Ethiopia to attend medical school.

Jan. 1



Scavengers

Kathleen Boland

A cautious daughter and her eccentric, estranged mother venture west in search of buried treasure--and a way back to each other--before they run out of patience, money, and options.

Jan. 13

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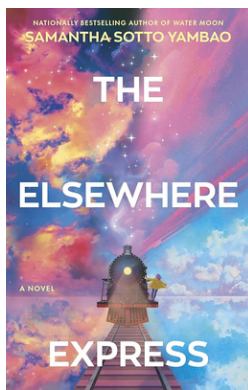
Fantasy & Science Fiction



Hell's Heart Alexis Hall

...
A queer, speculative fiction retelling of Moby Dick, set in space, where the narrator joins a crew hunting giant space monsters. Gideon the Ninth meets Moby Dick

Mar. 10



The Elsewhere Express Samantha Sotto Yambao

...
You can't buy a ticket for the Elsewhere Express. Appearing only to those whose lives are adrift, it's a magical train carrying very rare and special cargo: a sense of purpose, peace, and belonging.

Jan. 20

The Book Witch Meg Shaffer

...
Rainy March is a proud Book Witch. But when her beloved grandfather disappears and a priceless book is stolen, there's only one person she trusts to help her solve the case.

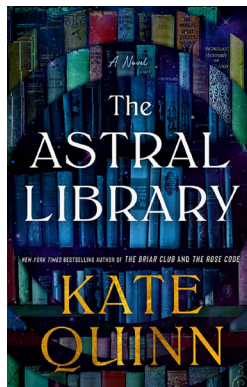
Apr. 7



The Astral Library Kate Quinn

...
Have you ever wished you could live inside a book? Welcome to the Astral Library, where books are not just objects, but doors to new worlds, new lives, and new futures.

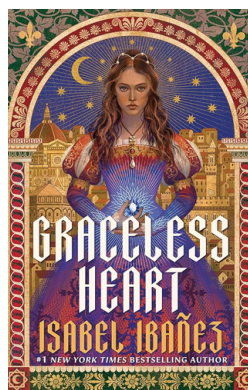
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Graceless Heart Isabel Ibañez

...
A lush tale full of enemies-to-lovers tension, whimsical magic, villain romance, and slow-burn desire, set in an enchanted, perilous Florence where forbidden power could ignite a war.

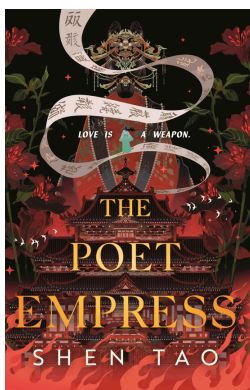
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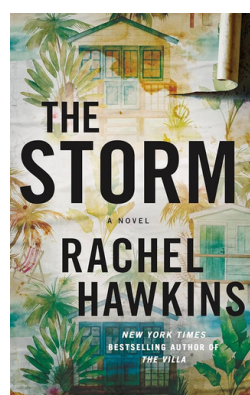
The Poet Empress Shen Tao

...
Wei Yin will do anything to save those she loves, even offer herself as a concubine. To save herself and the nation, she must survive the dangers of court, learn to read, and compose the most powerful spell of all.

Jan. 20



Mysteries & Thrillers



The Storm Rachel Hawkins

...
As the summer heats up and another monster storm begins twisting its way towards St. Medard's Bay, Geneva learns that some people can be just as destructive—and as deadly...

Jan. 6

The Ending Writes Itself Evelyn Clarke

...
When six struggling authors are invited to spend a weekend on his private Scottish island, they arrive to discover a shocking secret: Arthur Fletch is dead... and his last book is unfinished.

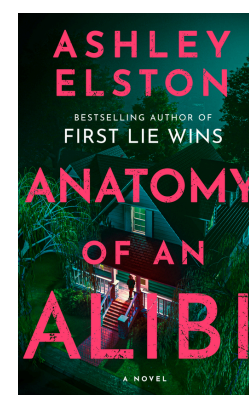
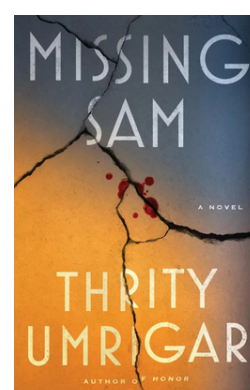
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Missing Sam Thirty Umrigar

...
When Äliya and Samantha have a fight one night, Samantha goes for a run early the next morning—and doesn't come back. Missing Sam captures the terror in today's political climate, and the dangers of being Brown and queer in America.

Jan. 27



Anatomy of an Alibi Ashley Elston

...
Aubrey and Camille hatch a plan. For twelve hours, Aubrey will take Camille's place. Camille will spy on Ben, and the two women will get the answers they desperately seek... Except the next morning, Ben is dead.

Jan. 20

Warning Signs Tracy Sierra

...
The heart-stopping second novel from the author of Nightwatching, in which a father-son ski weekend becomes a desperate fight for survival

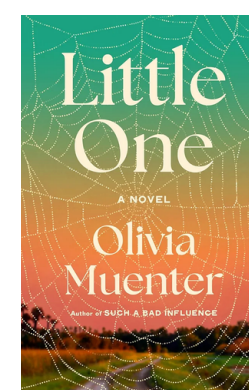
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Little One Olivia Muentert

...
A young woman's life is upended when a journalist uncovers her hidden past as the daughter of an insidious cult leader.

Feb 3



Horror

ODESSA

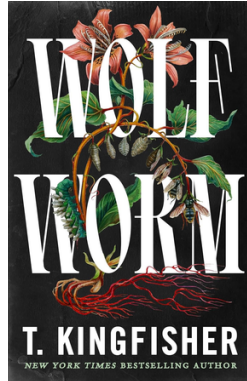


GABRIELLE SHER

Odessa
Gabrielle Sher

...
In a powerfully imagined Russia at the height of the pogroms, a grief-stricken family turn to ancient magic to bring their daughter back from the grave.

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Apr. 21



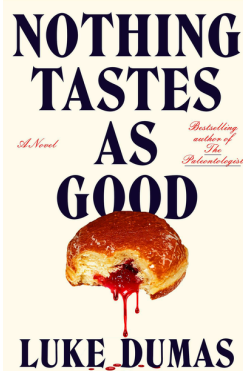
T. KINGFISHER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Wolf Worm
T. Kingfisher

...
When the reclusive Dr. Halder offers her a position illustrating his collection of insects, Sonia jumps at the chance. She soon discovers that his studies have taken him down a twisted road.

...
Mar. 24

Nothing Tastes as Good
Luke Dumas

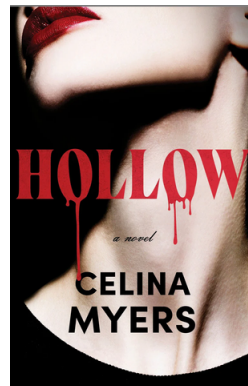


LUKE DUMAS

Hollow
Celina Myers

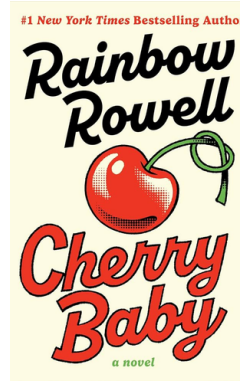
...
Mia Adair isn't even twenty-five yet, but she's starting to wonder if her peak has already passed. These days, she feels like she's nobody special. Until she dies in a tragic car crash and reawakens as a vampire...

...
Jan. 13



CELINA MYERS

Love Stories



a novel

Cherry Baby
Rainbow Rowell

...
Rainbow Rowell returns with a breathtakingly honest novel about a woman who lost everything — and isn't sure she wants it back.

...
Apr. 14



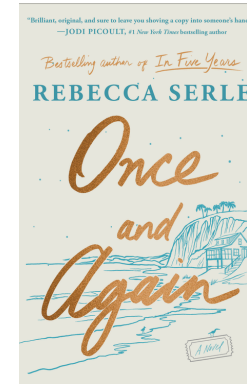
HALEY PHAM

Just Friends
Haley Pham

...
This heartwarming and swoon-worthy second chance romance about childhood friends reconnecting as adults is the highly anticipated debut novel from YouTube creator Haley Pham.

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Mar. 3

Once and Again
Rebecca Serle

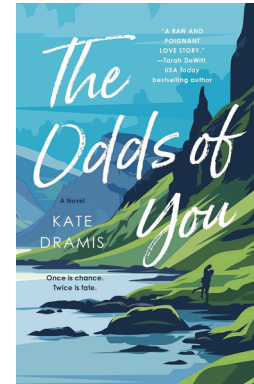


REBECCA SERLE

...
An unforgettable tale of a family of women with an astonishing gift: the ability to redo one moment in their lives.

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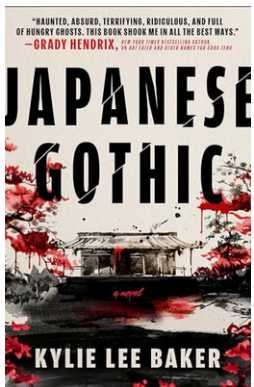
The Odds of You
Kate Dramis



KATE DRAMIS

...
A data analyst turned author meets a famous actor on a flight, leading to unexpected encounters and romance after paparazzi drama brings them together.

...
Jan. 6



KYLIE LEE BAKER

Japanese Gothic
Kylie Lee Baker

...
In this lyrical, wildly inventive horror novel interwoven with Japanese mythology, two people living centuries apart discover a door between their worlds

...
Apr. 21

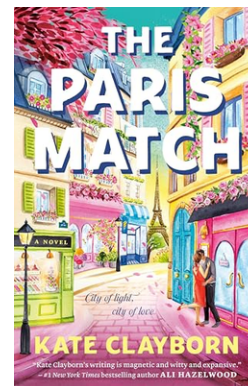


SIMONE ST. JAMES

A Box Full of Darkness
Simone St. James

...
Siblings return to the house they fled eighteen years before, called back by the ghost of their long-missing brother and his haunting request to come home.

...
Jan. 20



KATE CLAYBORN

The Paris Match
Kate Clayborn

...
A woman tests the limits of her so-called amicable divorce when she flies to Paris for the destination wedding of her former sister-in-law, only to butt heads with the deliciously gruff best man.

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Apr. 7



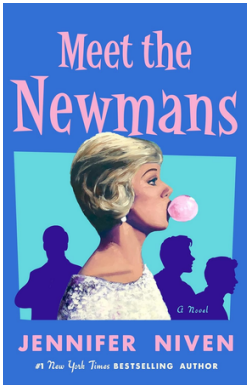
STAR SHIPPED

Star Shipped
Cat Sebastian

...
Cat Sebastian's long-awaited foray into contemporary romance! A witty, emotional, and deliciously slow burn enemies-to-lovers romance between two costars on a popular sci-fi television series.

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Mar. 3

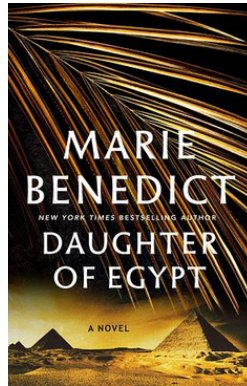
Historical Fiction



Meet the Newmans Jennifer Niven

For two decades, the Newmans have ruled television. But now their idealized perfection feels woefully out of touch. Can the Newmans hold it together to change television history?

Jan. 6



Daughter of Egypt Marie Benedict

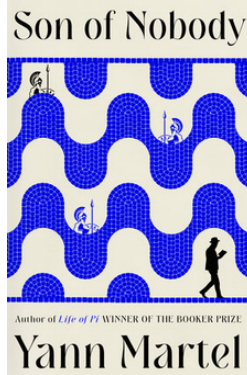
The story of two ambitious women who lived centuries apart. Both were forced to hide who they were during their lifetimes, yet ultimately changed history forever.

Mar. 24

Son of Nobody Yann Martel

A brilliant retelling of the Trojan War from the perspective of two commoners: an ancient soldier and a modern scholar.

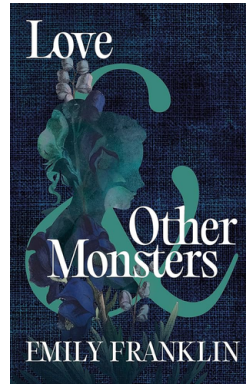
Mar. 31



Love and Other Monsters Emily Franklin

An intense and propulsive story of love, lust, art and betrayal, based on the important—and forgotten—real life story of Claire Clairmont, who changed the course of literature forever.

Apr. 7



This Book Made Me Think of You Libby Page

A woman receives a gift from the man she loved and lost—a year of books, one for every month—launching a reading-inspired journey to live, dream, and love again.

Feb. 3



So Old, So Young Grant Ginder

Five parties over the course of two decades bring six college friends together, exploring the ways we can run from and cling to our friends in love, life, and death.

Feb. 17

Love by the Book Jessica George

In Jessica George's heartwarming, funny, and soulful second novel, she explores the restorative nature of female friendship and the life-changing power of platonic love.

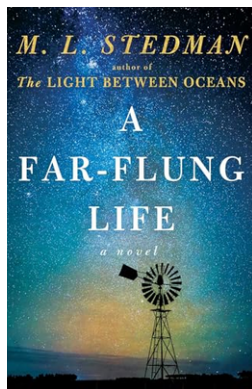
Apr. 7



Almost Life Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Two young women meet in Paris one sultry summer in a decades-spanning tour de force about the enduring power of young love and the poignant heartbreak of missed chances.

Mar. 24



A Far-Flung Life M.L. Stedman

When we do something that can't be undone or mended, how do we go on living? A tale about family and belonging, fate and time. It is about people trying to do their best, and each, for private reasons, seeking shelter from the storm of life.

Mar. 3



Keeper of Lost Children Sadeqa Johnson

Toggling between the lives of these three individuals in post-WWII Germany, this story explores how one woman's vision will change the course of countless lives, and demonstrates that love can be transcendent.

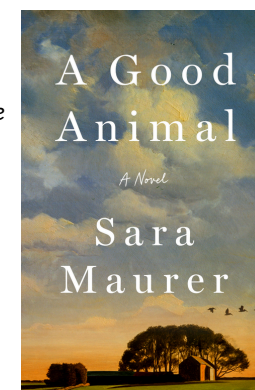
Feb. 10



Leave Your Mess at Home Tolani Akinola

The Longe siblings are really botching their parents' American Dream. In the wreckage of their fateful reunion, each Longe is forced to reckon with the past, take stock of what really matters, and find a way back to each other.

Apr. 14



A Good Animal Sara Maurer

Sara Maurer's unforgettable debut breathtakingly captures the ache of first love, the beauty and brutality of rural life, and how one decision can echo through generations and shape who we become.

Feb. 24

Biographies & Memoirs



Phases: A Memoir
Brandy

Brandy brings us a raw portrait of her life, charting her growth to stardom from Mississippi churches to Hollywood spotlights. A remarkable story of hope, resilience, and strength.

Mar. 31



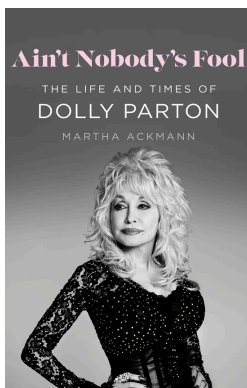
Liza Minnelli
my memoirs

Kids, Wait Till You Hear This!
Liza Minnelli

Minnelli shares her inspiring story: stepping out from the long shadow of a mega-star mother and legendary film director father, fighting a lifetime battle with addiction, and emerging from it all.

Mar. 10

Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton
Martha Ackmann



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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
DOLLY PARTON
MARTHA ACKMANN

A larger-than-life new biography of country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton

Dec. 30

Homeschooled
Stefan Merrill Block

A heartbreaking, empowering, hilarious memoir about a mother's all-consuming love, a son's perilous quest to discover the world beyond the front door, and the unregulated homeschool system.

Jan. 6



"A coming-of-age memoir for the ages. In turns hilarious and compassionate, furious and faithful."
—MARY KARR

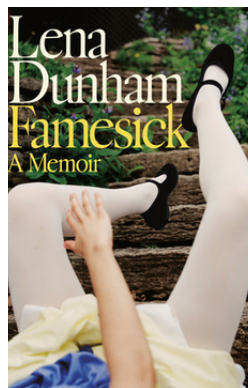
HOME SCHOOLED

STEFAN MERRILL BLOCK

Famesick
Lena Dunham

In this rowdy, frank reflection on illness, fame, sex, and everything in between, the remarkable mind behind the hit series *Girls* asks whether fulfilling her creative ambitions has been worth the pain.

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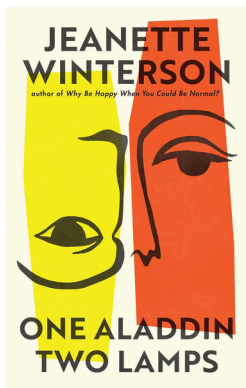


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A Memoir

One Aladdin Two Lamps
Jeannette Winterson

Weaving together fiction, magic, and memoir, Winterson's newest is a tribute to the age-old tradition of storytelling and a radical step into the future.

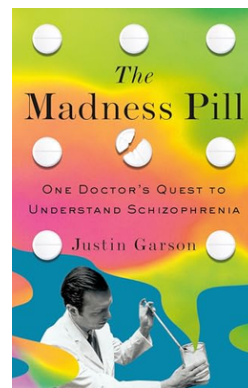
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JEANNETTE WINTERSON
author of *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*

ONE ALADDIN TWO LAMPS

Notable Nonfiction



The Madness Pill
Justin Garson

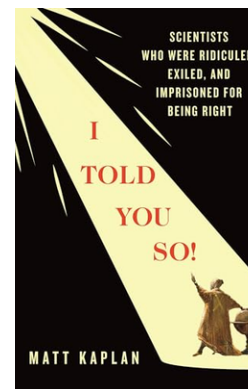
A rollicking history of the life and work of Dr. Solomon Snyder, whose experiments with mind-altering drugs helped change the way we think about the causes and treatments of schizophrenia.

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I Told You So!
Matt Kaplan

An impassioned work of popular science about scientists who have had to fight for their revolutionary ideas to be accepted—from Darwin to Pasteur to modern day Nobel Prize winners.

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SCIENTISTS WHO WERE RIDICULED, EXILED, AND IMPRISONED FOR BEING RIGHT

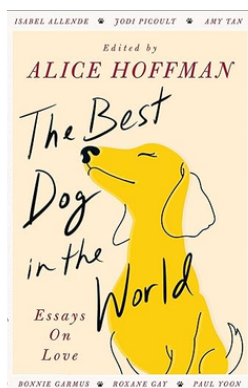
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The Best Dog in the World
Alice Hoffman

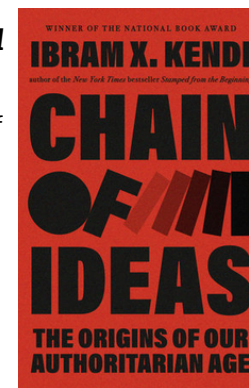
Fourteen beloved authors celebrate the life-changing bond with their canine companions in this heartwarming essay collection edited by New York Times bestselling author and lifelong dog lover Alice Hoffman.

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The Best Dog in the World
Essays On Love
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Chain of Ideas
Ibram X. Kendi

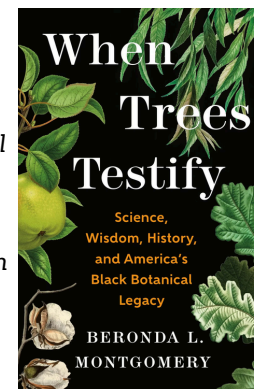
Kendi offers an unsettling but indispensable global history of how great replacement theory brought humanity into this authoritarian age—and how we can free ourselves from it.

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When Trees Testify
Beronda L. Montgomery

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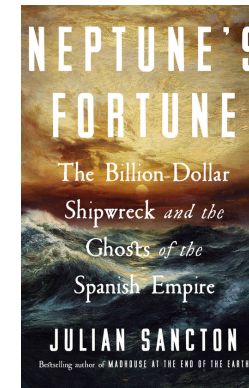
Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy

BERONDA L. MONTGOMERY

Neptune's Fortune
Julian Sancton

The riveting true story of a legendary Spanish galleon that sunk off the coast of Colombia with over 1 billion dollars in gold and silver—and one man's obsessive quest to find it.

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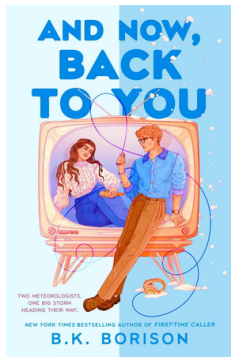
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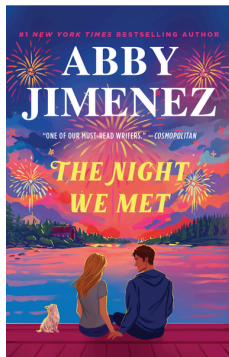
JULIAN SANCTON
Bestselling author of *Marlborough at the End of the Earth*

Next in the Series

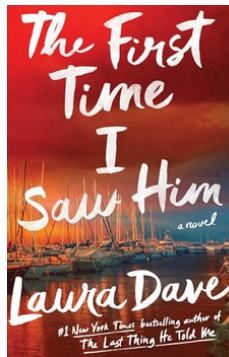
Popular series with new installments coming out this season



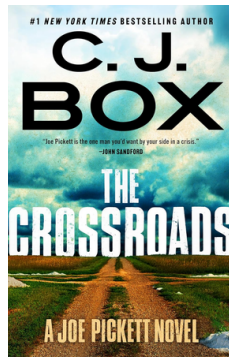
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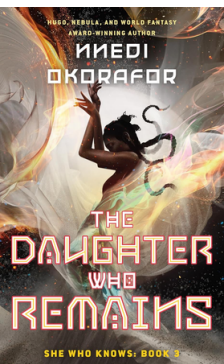
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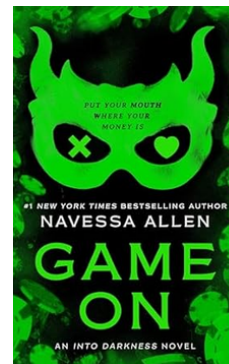
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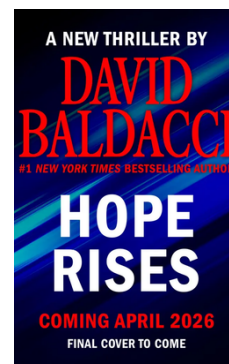
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Westwood Librarians' 2025 Favorites

We asked Westwood Public Library Staff to share their top books of 2025, and these were the titles most frequently picked!

