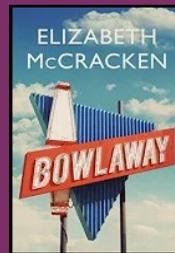


Bowlaway

by *Elizabeth McCracken* ROBERTA'S PICK
(Fiction MCCRACKEN)

It begins with the discovery of a female body at a local cemetery in an early 1900s New England town and spans about three generations of an unconventional family who own and operate a candlepin bowling alley.



The Silent Patient

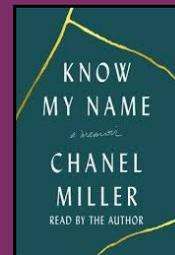
by *Alex Michaelides* CARA'S PICK
(Fiction MICHAELIDES)

Theo Faber is a criminal psychotherapist who has waited a long time for the opportunity to work with Alicia. His determination to get her to talk and unravel the mystery of why she shot her husband takes him down a twisting path in the search for the truth.

Know My Name: a memoir

By *Chanel Miller* THERESA C.'S PICK
(Biography MILLER)

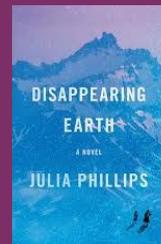
Know My Name will forever transform the way we think about sexual assault. It also introduces readers to an extraordinary writer, one whose words have already changed our world. Entwining pain, resilience, and humor, this memoir will stand as a modern classic



Disappearing Earth

by *Julia Phillips* LARISSA'S PICK
(Fiction PHILLIPS)

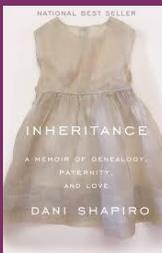
In the opening chapter of Phillips's exceptional and suspenseful debut, two sisters—Sofia, 8, and Alyona, 11—vanish from a beach on the Kamchatka Peninsula in northeastern Russia, and their disappearance sends ripples throughout the close-knit community.



Inheritance: a memoir of genealogy, paternity and love

By *Dani Shapiro* JIN'S PICK
(Biography SHAPIRO)

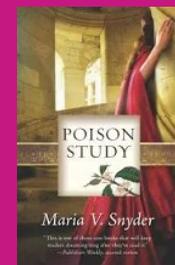
In this fascinating memoir, Shapiro writes of how she questioned her identity when a DNA test revealed that she was not, as she believed she was, 100% Jewish. Shapiro grew up in an Orthodox family in suburban New Jersey; blonde-haired and blue-eyed, she often felt out of place in a family of dark-haired Ashkenazi Jews.



Poison Study

by *Maria V. Snyder* ROSA'S PICK
(Fiction SNYDER)

Convicted of murdering a general's son, Yelena faces death by hanging until she is offered a reprieve by Valek, the commander of Ixia's chief of security. He will spare her life if she will become his poison taster. The first in a series, this will keep readers dreaming long after they've read it.



Olive Again

by *Elizabeth Strout* VICTORIA'S PICK
(Fiction STROUT)

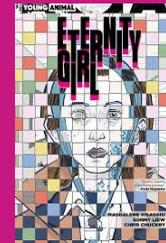
Here is Olive, strangely content in her second marriage, still in an evolving relationship with her son and his family, encountering a cast of memorable characters in the seaside town of Crosby, Maine. The irascible Olive improbably touches the lives of others.



Eternity Girl

by *Magdalene Visaggio* ELIAS' PICK
(Graphic Novel VISAGGIO)

From writer Magdalene Visaggio and artist Sonny Liew comes the all-new series *Eternity Girl*. Caroline Sharp has been a lot of things, including both a superhero and a super-spy. But when Caroline finds herself unfulfilled and depressed, she is given a choice to end her eternal life.



Young Jane Young

by *Gabrielle Zevin* CARA'S PICK
(Fiction ZEVIN)

Aviva Grossman, an ambitious Congressional intern in Florida makes the life-changing mistake of having an affair with her boss who is beloved, admired, successful, very married, and blogging about it. When the affair comes to light, the Congressman doesn't take the fall, but Aviva does,



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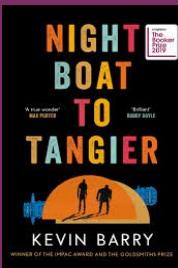
Staff Picks

Winter 2020

Night Boat to Tangier

by *Kevin Barry* LORRI'S PICK
(Fiction BARRY)

In the dark ferry terminal in a sketchy Spanish port, two aging, drug-smuggling partners sit, expecting Maurice's estranged daughter. This nocturnal vigil initiates a journey back in time full of violence, romance, and betrayals in Barry's striking new novel.



The New Me

by *Halle Butler* CARA'S PICK
(Fiction BUTLER)

30-year-old Millie's life is deeply stagnant. Besides her temp position, she has one awful friend named Sarah, little to no social life, and a deep dependency on the crime show *Forensic Files*, which she watches nightly. Butler's darkly hilarious novel vividly captures contemporary American life and will keep readers addicted to the end.

The Last Queen

by *C.W. Gortner* CARA'S PICK
(Fiction GORTNER)

Growing up in Spain, Juana of Castile was never expected to become queen. But when Juana's family died out, she was left as the last living heir to the Spanish throne. Her husband was greedy for power, their marriage deteriorated, and so allegedly did Juana's grip on reality. This historical novel is well researched and passionately written.



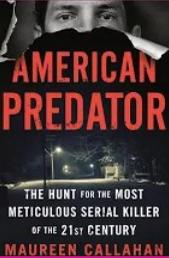
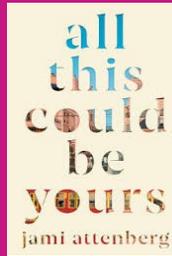
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ALL This Could Be Yours

by **Jamie Attenberg** LORRI'S PICK
(Fiction ATTENBERG)

Mostly set on a single, stifling August day in New Orleans, following the heart attack of 73-year-old Victor Tuchman, Attenberg writes of the considerable, lasting damage a toxic man can inflict on his family and how they cope.



American Predator

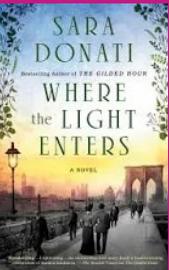
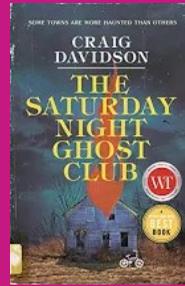
by **Maureen Callahan** BRITTIN'S PICK
(Biography KEYES)

NY Post journalist Callahan offers a riveting, account of a highly intelligent serial killer who skillfully evaded capture for years. Israel Keyes, who planned an unspecified, horrific terrorist act, was arrested in 2012 in Texas. Gripping and superbly researched.

The Saturday Night Ghost Club: a novel

by **Craig Davidson** ASHLEY'S PICK
(Fiction DAVIDSON)

A short, irresistible, and bittersweet coming-of-age story in the vein of *Stranger Things* and *Stand by Me* about a group of misfit kids who spend an unforgettable summer investigating local ghost stories and urban legends.



Where the Light Enters

by **Sara Donati** SARAH'S PICK
(Fiction DONATI)

Donati's saga of a New York family in the 1880s, with its exquisitely realized characters, will inspire repeated readings. Taking up the story begun in *The Gilded Hour* (2015), Donati extends the experiences of the Savard cousins, Anna and Sophie, both physicians, and the diverse individuals who become their family, ratcheting up the suspense.

The Night Witches

by **Garth Ennis** LARISSA'S PICK
(Graphic Fiction ENNIS)

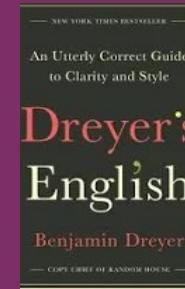
As the German Army smashes deep into Soviet Russia and the defenders of the Motherland retreat in disarray, a new squadron arrives at a Russian airbase. Like all night bomber units, they will risk fiery death flying obsolete biplanes against the invader--but unlike the rest, these pilots and navigators are women.



Dreyer's English: an utterly correct guide to clarity and style

by **Benjamin Dreyer** JIN'S PICK
(Non-Fiction 808.02 DRE)

Dreyer, copy chief at Random House, presents a splendid book that is part manual, part memoir, and chockfull of suggestions for tightening and clarifying prose. Dreyer's most effective material comprises his recollections of working with authors, including Richard Russo.



The Hunting Party: a novel

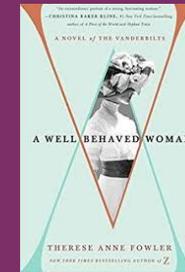
by **Lucy Foley** LORRI'S PICK
(Fiction FOLEY)

A group of thirty-something Oxford friends celebrate New Year's Eve in the Scottish Highlands as a historic blizzard hits, trapping and isolating them, only to discover one of them is a murderer.

A Well-Behaved Woman: a novel of the Vanderbilts

by **Therese Fowler** VICTORIA H.'S PICK
(Fiction FOWLER)

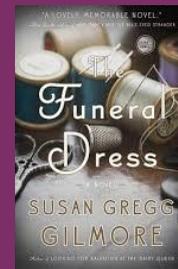
Alva Smith, her southern family destitute after the Civil War, married into one of America's great Gilded Age dynasties: the newly wealthy but socially shunned Vanderbilts. Alva defied convention for women of her time, asserting power within her marriage and becoming a leader in the women's suffrage movement.



The Funeral Dress

by **Susan Gregg Gilmore** LISA'S PICK
(Fiction GILMORE)

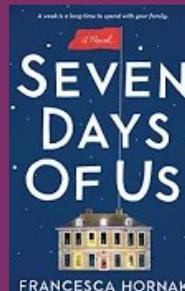
A young woman in Appalachia battles poverty, discrimination and her own insecurity in this moving and memorable third novel from Gilmore. When 16-year-old Emmalee Bullard lands a job as a collar maker in a textile mill in 1974, she finally finds the camaraderie she has longed for.



Seven Days of Us: a novel

by **Francesca Hornak** ROBERTA'S PICK
(Fiction HORNAK)

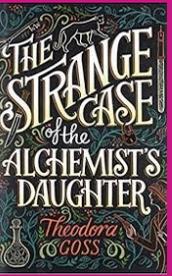
Hornak's smart, delightfully funny, page-turning debut is about the posh, dysfunctional Birch Family in quarantine over the Christmas holiday at their country home in Norfolk, England, since doctor Olivia has returned from treating an epidemic.



The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter

by **Theodora Goss** ROSA'S PICK
(Fiction GOSS)

Five young women in Victorian London solve a serial-murder case, uncover a secret scientific society, and form a new family in Goss' charming genre hybrid. The novel twist? They are daughters of classic literature's mad scientists as well as products of their unorthodox experiments.



What the Wind Knows

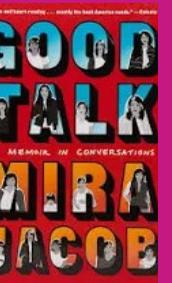
by **Amy Harmon** LISA'S PICK
(Fiction HARMON)

Anne Gallagher grew up enchanted by her grandfather's stories of Ireland. Heartbroken at his death, she travels to his childhood home to spread his ashes. There, overcome with memories of the man she adored and consumed by a history she never knew, she is pulled into another time.

Good Talk: a memoir in conversations

by **Mira Jacob** LARISSA'S PICK
(Graphic Fiction JACOB)

Snippets of dialogue between Jacob and her family and friends form the basis of this breezy but poignant graphic memoir that takes on racism, love, and the election of President Trump. Jacob effectively conveys how the 2016 election impacted LGBTQ folks and people of color.



Ask Again Yes

by **Mary Beth Keane** JIN'S PICK
(Fiction KEANE)

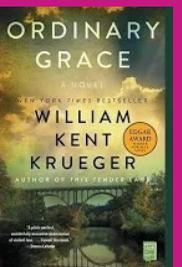
In her thoughtful, compassionate latest, Keane traces two families' shared history over the course of four decades. When Brian Stanhope and Francis Gleeson meet in 1973, they forge the kind of quick, close-knit friendship that can arise from shared trials -in their case, the pressures of being rookie cops in a tough Bronx precinct.



Ordinary Grace

by **William Kent Krueger** PAT'S PICK
(Fiction KRUEGER)

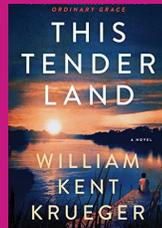
Narrating the story 40 years after the events unfold, Frank recalls the five deaths that occurred that summer that scarred many, especially his family. A touching coming-of-age story with a hint of mystery.



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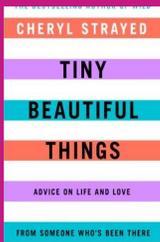
This Tender Land William Kent Krueger (Bccls, Overdrive)

The acclaimed author of *Ordinary Grace* crafts a powerful novel about an orphan's life-changing adventure traveling down America's great rivers during the Great Depression, seeking both a place to call home and a sense of purpose in a world sinking into despair.



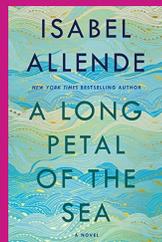
Tiny Beautiful Things Cheryl Strayed (Bccls, Overdrive)

This bestselling book from the author of *Wild* collects the best of The Rumpus's "Dear Sugar" advice columns plus never-before-published pieces. Rich with humor, insight, compassion—and absolute honesty—this book is a balm for everything life throws our way.



A Long Petal of the Sea Isabel Allende (Bccls, Overdrive)

This epic novel, spanning decades and crossing continents, follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home. Resolute, realistic Roser pursues a musical career in Chile while Victor remains melancholy and nostalgic for his homeland.

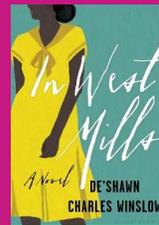


Cleopatra's Shadows Emily Holleman (Bccls)

Page-turning historical fiction that reimagines the beginnings of Cleopatra's epic saga through the eyes of her younger sister Arsinoe. Abandoned by her beloved Cleopatra and an indifferent father, young Arsinoe must fight for her survival in the blood-thirsty royal court.

The Color of Magic Terry Pratchett (Bccls, Overdrive, Hoopla)

The Color of Magic is Terry Pratchett's maiden voyage through the now-legendary land of Discworld. This is where it all begins—with the tourist Twoflower and his wizard guide, Rincewind. Pratchett's profoundly irreverent novels are consistent number one bestsellers in England.



In West Mills De'Shawn Charles Winslow (Bccls)

A woman lives by her own rules and her rural community struggles to understand her, Azalea "Knot" Centre is determined to live life as she pleases: cheap moonshine, nineteenth-century literature, and the company of men.

Belgravia Julian Fellowes (Bccls, Overdrive, Hoopla)

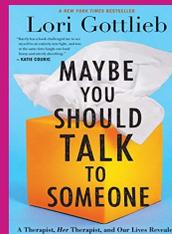
A bestselling novel about scandalous secrets and star-crossed lovers. On the evening of 15 June 1815, the great and the good of British society have gathered in Brussels at what is to become one of the most tragic parties in history - the Duchess of Richmond's ball. For this is the eve of the Battle of Waterloo.



Maybe You Should Talk to Someone

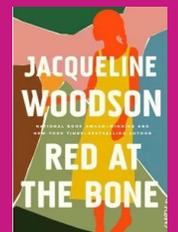
Lori Gottlieb (Bccls, Overdrive)

From a New York Times best-selling author, psychotherapist, and advice columnist, a hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprising new book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world—where her patients are looking for answers and so is she.



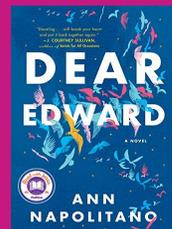
Red at the Bone Jacqueline Woodson (Bccls, Overdrive)

Woodson's beautifully imagined novel explores the ways an unplanned pregnancy changes two families. The narrative opens in 2001, at the coming-of-age party that 16-year-old Melody's grandparents host for her at their Brooklyn brownstone. This is a wise, powerful, and compassionate novel.



Dear Edward Anne Napolitano (Bccls, Overdrive)

A 12-year-old lone survivor of a plane crash investigates the stories of his less-fortunate fellow passengers before making a profound discovery about his life purpose. A dazzling novel that will break your heart and put it back together again.



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The Margot Affair

Sanae Lemoine

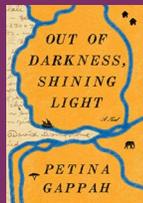
Margot, the secret daughter of a French politician and a famous actress drops the startling revelation that will shatter her family in this beguiling novel of intrigue. Her father, though loving and kind, visits Margot sporadically, but Margot idealizes him.



Out of Darkness, Shining Light

Petina Gappah

Narrated by Halima, Dr. David Livingstone's cook, and Jacob Wainwright, a pious freed slave, this historical fiction tells the story of carrying Livingstone's remains out of Africa, the hypocrisy of slavery and colonization and acts of loyalty and love.



Staff Picks September 2020

Dear Girls

Ali Wong

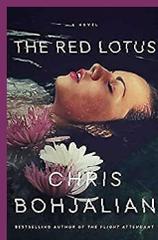
Ali Wong's heartfelt and hilarious letters to her daughters cover everything they need to know in life, like the unpleasant details of dating, how to be a working mom in a male-dominated profession, and how she trapped their dad.



The Red Lotus

Chris Bohjalian

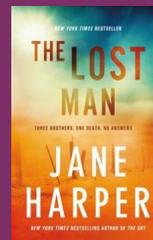
From the NY Times bestselling author comes a twisting thriller of love and deceit. An American vanishes from a rural road in Vietnam and his girlfriend, an ER doctor, follows a path that leads her to the very hospital where they first met.



The Lost Man

Jane Harper

When the third brother is found dead, the Bright family is thrown into grief and anguish as two brothers meet for the first time in months at the border of their vast cattle properties, under the unrelenting sun of the Australian outback.



Eight Master Lessons of Nature

Gary Ferguson

Ferguson presents a fascinating exploration into how many of the most remarkable aspects of nature hold powerful clues about how to better navigate daily life.



The Farm

Joanne Ramos

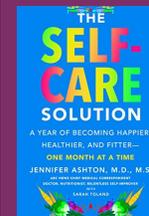
A luxury retreat boasts every amenity: organic meals, private fitness trainers, and you're paid big money to stay here. The catch? For nine months, you cannot leave while you dedicate yourself to the task of producing the perfect baby.



The Self-Care Solution

Dr. Jennifer Ashton

Dr. Ashton uses her own experiences to help you improve your health and enhance your life. Ashton becomes both researcher and subject as she focuses on twelve separate challenges, beginning with a new area of focus each month.



American Dirt

Jeanine Cummins

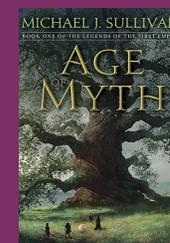
This terrifying and tender novel is a blunt answer to the question of why immigrants from Latin America cross the U.S. border and a testimony to the courage it takes to do it. Lydia's and Luca's journey is breathtaking.



Age of Myth

Michael Sullivan

In the land of the Rhune, trees can tell the future and the gods are beyond reproach. But when Raithe's father is slain, he does the unthinkable -- he kills a god, raising the question of the gods' immortality.



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I'll Be Gone in the Dark

Michelle McNamara
(Bccls, Overdrive, Hoopla)



McNamara tells both the nightmarish story of the Golden State Killer and her own story of true-crime addiction. Growing up, McNamara

became obsessed with unsolved murders after a young woman was murdered near her home.

Marguerite: a novel

Marina Kemp
(Bccls)

Marguerite Demers leaves Paris for a sleepy French village to take a job as a live-in nurse for Jerome Lanvier--once one of the most powerful men in the village. In this haunting novel, Marguerite forms an unlikely connection with Lanvier.



Long Bright River

Liz Moore
(Bccls, Overdrive)

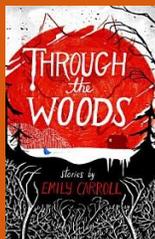


A suspense novel that looks at a Philadelphia family and the relationship between two sisters—one, suffering from addiction, who has suddenly gone missing, and the other, a police officer who patrols the neighborhood.

Through the Woods

Emily Carroll
(Bccls)

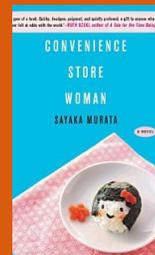
A spooky collection of fairy tales gone seriously wrong, where you can travel to "Our Neighbor's House", though coming back might be a problem, or find yourself a young bride in a house that holds a terrible secret.



Convenience Store Woman

Sayaka Murata
(Bccls, Overdrive, Hoopla)

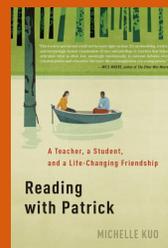
Keiko's parents always worried how she would do in the real world. Murata provides a sharp look at Japanese society and the pressure to conform, and provides a fresh, charming portrait of an unforgettable heroine.



Reading with Patrick

Michelle Kuo
(Bccls, Overdrive)

Addressing education, race,



poverty and criminal justice, this is a memoir of the life-changing friendship between an idealistic young teacher and her gifted student, jailed for murder in the Mississippi Delta.

How To Love a Jamaican

Alexandra Arthurs
(Bccls, Overdrive)

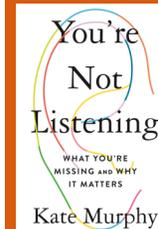
Sweeping from close-knit island communities to the streets of New York City and mid-western university towns, these eleven short stories form a portrait of a nation, a people, and a way of life.



You're Not Listening

Kate Murphy
(Bccls, Overdrive)

How well we listen determines how we love, learn, and connect with one another, and in this moment when we need to hear and be heard more than ever, this thought-provoking and engaging book shows us how.



The Vanishing Half

Brit Bennett
(Bccls, Overdrive)

Inseparable identical twin sisters ditch home together, and then one decides to vanish. Bennett fuels her fiction with secrets in the story of the Vignes sisters, light-skinned women parked on opposite sides of the color line.



The Last Year of the War

Susan Meissner
(Bccls, Overdrive)

A German-American girl becomes best friends with a Japanese-American girl in a Texas internment camp during WWII, and loses touch until decades later. Meissner shows how fear and hatred changed the lives of innocent Americans.



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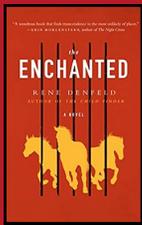
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The Enchanted

Rene Denfeld
(Bccls, Overdrive, Hoopla)

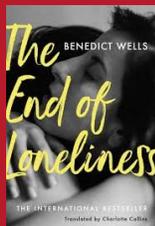


The enchanted place is an ancient stone prison, viewed through the eyes of a death row inmate who finds escape in his books and in re-imagining life around him while a female investigator tries to save those soon-to-be-executed.

The End of Loneliness

Benedict Wells
(Bccls, Overdrive)

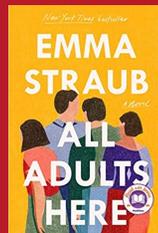
At eleven years old, Jules Moreau loses his parents in a tragic accident, and in an instant, his childhood is shattered. A heartfelt family saga, as well as a deeply felt meditation on the power of memory.



All Adults Here

Emma Straub
(Bccls, Overdrive)

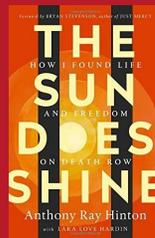
A warm, funny, and keenly perceptive novel about the lifecycle of one family- the kids become parents, grandchildren become teenagers, and a matriarch confronts the legacy of her mistakes.



The Sun Does Shine

Anthony Ray Hinton
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A powerful, revealing story of hope, love, justice, and the power of reading by a man who spent thirty years on death row for a crime he didn't commit. A heartwarming story that restores our faith in the inherent goodness of humanity.



Oona Out of Order

Margarita Montimore
(Bccls, Overdrive)

The saying "wise beyond their years" becomes all too real when an unexplained event causes a Brooklyn teen to begin living her life in random order. An inventive novel that explores what it means to live fully in the moment.



Stay With Me

Ayobami Adebayo
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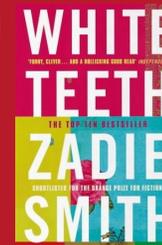


A couple struggles with fertility and fidelity as Nigeria falls apart around them. Yejide is furious when her husband, Akin, brings a second wife home to their house, pressured to conceive a son.

White Teeth

Zadie Smith
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White Teeth is a multigenerational, multiethnic, somewhat zany novel set in London and spanning more than 25 years, presenting the combined story of the Jones and Iqbal families.



The Book of Longings

Sue Monk Kidd
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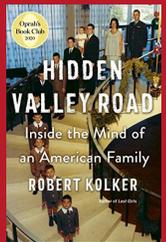


In Kidd's feminist take on the New Testament, Jesus has a wife, Ana, who demonstrates an exceptional aptitude for writing, and Matthias indulges her with reed pens, papyri, and other "office supplies".

Hidden Valley Road

Robert Kolker
(Bccls, Overdrive)

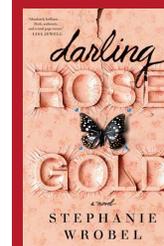
Kolker recounts with intelligence and empathy, how, during the 1970s, six of the Galvin children were diagnosed as schizophrenic, and how they became science's great hope in the quest to understand the disease.



Darling Rose Gold

Stephanie Wrobel
(Bccls, Overdrive)

Wrobel peels back layers of mother-daughter relationships. For the first eighteen years of her life, Rose Gold Watts believed she was seriously ill. Turns out her mom, Patty Watts, was just a really good liar.



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Me, Elton John

Elton John
(Bccls, Overdrive)

In his first and only official autobiography, music icon Elton John reveals the truth about his extraordinary life, from his rollercoaster lifestyle as shown in the film *Rocketman*, to becoming a living legend.



The InSTITUTE

Stephen King
(Bccls, Overdrive)

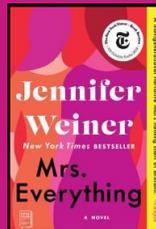
After a murderous home intruder, Luke wakes up at The Institute in a room that looks just like his own, except there's no window. Outside his door are other doors, behind which are other kids with special talents.



Mrs. Everything: a novel

Jennifer Weiner
(Bccls, Overdrive)

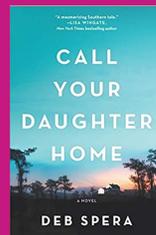
Jo and Bethie Kaufman may be sisters, but they don't have much else in common. A thoughtful, and timely exploration of two sisters' lives from the 1950s to the present as they struggle to find their places in a rapidly evolving world.



Call Your Daughter Home

Deb Spera
(Bccls, Overdrive, Hoopla)

Spera's tale centers around three women whose fortunes are linked with the Cole plantation in rural South Carolina, 1924, after devastation from a boll weevil infestation.



Sounds Like Titanic Jessica Chiccehitto Hindman (Bccls, Hoopla)

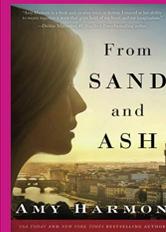
Violinist Hindman lands a job with a professional ensemble in NYC and imagines she has achieved her lifelong dream. But the ensemble proves to be a sham. Hindman spirals into crises of identity and disillusionment in this biography.



From Sand and Ash

Amy Harmon
(Bccls)

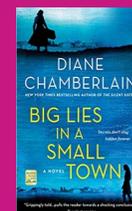
When Angelo's mother dies, Angelo, age 11, is sent to Italy to live with grandparents and befriends Jewish Eva Roselli. Angelo matures, becomes a priest, and when Germany occupies Italy, he risks his life to hide Eva.



Big Lies in a Small Town

Diane Chamberlain
(Bccls, Overdrive)

Taking the fall for a crime she did not commit, Morgan is serving a three-year stint in a Women's Correctional Center. A mysterious visitor makes her an offer that will see her released immediately.



Parisian Lives Deirdre Bair (Bccls, Overdrive)

Award-winning biographer Deirdre Bair explores 15 remarkable years in Paris with Samuel Beckett and Simone de Beauvoir, painting intimate new portraits of two literary giants and revealing secrets of the biographical art.



The Two Lives of Lydia Bird

Josie Silver
(Bccls, Overdrive)

Lydia loses her partner in a horrific car accident and must piece together her life, while dreaming about an alternate reality of what life would have been like had he not died. A love story and meditation on healing after loss.



I Capture the Castle

Dodie Smith
(Bccls, Overdrive)

Cassandra Mortmain chronicles what happens to her eccentric English family when a young American man inherits the local estate. Smith's novel is as witty and adventuresome as it was when published nearly fifty years ago.

