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***The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out a Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson**

On his 100th birthday, reluctant centenarian Allan Karlsson climbs out the window of his nursing home and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey. **DVD included.** (pbk 430 pages, 11 books in kit & 1 DVD, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton**

This 1921 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel chronicles Newland Archer's confused emotions as he prepares to marry docile May Welland, while harboring a secret passion for the mysterious Countess Ellen Olenska. **DVD included.** (pbk 248 pages, 13 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg**

Mrs. Sookie Poole of Point Clear, Alabama, has just married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to relaxing and perhaps traveling with her husband, Earle. The only thing left to contend with is her mother, the formidable Lenore Simmons Krackenberry. Then Sookie discovers a secret about her mother's past that knocks her for a loop and suddenly calls into question everything she ever thought she knew about herself, her family, and her future. (hbk & pbk 347 pages, 12 regular print, 1 LP, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr**

Set during World War II Europe, this novel is sobering without being sentimental. The tension builds as the alternating, parallel stories of Werner and Marie-Laure unfold, and their paths cross. I highly recommend this beautiful and compelling story. (hbk 531 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP, blue kit) [Read a sample](#)

***And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini**

Hosseini, the #1 "New York Times"-bestselling author of "The Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns," has written a new novel about how people love, how they take care of one another, and how choices resonate through generations. From Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos--the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page. (hbk 404 pages, 10 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Arrowood* by Laura McHugh (NEW)**

Arden Arrowood returns to the family home, a stately Second Empire mansion, after the death of her father. She is hoping to find some peace and possibly an answer to the decades old mystery of her twin sisters' kidnapping. Arden, at age 8, was the only witness to their disappearance, but memory is a tricky thing. The spooky old house, the setting on the Iowa side of the Mississippi River Bluffs, the small town atmosphere, a creepy caretaker, and many family secrets make this novel Un-put-down-able! (pbk 288 pages, 11 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin**

A story inspired by the marriage between Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh traces the romance between a handsome young aviator and a shy ambassador's daughter whose relationship is marked by wild international acclaim. (pbk 433 pages, 11 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King**

Long since retired, Sherlock Holmes is engaged in a reclusive study of honeybee behavior on the Sussex Downs. Under the master detective's instruction, 15-year-old Miss Mary Russell hones her talent for deduction, disguises, and danger in the chilling case of a landowner's mysterious fever, and in the kidnapping of an American senator's daughter in the wilds of Wales. But her ultimate challenge is yet to come. (pbk 346 pages, 10 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett**

When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people is thrown together, including American opera star Roxane Coss, and Mr. Hosokawa, a Japanese CEO and her biggest fan. (pbk 318 pages, 14 regular print & 1 LP, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez (NEW)**

When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a terrible injury, the Riveras leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. It's not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. (pbk 304 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

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***The Bookman's Tale* by Charlie Lovett**

Antiquarian book enthusiast Peter Byerly discovers an eighteenth-century study of Shakespeare forgeries that contains a Victorian portrait strongly resembling his late wife, a finding that sparks an obsessive search through the bard's historical period. (pbk 352 pages, 13 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Bachman**

Britt-Marie is a woman who is used to her life being organized. But when she leaves her cheating spouse and takes a temporary job as caretaker of the recreation center in the tiny town of Borg, her life changes in unpredictable ways. With its wonderful cast of oddball characters and sly sense of humor, this novel is sure to capture readers' hearts. (pbk 336 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka**

This novel tells the story of a group of young women brought over from Japan to San Francisco as 'picture brides' nearly a century ago. (pbk 129 pages, 10 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Clay's Quilt* by Silas House**

On a bone-chilling New Year's Day, when all the mountain roads are slick with ice, three-year-old Clay's mother, Anneth, insists on leaving her husband—a journey that ends in the death of Clay's mother. This is the story of how Clay Sizemore, a coal miner in love with his town but unsure of his place within it, finds a family to call his own. (pbk 320 pages, 10 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett**

The Cousins and the Keatings are two California families forever intertwined and permanently shattered by infidelity. Bert Cousins leaves his wife for Beverly Keating, leaving her to raise four children on her own. Beverly, with two children of her own, leaves her husband for Bert. The six children involved are forced to forge a childhood bond based on the combined disappointment in their parents. As adults, they find their families' stories revealed in a way they couldn't possibly expect. (pbk 464 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman**

Goodman weaves together the worlds of Silicon Valley and rare book collecting in a delicious novel about appetite, temptation, and fulfillment. Bi-coastal, surprising, rich in ideas and characters, *The Cookbook Collector* is a novel about getting and spending, and about the substitutions we make when we can't find what we're looking for. (pbk 405 pages, 11 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese**

Marion and Shiva Stone are twins born of a nun mother and surgeon father. Abandoned by both at birth, they grow up in a mission hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Throughout their life, love, betrayal, and medical miracles intersect their lives. (pbk 688 pages, 10 books & 1 CD in kit & 1 LP, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks**

John, a high school dropout, enlists in the Army not knowing what else to do with his life. While in the Army he meets Savannah, they fall in love and she awaits his return from the Army. After 9/11 John feels it's his duty to re-enlist. During their long separation Savannah falls in love and marries someone else. **MOVIE included.** (pbk 276 pages, 10 books in kit & DVD, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Death Comes to Pemberley* by P. D. James**

Elizabeth and Darcy have forged a peaceful, happy life for their family at Pemberley, Darcy's impressive estate. But on the eve of a ball, chaos descends. Lydia Wickham, Elizabeth's disgraced sister who, with her husband, has been barred from the estate, arrives in a hysterical state--shrieking that Wickham has been murdered. (pbk 291 pages, 10 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Dollbaby* by Laura Lane McNeal**

In this coming-of-age story set in the Civil Rights era, lbbby is dropped off at the home of her eccentric grandmother in New Orleans after the death of her beloved father. Filled with colorful characters, family secrets and lots of New Orleans tidbits. (pbk 352 pages, 13 books in kit, red box). [Read a sample](#)

***The Elephant Keeper* by Christopher Nicholson**

A sensitive boy suddenly becomes groom to Timothy and Jenny, the first pair of young elephants brought into England in the 1700s. This informative, engaging and moving book has clear insight into the impact of poverty, alienation and isolation that is as relevant today as it was then. (pbk 298 pages, 15 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

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***Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles (NEW)**

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery. (pbk 480 pages, 10 regular print, 1 large print) [Read a sample](#)

***Ghostwalk* by Rebecca Stott**

Filled with evocative descriptions of Cambridge, 17th-century glassmaking, and Newton's scientific innovations, "Ghostwalk" centers on a real historical mystery that Stott has uncovered involving Newton's alchemy. (pbk 349 pages, 10 books, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins**

A psychological thriller about a woman who becomes emotionally entangled in a murder investigation because of something she witnesses on her daily commute. **MOVIE included.** (hdbk 336 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee**

Returning home to Maycomb to visit her father, Jean Louise Finch "Scout" struggles with issues both personal and political, involving Atticus, society, and the small Alabama town that shaped her. Exploring how the characters from *To Kill a Mockingbird* are adjusting to the turbulent events transforming mid-1950s America, *Go Set a Watchman* casts a fascinating new light on Harper Lee's enduring classic. Moving, funny and compelling, it stands as a magnificent novel in its own right. (hdbk 288 pages, 14 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn**

When beautiful Amy Dunne disappears from her Missouri home, it looks as if her husband Nick is to blame. But though he protests his innocence, it's clear that he's not being entirely truthful. *Gone Girl* is not only the story of a disappearance, but a truly frightening glimpse of a souring marriage. **MOVIE included.** (hdbk & pbk 419 pages, 10 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian**

When the bachelor party her husband is hosting goes wrong, Kristin finds her life spiraling into a nightmare of accusations and betrayal while a girl hired to provide entertainment at the party flees for her life from gangsters. (hdbk 336 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The History of Love* by Nicola Krauss**

Set in contemporary New York City, old and young, past and present, loss and survival merge in this story of the connection between the elderly Polish retired locksmith Leo Gursky and the 14-year old half-orphan Alma Singer. (pbk 252 pages, 13 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Home to Harmony* by Philip Gulley**

Come home to Harmony, Indiana, a peaceful slice of small-town America, as Sam Gardner, Harmony-born and raised, begins his inaugural year as pastor to a new flock of old friends, family members, and outrageous eccentrics -- in this unforgettable place where earth-shattering events rarely occur, but small life-altering ones happen daily. (pbk 219 pages, 10 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi (NEW)**

Ghana, eighteenth century: two half-sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery. *Homegoing* follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. (pbk 320 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The House Girl* by Tara Conklin**

1852. Josephine Bell decides to run from the failing tobacco farm where she is a slave and nurse to her ailing mistress, the aspiring artist Lu Anne Bell. New York City, 2004. Are the iconic paintings long ascribed to Lu Anne Bell really the work of her house slave, Josephine? (pbk 372 pages, 11 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

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***The House We Grew Up In* by Lisa Jewell**

When their picture-perfect Cotswold village family life is shattered by a tragic Easter weekend, four siblings pursue separate adult lives before a reunion at their childhood home reveals astonishing truths. (pbk 416 pages, 15 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty**

Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret—something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive. . . .(hbk 394 pages, 15 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd**

Traces more than three decades in the lives of a wealthy Charleston debutante who longs to break free from the strictures of her household and pursue a meaningful life; and the urban slave, Handful, who is placed in her charge as a child before finding courage and a sense of self. (hbk 373 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***June* by Miranda Beverly-Whittemore (NEW)**

Twenty-five-year-old Cassie Danvers is holed up in her family's crumbling mansion in rural St. Jude, Ohio, mourning the loss of the woman who raised her—her grandmother, June. But a knock on the door forces her out of isolation. Cassie has been named the sole heir to legendary matinee idol Jack Montgomery's vast fortune. How did Jack Montgomery know her name? Could he have crossed paths with her grandmother all those years ago? What other shocking secrets could June's once-stately mansion hold? (pbk 432 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample.](#)

***The Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander**

Drawing from decades of work, travel, and research in Russia, Robert Alexander re-creates the tragic, perennially fascinating story of the final days of Nicholas and Alexandra as seen through the eyes of the Romanovs' young kitchen boy, Leonka. (pbk 229 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom**

Relates the story of seven-year-old Lavinia who is orphaned while on a ship from Ireland and ends up working as an indentured servant on a tobacco plantation. (pbk 384 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Land of Love and Drowning* by Yanique Tiphonie (NEW)**

In the early 1900s, the Virgin Islands are transferred from Danish to American rule, and an important ship sinks into the Caribbean Sea. Orphaned by the shipwreck are two sisters and their half-brother, now faced with an uncertain identity and future. Each of them is unusually beautiful, and each is in possession of a particular magic that will either sink or save them. (pbk 416 pages, 10 books in kit) [Read a sample](#)

***Life of Pi* by Yann Martel**

Martel won the Man Booker Prize for this story of sixteen-year-old Pi Patel and a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker, as they survive for seven months on a lifeboat following a shipwreck. **MOVIE included.** (pbk 352 pages, 12 books in kit & 1 DVD, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman**

After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper. After not having a child of her own, his wife Isabel hears a baby's cries in the wind. **Movie included.** (pbk 352 pages, 12 regular print & 1 LP & 1 DVD, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Lisette's List* by Susan Vreeland**

A young Parisian woman is exiled to Provence to take care of her husband's ailing grandfather during the Vichy regime, but discovers that despite the horrors of war, the paintings of Cezanne, Pissarro, Chagall, and Picasso bring to life the landscape around her and allow her once again to experience love. (pbk 448 pages, 16 copies in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Little Children* by Tom Perrotta**

A group of young suburban parents, including a stay-at-home dad, a former feminist, and an over-structured mom, finds its sleepy existence shattered when a convicted child molester moves back into town and two of the parents have an affair. (pbk 368 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

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***Long and Faraway Gone* by Lou Berney**

A lone survivor of a robbery shooting and the grieving sister of a missing girl forge a passionate relationship and obsessively search for answers when a suspect resurfaces 25 years later. (pbk 464 pages, 15 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* by Susan Gregg Gilmore**

For fans of Fannie Flagg and Sheri Reynolds, this witty and unforgettable debut novel tells of a young Southern girl caught between two worlds, and coming of age in the space between them. (pbk 298 pages, 11 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan**

In 1903, an attraction developed between Mamah Borthwick Cheney and the renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright. In time the clandestine lovers, each married with children, embarked on a course that would shock Chicago society and forever change their lives. (pbk 377 pages, 15 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Luckiest Girl Alive* by Jessica Knoll**

This debut novel follows a young woman striving to create the perfect life--husband, home, career--until a violent incident from her past threatens to unravel everything and expose her most shocking secret of all. (pbk 368 pages, 12 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear**

Maisie Dobbs isn't just any young housemaid. Through her own natural intelligence—and the patronage of her benevolent employers—she works her way into college at Cambridge. After the War, Maisie sets up on her own as a private investigator. But her very first assignment, seemingly an ordinary infidelity case, soon reveals a much deeper, darker web of secrets, which will force Maisie to revisit the horrors of the Great War and the love she left behind. (pbk 297 pages, 15 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson**

The Major leads a quiet life valuing the things that Englishmen have lived by for generations: honor, duty, decorum, and a properly brewed cup of tea. But his brother's death sparks a friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Can their relationship survive the risks of pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition? (pbk 355 pages, 15 regular print & 1 LP, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***March* by Geraldine Brooks**

From Louisa May Alcott's beloved classic **Little Women**, Geraldine Brooks has animated the character of the absent father, March, and crafted a story filled with the ache of love and marriage and with the power of war upon the mind and heart of one unforgettable man. Brooks follows March as he leaves behind his family to aid the Union cause in the Civil War. His experiences will utterly change his marriage and challenge his most ardently held beliefs. (pbk 304 pages, 15 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes**

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is. **Movie included.** (pbk 369 pages, 16 regular print & 1 LP & 1 DVD, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton** A dollhouse whose figures and furnishings foretell life events, mysterious notes, family secrets and the powerful guild and church of 1686 Amsterdam. All these elements combine for an engaging story of a young bride's struggle to be the 'architect of her own fortune.' (pbk 416 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English* by Natasha Solomans**

At the outset of World War II, Jack Rosenblum and his family escape Berlin for London. Jack embraces the welcome pamphlet instructing immigrants how to act like "the English." He acquires Saville Row suits and a Jaguar. He never speaks German, apart from the occasional curse. But one key item--membership in a golf club--remains elusive. So Jack hatches a wild idea: he'll build his own. (pbk 355 pages, 10 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***Neverhome* by Laird Hunt (NEW)**

She calls herself Ash, but that's not her real name. She is a farmer's faithful wife, but she has left her husband to don the uniform of a Union soldier in the Civil War. Through bloodshed and hysteria and heartbreak, she becomes a hero, a folk legend, a madwoman and a traitor to the American cause. This novel throws a light on the adventurous women who chose to fight instead of stay behind. It is also a mystery story: why did Ash leave and her husband stay? Why can she not return? What will she have to go through to make it back home? (pbk 272 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP) [Read a sample](#)

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***Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah**

Reunited when the elder's husband is sent to fight in World War II, French sisters Vianne and Isabelle find their bond as well as their respective beliefs tested by a world that changes in horrific ways. (hrdbk 440 pages, 11 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout**

Pulitzer Prize Winner. Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world at large, but she doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty. (pbk 286 pages, 17 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline**

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? This is the story of one of these children. (pbk 273 pages, 14 regular print & 1 LP, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure**

A Parisian architect is paid handsomely to devise secret hiding spaces for Jews in his Nazi-occupied country but struggles with risking his life for a cause he is ambivalent towards, until a personal failure brings home their suffering. (pbk 400 pages, 10 copies in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain**

Chicago, 1920: Hadley Richardson is a quiet twenty-eight-year-old who has all but given up on love and happiness—until she meets Ernest Hemingway. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for Paris, where they become the golden couple in a lively and volatile group—the fabled “Lost Generation”—that includes Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and F. Scott Fitzgerald. (pbk 352 pages, 12 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Plainsong* by Kent Haruf**

An extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelor ranchers. (pbk 320 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake**

The stories of a small Cape Cod postmistress and an American radio reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the United States entrance into World War II, a meeting that is shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter. (hdbk 326 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion**

Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially challenged professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. And so, in the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner. (pbk 295 pages, 11 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry**

Roseanne McNulty was one of the most beautiful girls in County Sligo, Ireland. Now as a patient at Roscommon Regional Mental Hospital she decides to record her life story. As Dr. Grene researches her case he discovers a document written by a local priest that tells a very different story of Roseanne's life than what she recalls. (pbk 300 pages, 18 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Shack* by William P. Young**

Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever. (pbk 248 pages, 16 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

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***The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani**

A breathtaking multigenerational love story that spans two continents, two World Wars, and the quest of two star-crossed lovers to find each other again. (pbk 475 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP, re box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert**

Alma Whittaker is the unattractive daughter of an adventurous botanist who had set out to be better than his father before him. Alma has inherited her father's love of botany, but lacks his sense of adventure. Alma spends most of her life in seclusion on the family estate, unmarried and alone. However, after a brief, unsatisfying marriage to a gifted artist, Alma sets out into the world in an attempt to understand her husband. (hbk 499 pages, 11 books in kit, blue box) [Read a sample](#)

***Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones**

Jones unveils a breathtaking story about a man's deception, a family's complicity, and two teenage girls caught in the middle, set in a middle-class neighborhood in Atlanta in the 1980s. (pbk 352 pages, 11 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Small, Great Things* by Jodi Picoult (NEW)**

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene? (hbk 480 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP) [Read a sample](#)

***Someone Else's Love Story* by Joshilyn Jackson**

At twenty-one, Shandi Pierce is juggling finishing college and raising her delightful three-year-old genius son Natty. She's got enough complications without getting caught in the middle of a stick-up in a gas station mini-mart and falling in love with a great wall of a man named William Ashe, who willingly steps between the armed robber and her son. (hbk 300 pages, 12 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Stella Bain* by Anita Shreve**

Suffering from shell shock and memory loss from her time spent as a nurse's aide on a French battlefield during World War I, American Stella Bain is taken in by London surgeon August Bridge and his wife. (hbk 265 pages, 11 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen**

Meet Rebecca Winter, a photographer whose work made her an unlikely heroine for many women. Her career is now descendent, her bank balance shaky, and she has fled the city for the middle of nowhere. There she discovers, in a tree stand with a roofer named Jim Bates, that what she sees through a camera lens is not all there is to life. (hbk 252 pages, 12 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Story Hour* by Thrity Umrigar**

As a psychologist, Maggie generally stays objective, but she offers free treatment in her own home to a young Indian woman named Lakshmi who has tried to kill herself, recognizing that what Lakshmi really needs is a friend. With friendship, though, come revelations of deeply held secrets that shake both of them, creating some tough and looming choices. (hbk 336 pages, 10 books in kit, plastic box) [Read a sample](#)

***The Story of Land and Sea* by Katy Simpson Smith (NEW)**

Set in a small coastal town in North Carolina during the waning years of the American Revolution, story follows three generations of family. Drawn to the ocean, ten-year-old Tabitha wanders the marshes of her small coastal village and listens to her father's stories about his pirate voyages and the mother she never knew. Since the loss of his wife Helen, John has remained land-bound for their daughter, but when Tab contracts yellow fever, he turns to the sea once more. Years before, Helen herself was raised by a widowed father. Asa, the devout owner of a small plantation, gives his daughter a young slave named Moll for her tenth birthday. Left largely on their own, Helen and Moll develop a close but uneasy companionship. (pbk 272 pages, 10 regular print & 1 LP) [Read a sample](#)

***The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by C. Alan Bradley**

It is the summer of 1950, and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events. For Flavia, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw. (pbk 385 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

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***Sycamore: a novel* by Bryn Chancellor (NEW)**

Out for a hike one scorching afternoon in Sycamore, Arizona, a newcomer to town stumbles across what appear to be human remains embedded in the wall of a dry desert ravine. Sycamore's longtime residents fear the bones may belong to Jess Winters, the teenage girl who disappeared suddenly some eighteen years earlier, an unsolved mystery that has soaked into the porous rock of the town and haunted it ever since. (pbk 336 pages, 10 books in kit, red box) [Read a sample](#)

***Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt**

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