

The Rope Walk

by Carrie Brown DEBORAH'S PICKS (Fiction)

The Rope Walk addresses tolerance and understanding in the dazzling story of a pivotal summer in the life of Alice, a redheaded tomboy and motherless girl who is beloved and protected by her five older brothers and her widower father, a professor of Shakespeare.

The Space Between Us

by Thrity Umrigar ROBIN'S PICK (Fiction)

Set in modern-day India, the story of two women and how the strong bonds of womanhood are eternally opposed by the divisions of class and culture. A great companion to "The Help", by Stockett.

Ties That Bind

by Sarah Schulman DEBORAH'S PICK (Non-Fiction)

Schulman, a playwright, novelist, activist, and social critic, considers the nature and consequences of familial homophobia, how homophobia originates with the family, and how this enables it in other relationships and society in general.

Traffic, why we drive the way we do (and what it says about us)

by Tom Vanderbilt MARGARET'S PICK (Non-Fiction)

Tom Vanderbilt takes a fascinating tour through the mysteries of the road. Based on exhaustive research and interviews, Vanderbilt gets under the hood of the everyday activity of driving to uncover the surprisingly complex web of physical, psychological, and technical factors that explain how traffic works, why we drive the way we do, and what our driving says about us.

Welcome to the World, Baby Girl

by Fannie Flagg BARBARA'S PICK (Fiction)

With its colloquial style, focus on family problems, and small-town setting, this novel won't disappoint fans. Flagg's heroine here is a brainy, beautiful, and ambitious rising star of 1970s television. Dena Nordstrom, pride of the network, is a woman whose future is full of promise, her present rich with complications, and her past marked by mystery.

The Yankee Years

by Joe Torre MARGARET'S PICK (Non-Fiction)

This is a thoughtful, utterly honest, and gripping behind-the-scenes look at the Yankees' organization from Joe Torre, the most successful--and most respected--baseball manager of the modern era.

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32 Candles

by Ernessa Carter ALEXA'S PICK (Fiction)

A Booklist *Starred Review*. A clever romantic comedy, with memorable characters, in which an ugly duckling becomes the swan she always dreamed of and gets the prince--but will she be able to keep him? Carter's captivating debut follows Davie Jones, an African American girl growing up in the 1980s in the small town of Glass, Mississippi who stops speaking and takes refuge in the movies of Molly Ringwald.

The Ask

by Sam Lipsyte CHRIS' PICK (Fiction)

A Booklist *Starred Review*. Lipsyte's third novel, a darkly humorous story of sons and fathers, is his most realistic and hilarious to date. Grasping odd jobs to support his wife and child, university fundraiser Milo Burke is offered one last chance by his former employer: he must reel in a potential donor--a major ask--who turns out to be Milo's sinister college classmate.

The Ballad of Frankie Silver,

by Sharyn McCrumb DANI'S PICK (Mystery)

McCrumb's popular series of mysteries based on Appalachian history continues with this compelling saga of parallel murder cases, one drawn from real life, the other fictional: the story of Frankie Silver, the first woman in North Carolina to be hanged for murder, and "Fate" Harkryder, convicted of murdering two college students on the Appalachian Trail decades ago. A poignant melding of history, Appalachian folklore, and human emotion.

Barchester Towers

by Anthony Trollope NANCY H.'S PICK (Fiction)

In this second Barchester novel of 19th Century England, Trollope creates entertaining characters. Romance thickens the plot as the novel transforms the story of a fight for ascendancy among the clergy and dependants of a great English cathedral into something fundamental and universal.

The Camel Bookmobile

by Masha Hamilton PAT P.'S PICK (Fiction)

Yes, there really is a Camel Bookmobile, which provided inspiration for Hamilton to compose a celebration of the power of the written word. When Fiona, a 36-year-old librarian from Brooklyn, decides she'll do her bit for humanity by bringing books to remotest Kenya, she doesn't know that she will cause a tribe to start feuding.

Clan of the Cave Bear

by Jean Auel PAT P.'S PICK (Fiction)

Auel's first novel in the Earth's Children series is a compellingly readable saga of human survival with complex characters who experience a full range of human emotions. Ayla, an orphaned child, finds refuge with a tribe of prehistoric humans who regard her as an oddity rather than as a step up the evolutionary ladder. (The 6th & final book in this series will be out this Spring.)

Eat Cake

by Jeanne Ray BARBARA'S PICK (Fiction)

Ruth, a Minneapolis wife and mother, bakes to relax the way others do yoga. And it's a good thing she does, because a house full of cantankerous family members seriously challenges her ability to remain serene in this fluffy, enjoyable third novel by Ray.

Elegance of the Hedgehog

by Muriel Barbery MARCIA'S PICK (Fiction)

In a bourgeois apartment building in Paris, we encounter Renée, an intelligent, philosophical, and cultured concierge, and Paloma, the adolescent daughter of a parliamentarian, who has decided to commit suicide on her thirteenth birthday because she cannot bear to live among the rich. A Japanese businessman moves in and brings the two characters together.

Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

by Alfred Lansing PEGGY'S PICK (Non-Fiction)

In 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton set sail with 27 men on his ship The Endurance, to be the first expedition to cross the Antarctic continent. Marooned on ice, in over 8,000 feet deep water, Shackleton and his crew survived some 635 days and nights.

Fall on Your Knees

by Ann-Marie McDonald DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

This is a richly layered tale of the secrets within several generations of a Canadian family. Both feverishly intense and darkly humorous, the drama of the Piper family emerges amidst a backdrop of racial tension and social change in Canada during the first half of the 20th century.

Gift of Rain

by Tan Twan Eng DEBORAH'S PICK (Historical Fiction)

An epic novel nominated for the Man Booker Prize, this debut tells the story of a young man's journey through the betrayals of war and into manhood. Written in lush, prose, the novel spans decades as it takes readers from the final days of the Chinese emperors to the dying era of the British Empire, and through the mystical temples, bustling cities, and forbidding rain forests of Malaya.

Homer and Langley

by E.L. Doctorow PEGGY'S PICK (Biographical Fiction)

A Booklist *Starred Review*. A tale of New York's fabled siblings Homer and Langley Collyer, who observed the early 20th century from inside their Fifth Avenue mansion, surrounded by newspapers and debris they could not bring themselves to throw away. Doctorow's rich imagining of the brothers' inner lives to explain their hoarding and agoraphobia will mesmerize audiences,

Inn at Lake Devine

by Elinor Lipman DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

Lipman celebrates romance grounded in the real world as she wittily details love's rout of prejudice by two young couples. Natalie Marx is the Jewish narrator of this good-humored tale of lovers of different faiths in the early 1960's who manage to be accepted by their initially not-so-happy parents.

Into Thin Air : a personal account of the Mount Everest disaster

by Jon Krakauer PEGGY'S PICK (Non-Fiction)

The author describes his spring 1996 trek to Mt. Everest, a disastrous expedition that claimed the lives of eight climbers, and explains why he survived.

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson MARCIA'S PICK (Fiction)

From these pages come sharply observed domestic comedy, late-life romance, and culture clash. Major Ernest Pettigrew leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village.

Moon Tiger

by Penelope Lively ROBERTA'S PICK (Historical Fiction)

Winner of The Booker Prize. Claudia Hampton is dying and is also writing her last book - a history of the world. Elegant and sexy when younger, she has lived an independent life working as a war correspondent in Egypt during World War. She recalls her memorable past in rich descriptions.

On the Water: discovering America in a rowboat

by Nathaniel Stone MARGARET'S PICK (Non-Fiction)

Here's a real treat for fans of travel writing. As a child, the author had imagined what it would be like to set out in a small boat and follow the U.S. waterways. As an adult he did just that; from the Hudson River, to the Erie Canal, to Ohio, to the Mississippi, across the Gulf and back up along the coastline to Maine. It was a 6,000-mile, 10-month journey.

The Passage

by Justin Cronin AISHA'S PICK (Science Fiction)

A security breach at a secret U.S. government facility unleashes the monstrous product of a chilling military experiment that only a six-year-old orphan can stop. Cronin has written both a suspenseful adventure and an epic chronicle of human endurance in the face of unprecedented catastrophe and unimaginable danger.

Rose in a Storm

by Jon Katz EILEEN'S PICK (Fiction)

From bestselling author Jon Katz comes a moving novel, the first one inspired by life on his celebrated Bedlam Farm-and perceptively told from the point of view of Rose, a dedicated working dog. When an epic blizzard hits, it will take all of Rose's resourcefulness to help Sam save the farm.

A Secret Kept

by Tatiana de Rosnay ROBERTA'S PICK (Fiction)

The delayed resolution of a French family's mystery electrifies de Rosnay's glimpse at the crushing cost of keeping secrets. Parisian architect Antoine Rey and his sister Melanie celebrate her 40th birthday on the island where they vacationed as children with their mother, until she died there in 1974.

A Single Man

by Christopher Isherwood LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

George is adjusting to life on his own after the sudden death of his partner, and determines to persist in the routines of his daily life. *A Single Man* catches the texture of life as it spans twenty-four hours in an ordinary day, revealing a man who loves being alive despite everyday injustices and loneliness.

Soul of a Dog

by Jon Katz EILEEN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 636.7 KAT)

Do animals have souls? Some of our greatest thinkers- Aristotle, Plato, and countless animal lovers have been obsessed with this question for thousands of years. Katz looks for an answer and finds even more questions as he recounts the stories of the residents of his celebrated Bedlam Farm.

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

by Alan Bradley ROBERTA'S PICK (Fiction)

**Starred Review, Booklist.* Flavia, an 11-year-old with a chemistry lab, finds a corpse in a cucumber patch and applies the detective skills she learned plotting against her older sisters. This delightful debut mystery won the 2007 Canadian Crime Writer Association's Debut Dagger Award.

True Compass

by Ted Kennedy MARGARET'S PICK (Biography)

Edward M. Kennedy is the patriarch of one of America's most heralded families. In this landmark autobiography, Senator Kennedy speaks with unprecedented candor about his extraordinary life.

Women's Place in New Jersey History

by Deborah M. Kelly and Ellen F. Schultz MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 305.4 KEL)

A look at political, social, economic, and cultural ideas through the places where women made history in New Jersey, from Lenape life to Post WWII. Eye opening, educational, and interesting.

Year of Wonders

by Geraldine Brooks MARSHA'S PICK (Fiction)

This gripping historical novel is based on the true story of Eyam, the "Plague Village", in the rugged mountain spine of England in 1666. It is a story of unconventional love and a richly detailed evocation of a riveting moment in history.

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All Is Forgotten, Nothing Is Lost

by Lan Samantha Chang LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

**Starred Review, Booklist.* Set at a renowned writing school, Chang pursues the fraught relationships between mentors and students, the value of poetry, the price of ambition, and the loneliness of artistic endeavor in this novel about the poet's lot.

American Pastoral

by Philip Roth LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Seymour "Swede" Levov - a legendary high school athlete, a devoted family man, a hard worker, the prosperous inheritor of his father's Newark glove factory - comes of age in thriving, triumphant postwar America. But everything he loves is lost when the country begins to run amok in the turbulent 1960s.

An Hour Before Daylight

by Jimmy Carter ANNALISE'S PICK (Biography)

This vivid recollection of Carter's Georgia childhood focuses on the people who nurtured him on the farm and in Plains. Carter supplies lively portraits of many of the adults and children, black and white, who impressed him when he was little.

As They See 'Em

by Bruce Weber ALEXA'S PICK (Non-Fiction 796.357 WEB)

**Starred Review, Booklist.* An outstanding book that demands a place on any sports shelf. Weber shares the particulars of umping a game, the torturous path to becoming a major league ump, instant replay, and the pace of games. And for the starstruck baseball fans among us, there are lots of stories about ump, players, and managers we know.

Clara's War

by Clara Kramer MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fic 940.5318 KRA)

Kramer's heart wrenching memoir is about survival--hiding from the Nazis in an underground bunker with 17 other people.

Day After Night

by Anita Diamant ROBERTA'S PICK (Fiction)

Diamant tells the story of four women, refugees from Nazi Europe, who find friendship, love, and salvation in a postwar British camp in Palestine.

Dear Money

by Martha McPhee ANNALISE'S PICK (Fiction)

In this Pygmalion tale of a novelist turned bond trader, Martha McPhee brings to life the greed and riotous wealth of New York during the heady days of the second gilded age. Shedding her artist's life with surprising ease, India embarks on a raucous ride to the top of the income chain.

Dewey the Library Cat & Dewey's Nine Lives

by Vicki Myron MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 636.8 MYR)
How is it possible for an abandoned kitten to transform a small library, save a classic American town, and eventually become famous around the world? You can't even begin to answer those questions until you hear the charming story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat of Spencer, Iowa.

Five Mile House

by Novak DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

A modern day mystery with a 19th Century ghost, this is a both a haunted house story and a story about the lengths a mother will go to in order to protect her children.

Geek Love

by Katharine Dunn LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Geek Love throws light on our notions of the freakish and the normal, the beautiful and the ugly, the holy and the obscene through the story of the Binewskis, a carny family who set out with the help of amphetamine, arsenic, and radioisotopes—to breed their own exhibit of human oddities.

Glass Room

by Mawer DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

High on a Czechoslovak hill, the Landauer House shines as a wonder of steel and glass and onyx built specially for newlyweds Viktor and Liesel, a Jew married to a gentile. As the storm clouds of WW2 gather, the world spins into chaos and the highly symbolic Landauer house is the only constant.

Hell's Corner

by David Baldacci CAROL'S PICK (Fiction)

Oliver Stone, former CIA assassin and now the leader of the shadowy group known as the Camel Club, is whisked away to a top-secret meeting with the president of the U.S. But before he can even begin his mission training, Stone finds himself in the middle of what appears to be a terrorist attack on the life of the British prime minister. The latest Camel Club novel is, as usual, skillfully constructed and very difficult to put down.

Kitchen House

by Kathleen Grissom DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

An Irish orphan finds a new family among slaves in Grissom's pulse-quickening debut. Lavinia is only six in 1791, when her parents die aboard ship and the captain, James Pyke, brings her to work as a white indentured servant with black slaves at Tall Oaks, his Virginia plantation.

Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness ALEXA'S PICK (Fiction)

Readers are in for a white-knuckle journey in this series that follows a boy and girl on the run from a town where all thoughts can be heard--and the passage into manhood embodies a horrible secret.

Life

by Keith Richards ROBIN'S PICK (Biography)

The long-awaited autobiography of the guitarist, songwriter, singer, and founding member of the Rolling Stones. With The Rolling Stones, Keith Richards created the songs that roused the world, and he lived the original rock and roll life.

Lost Hero

by Rick Riordan AISHA'S PICK (Fiction)

After saving Olympus from the evil Titan lord, Kronos, Percy and friends have rebuilt their beloved Camp Half-Blood, where the next generation of demigods must now prepare for a chilling prophecy of their own.

The Lotus Eaters

by Tatjana Soli PAT'S PICK (Fiction)

A unique debut novel about an American female combat photographer in the Vietnam War, as she captures the wrenching chaos and finds herself torn between the love of two men. Soli paints a canvas contrasting the horror of war and the treacherous narcotic of obsession.

Native Speaker

by Chang-rae Lee LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Korean-American Henry Parks is "surreptitious, a B+ student of life, illegal alien, emotional alien..." or so says his wife in the list she writes upon leaving him. Henry is forever uncertain of his place, a perpetual outsider, looking at American culture from a distance.

Nemesis

by Roth DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

In the "stifling heat of equatorial Newark," a terrifying epidemic is raging, threatening the children of the New Jersey city with paralysis, lifelong disability, and even death. This is the startling theme of Roth's new book: a wartime polio epidemic in the summer of 1944 and the effect it has on a closely knit, family-oriented Newark community.

Nick & Nora's Infinite Playlist

by Rachel Cohn LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

This romance is a sexy, funny roller coaster of a story about one date over one night, with two teenagers, both recovering from broken hearts, who are just trying to figure out who they want to be and where the next great band is playing. Teeming with music references, humor, angst, and endearing side characters, this is a love story you'll wish were your very own.

Oracle of Stamboul

by Michael David Lukas PEGGY'S PICKS (Fiction)

An elegantly crafted, utterly enchanting debut novel set in a mystical, exotic world, in which a gifted young girl charms a sultan and changes the course of an empire's history late in the summer of 1877 in a town on the Black Sea.

Out Stealing Horses

by Per Petterson ANNALISE'S PICK (Fiction)

*Starred Review. Three years after his wife's accidental death, Trond Sander, 67, settles into an isolated cabin near Norway's southeastern border with Sweden, where he last saw his father. The novel's lush descriptions of forest and river, rain and snow, sunlight and night skies are on a par with those of Cather, Steinbeck, Berry, and Hemingway, and its emotional force is equivalent to what those authors can deliver, too.

People of the Book

by Geraldine Brooks DANI'S & MARCIA'S PICK (Fiction)

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March*, the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war. In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war.

Quiet Hero

by Cosby MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fiction 940.5472 COS)

Emmy award winning journalist, TV host, and New York Times bestselling author Rita Cosby has always asked the tough questions in her interviews with the world's top newsmakers. Now, in a powerful memoir, she reveals how she uncovered an amazing personal story of heroism and courage, the untold secrets of a man she has known all her life: her father.

Strange But True

by John Searles DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

Searles crafts a second novel about a family shocked by the loss of a son-and his girlfriend's announcement years later that she is bearing the young man's child. Their desperate search for answers takes them on a poignant and emotional journey, ultimately placing them in the path of murder and revenge. At once, a moving story of redemption and a heart-stopping work of suspense.

Tabloid City

by Pete Hamill DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

Starred Review Hamill is as New York City as the Empire State Building and the Bowery, a classic newspaperman schooled in the old days of several daily newspapers. With a murder as the actual centerpiece of the plot, Hamill moves this story around and around through a cycle of characters all related in some fashion to the central event, each visitation to each character adding layers to the author's knowing depiction of New York's varied lifestyles.

Tunneling to the Center of the Earth

by Kevin Wilson LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Wilson's captivating debut collection of stories paints an everyday world filled with characters obsessed by weird impulses. Four mutually loathing brothers fold hundreds of paper cranes for a contest to determine who will own the family plantation house. Three new BAs spend months after graduation tunneling beneath the hometown of one of them. Laced with humor and pathos, these wonderfully inventive stories explore the relationship between loss and death and the many ways we try to cope with both.

The Twelfth Angel

by Og Mandino MARILYN'S PICK (Fiction)

The heartbroken head of a multizillion-dollar corporation finds peace of mind, thanks to the world-class spunk of a gutsy-but-doomed, freckle-faced, Little Leaguer. John teaches Tim to hit, but Tim teaches John lessons a trillion times more important. Another positive-thinking parable from a master of inspirational and self-help wisdom.

The Unshelved Collection

by Bill Barnes & Gene Ambaum AISHA'S PICK (YAComics)

Welcome to *Unshelved*, the world's only daily comic strip set in a public library! Writer Gene Ambaum and co-writer and artist Bill Barnes have been publishing since February 16, 2002. Some of the stories are made up and some of them are based on real life. And the stranger the story, the more likely it is to be true. Enjoy any or all in the Unshelved Collection.

The Warden

by Anthony Trollope NANCY H.'S PICK (Fiction)

Poor Mr. Harding, honest and decent to a fault, has been accused by hotheaded reformers of misappropriating church funds allocated to his running of Hiram's Hospital with its 12 indigent old men. This is the first of the Barchester Towers novels and may inspire a look at the second in the series, Barchester Towers.



The Arrival

by Shaun Tan ALEXA'S PICK (Fiction)

Few will remain unaffected by this timeless stunner which depicts a man's poignant departure from his wife and daughter to find a better future for his family. With this haunting, wordless sequence about a lonely emigrant in a bewildering city, Tan finds in the graphic novel format an ideal outlet for his sublime imagination.

Blood, Bones, and Butter

by Gabrielle Hamilton DEBORAH'S PICK

(Non-Fic 641.5092 HAM)

In this provocative debut, a renowned chef finds her fulfillment as a writer in this lusty, rollicking, engaging-from-page-one memoir of the chef-owner of Prune restaurant in New York's East Village.

The Buddha in the Attic

by Julie Otsuka DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

Starred Review Otsuka tells the stories of Japanese mail-order brides at the start of the 20th century in a first-person-plural narrative voice, the choral we. This creates a haunting group portrait of diverse women who make the arduous ocean journey to California, full of hope, only to marry strangers nothing like the handsome young men in the photographs.

Die For You

by Lisa Unger DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

What if the man you love, the one sleeping beside you, is a stranger? Isabel Raine thought she had everything—a successful career, a supportive family, and a happy marriage. Then one morning, her husband, Marcus, picks up his briefcase, kisses her good-bye, and simply vanishes.

Effie

by Suzanne Fagence Cooper NANCY H.'S PICK

(Non-Fic 700.92 COO))

A fresh look at Victorian society as seen through the eyes of an early defender of women's rights, Effie Gray, combining biography with a social history of the period.

The Forgotten Garden

by Kate Morton MARCIA'S PICK (Fiction)

A four-year-old girl abandoned aboard a ship newly arrived to Australia from England, touches off a century-long inquiry into her ancestry. An intricate family puzzle spanning generations.

The Hour I First Believed

by Wally Lamb ALEXA'S PICK (Fiction)

Lamb's third novel tackles the Columbine high school shooting head on as he places his fictional protagonists into the horrific events of April 1999. He draws listeners into this fascinating tale with nothing more than raw emotion and honesty.

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I Think I Love You

by Allison Pearson ANNALISE'S PICK (Fiction)

Poignant, hilarious, joyful, profoundly moving and uplifting, *Think I Love You* captures what girls learn about love through the universal experience of worshipping a teen dream. It will resonate with readers everywhere.

Ice Trap

by Kitty Sewell DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

Starred Review Young Welsh doctor Dafydd Woodruff made a terrible mistake that nearly cost the life of a child. Filled with remorse, he decides to get as far away from Wales as he can and accepts a position in remote Canada. Sewell's thriller features a devilishly clever plot, unforgettable characters, and vivid descriptions of life in the Arctic.

In His Sights

by Kate Brennan MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fic 364.15 BRE)

Starred Review Brennan's life as a stalking victim is carefully detailed in this compelling memoir. We feel her inner strength, the resilience that allows her to endure what seemed an eternity of looking over her shoulder without losing her sense of self. A remarkable and very powerful story.

Infidel

by Ayaan Hirsi Ali PAT P.'S PICK (Biography Hirsi Ali)

In this memoir from the internationally renowned author Hirsi Ali tells her astonishing life story, from her traditional Muslim childhood in Somalia, Saudi Arabia, and Kenya, to her intellectual awakening and activism in the Netherlands, and her current life under armed guard in the West.

Johanna

by Claire Cooperstein DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

This assemblage of letters and journal excerpts, nearly all of them fictional, tells the story of Johanna Bonger-van Gogh, the young widow who preserved and promoted the legacy left by her brother-in-law, Vincent van Gogh. Cooperstein has created a compelling novel about a remarkable woman.

Kissing in Manhattan

by David Schickler LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

Hilarious, sexy, and deeply tender, 11 loosely connected stories follow a troupe of love-hungry urbanites through a charmed metropolis and into the Preemption -- a mythic Manhattan apartment building.

The Lost Art of Keeping Secrets

by Eva Rice LORRI'S PICK (Fiction)

London in the 1950s comes to life in this captivating debut novel of historical chick lit, about a group of friends in postwar London's glamorous and daring young society.

The Lost Gate

by Orson Scott Card ALEXA'S PICK (Sci-Fan)

First of a new fantasy series from the author of *Hidden Empire*. Danny North comes from an unusual family where magical abilities are the norm. He discovers that he is capable of creating gates between one world and another.

Lyric's Alley

by Leila Aboulela DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

This evocative story of an affluent Sudanese family shaken by the shifting powers in their country and the near-tragedy that threatens the legacy they've built for decades offers a delightfully quixotic view of northern Sudan in the 1950s on the brink of its independence from Britain and Egypt.

Mr. Peanut

by Adam Ross DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

Starred Review In this powerful first novel, Ross delivers one scorching scene after another, showing the dark side of marriage. Mesmerizing, exhilarating, and profoundly moving, *Mr. Peanut* is a police procedural of the soul and a poignant investigation of the mysterious human heart.

Poorer Richard's America

by Tom Blair MARILYN'S PICK (Non-Fic 973.3092 BLA)

With his signature intelligence and wit, Benjamin Franklin, through Tom Blair, moves from the national deficit to Wall Street, from health care to marital bliss. The result is electrifying.

The Red Garden

by Alice Hoffman ROBIN'S PICK (Fiction)

Starred Review The lush and haunted wild lands of Massachusetts provide fertile ground for Hoffman's endlessly flowering imagination. *The Red Garden*, a sequence of beguiling, linked stories, is rooted in colonial times and reaches into the present.

The Road

by Cormac McCarthy MARSHA'S PICK (Fiction)

A profoundly moving story of a journey, imagining a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son are sustained by the love and tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation.

Rules of Civility

by Amor Towles DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

Manhattan in the late 1930's is the setting for this saga of a bright, attractive and ambitious young woman whose relationships with her insecure roommate and the privileged Adonis they meet in a jazz club are never the same after an auto accident.

Sarah's Key

by Tatiana de Rosnay BARBARA'S PICK (Fiction)

Pivotal to this novel is the key in ten-year-old Sarah's pocket. It opens the cupboard in which she has hidden her younger brother from the French police, who are rounding up Jews in Paris during July, 1942. We learn what Sarah discovers when she finally returns ten years later with the key - knowledge so traumatic that it changes lives forever.

Sister

by Rosamund Lupton DEBORAH'S PICK (Fiction)

A literary psychological thriller of fierce love between siblings. Written in the form of a letter from Beatrice, the older, more substantial sister, to her younger, bohemian sibling, Tess, the narrative reveals that Tess has gone missing and is found dead. *Sister* is a suspenseful and accomplished debut with a stunning twist.

Still Missing

by Chevy Stevens DANI'S PICK (Fiction)

Annie O'Sullivan, a 32-year-old realtor with a nice boyfriend and a demanding mother, describes her year-long ordeal as the captive of a rapist. Stevens' impressive debut, a thriller set on Vancouver Island, pulsates with suspense and includes a jaw-dropping, but credible closing twist.