

The Friend by Sigrid Nunez

Becoming the guardian of her late best friend's enormous Great Dane, a grieving woman is evicted from her no-pets apartment and forges a deep bond with the equally distraught animal in ways that initially disturb her friends.

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

The story of two broken families and the paths their lives take over the course of 40 years, through love and marriage, death and divorce, and a dark secret from childhood that lies underneath it all.

Visible Empire by Hannah Pittard

When a devastating 1960s plane crash ends the lives of more than 100 prominent Atlanta citizens, the city's survivors navigate profound life changes at the same time they confront the dynamics of the Civil Rights era.

Bellweather Rhapsody by Kate Racculia

A young music prodigy goes missing from a hotel room that was the site of an infamous murder-suicide 15 years earlier, renewing trauma for a bridesmaid who witnessed the first crime and rallying an eccentric cast of characters during a snowstorm that traps everyone on the grounds.

Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie

Given a chance to resume a deferred dream years after raising her troubled siblings, Isma worries about the influence of a powerful politician's son who drives the family to choose between love and loyalty, with devastating consequences.

All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews

Elfrieda, a world-renowned pianist, glamorous, wealthy, happily married: she wants to die. Yolandi, divorced, broke, sleeping with the wrong men as she tries to find true love: she desperately wants to keep her older sister alive. But Elf's latest suicide attempt is a shock: she is three weeks away from the opening of her highly anticipated international tour. Can she be nursed back to "health" in time? Does it matter? As the situation becomes ever more complicated, Yoli faces the most terrifying decision of her life.

A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara

Moving to New York to pursue creative ambitions, four former classmates share decades marked by love, loss, addiction and haunting elements from a brutal childhood.

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Fiction:*Give Me Your Hand* by Megan Abbott

Kit Owens thought that she would never see Diane Fleming again. The pair were best friends in high school, until a confidence shared between them changed everything. Kit thinks she has moved on with her life, fulfilling the scientific dreams that Diane awakened within her. The dreams that Diane wanted for herself. But Kit thought wrong. When Diane shows up unannounced in Kit's lab one day, formidable competition for the fellowship that would make Kit's career, the past comes roaring back to life.

That Kind of Mother by Rumaan Alam

Overwhelmed by new motherhood in spite of her love for her infant son, Rebecca, a white woman, asks a kind black woman, Priscilla, to become her family's nanny, only to have her perspectives changed about her own life of privilege, a situation that compels her to take on unanticipated challenges in the aftermath of a tragedy.

Us Against You by Fredrik Backman

After everything that the citizens of Beartown have gone through, they are struck yet another blow when they hear that their beloved local hockey team will soon be disbanded. What makes it worse is the obvious satisfaction that all the former Beartown players, who now play for a rival team in Hed, take in that fact. Amidst the mounting tension between the two rivals, a surprising newcomer is handpicked to be Beartown's new hockey coach.

Census by Jesse Ball

Learning that he does not have long to live and will need to figure out how to provide for his developmentally disabled adult son, a widower signs up as a census taker for a mysterious government bureau and leaves town with his son on a cross-country journey of memories and revelations.

The Only Story by Julian Barnes

A man who ran away as a teen university student with a married woman more than twice his age reflects on how they fell in love, how he freed her from a sterile marriage, and how their relationship fell apart as she succumbed to depression.

A Lucky Man by Jamel Brinkley

Jamel Brinkley's stories, in a debut that announces the arrival of a significant new voice, reflect the tenderness and vulnerability of black men and boys whose hopes sometimes betray them, especially in a world shaped by race, gender, and class—where luck may be the greatest fiction of all.

The Pisces by Melissa Broder

Bottoming out after a dramatic breakup, a habitual student accepts her sister's invitation to dog-sit on Venice Beach for the summer, where she meets an eerily attractive swimmer one night whose Sirenian identity transforms her understanding of what real love looks like.

Invitation to a Bonfire by Adrienne Celt

Sent to an elite all-girls New Jersey boarding school in the 1920s, a Russian scholarship student endures bullying and prejudice before falling into the obsessive circles of a much-admired writer and his scheming wife.

The Shades by Evgenia Citkowitz

Withdrawing from her working life a year after her daughter's death, a London gallerist retires to a Georgian country manor and bonds with a beguiling young woman before the demons of the past complicate their relationship.

Kudos by Rachel Cusk

A literary visit to a Europe in transition finds a material-seeking writer deeply identifying with the people she meets before evaluating difficult questions about acclaim, justice and the ultimate value of suffering.

Some Trick by Helen Dewitt

The author of *The Last Samurai* and *Lightning Rods* presents 13 brand-new stories that carry her trademark serious lament regarding the near-impossibility of the life of the mind when one is made to pay to have the time for it.

Happiness by Aminatta Forna

An American scientist and a Ghanaian psychologist become unlikely partners and friends during a search for a missing child that challenges their perspectives on their careers and happiness.

The Comedown by Rebekah Frumkin

A street-smart drug dealer and a simpering addict become unlikely partners when a deal gone tragically wrong and the disappearance of a quarter of a million dollars set in motion a series of odd and captivating events that evince racial, class, religious and generational divides.

The Ensemble by Aja Gabel

Forging a familial bond over their shared artistic talents and secrets, four young people navigate a cutthroat world and their complex relationships with each other, as ambition, passion and love reinforce and divide them throughout the course of their lives.

What to Read While Waiting for Your Holds:**The Blind Assassin** by Margaret Atwood

Iris describes the 1945 death of her sister, who drives her car off a bridge, followed, two years later, by the death of her husband, in a story that features a novel-within-a-novel about two unnamed lovers who meet in a dark backstreet room.

In Zanesville by Jo Ann Beard

Along with her best friend, the fourteen-year-old narrator navigates a 1970s American girlhood, including challenges from popular girls and the first hints of womanhood.

Geek Love by Katherine Dunn

Aloysious and Lillian Binewski, proprietors of a traveling carnival, attempt to reduce overhead by breeding their own freak show, with tragic results.

Days of Abandonment by Elena Ferrante

Once an aspiring writer, Olga traded literary ambition for marriage and motherhood; when Mario dumps her after 15 years, she is utterly unprepared. Though she tells herself that she is a competent woman, nothing like the poverella (poor abandoned wife) that mothers whispered about in her childhood, Olga falls completely apart.

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George

Quirky and delightful, Nina George's book focuses on Jean Perdu, owner of the Literary Apothecary, a floating bookshop. When a new tenant in his apartment building sets in motion events that force Jean to re-evaluate his past, he finds himself floating off down the rivers of France in search of lost love, new love, and friends he didn't know he needed.

Rabbit Cake by Annie Hartnett

A debut novel by an award-winning writer follows the darkly comic experiences of a precocious 12-year-old girl named Elvis who worries about her troubled family and tries to figure out her place in the world in the aftermath of her mother's accidental death.

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

A reunion with two childhood friends--Ruth and Tommy--draws Kath and her companions on a nostalgic odyssey into the supposedly idyllic years of their lives at Hailsham, an isolated private school in the serene English countryside, and a dramatic confrontation with the truth about their childhoods and about their lives in the present.

The Gunners by Laura Kauffman

Reconnecting with a group of childhood friends after one of them committed suicide, Mikey needs to confront dark secrets from his past involving his father to assess how much of this is impacting his current emotional stupor.

Sunburn by Laura Lippman

Two lovers are locked in a passionate game of cat and mouse. But instead of rules, this game has dark secrets, forbidden desires, inevitable betrayals, and cold-blooded murder.

Indianapolis: The True Story of the Worst Sea Disaster in U.S. Naval History and the Fifty-Year Fight to Exonerate an Innocent Man by Lynn Vincent
An account of the sinking of the USS "Indianapolis" during World War II draws on original research and new reporting to trace the half-century battle to exonerate Captain Charles McVay after a wrongful court martial.

The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After by Cleman-tine Wamariya
Wamariya has written a heartbreaking account of her survival of the Rwandan genocide. In 1994, she and her sister fled Rwanda and spent the next six years migrating through Africa, looking for a safe haven. Told in alternating chapters, between her harrowing escape and her arrival in the US as a refugee.

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
In her memoir, Westover recounts her childhood growing up in a strict Mormon family, ruled by an erratic father, and living off the grid in Idaho. Westover compellingly sketches her years growing up, her relationships with siblings, encounters in the town nearby, and the events that eventually drove her to leave and pursue formal education.

Smoketown: The Untold Story of the Other Great Black Renaissance by Mark Whitaker
Chronicles the lesser-known African-American renaissance in Pittsburgh from the 1920s through the 1950s, assessing how it rivaled Harlem and Chicago as the site of the most widely read black newspaper in the nation, the two leading Negro Leagues baseball teams and the childhood homes of forefront jazz pioneers.

God Save Texas: A Journey Into the Soul of the Lone Star State by Lawrence Wright
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Looming Tower* explores the history, culture and politics of Texas while challenging popular stereotypes, offering insight into how the state boasts some of the highest rates of diversity, technology exports and growth as well as the lowest tax models and government regulations.

Eat the Apple: A Memoir by Matt Young
A combat veteran and writing instructor traces the darkly comic story of his youth and masculinity as they were shaped in an age of continuous war, describing how he joined the Marines as a way to temper his reckless nature before enduring three Iraq deployments.

My Dead Parents by Anya Yurchyshyn
A young woman describes what it was like going through her parents' belongings after their death and discovered evidence of a life and people she barely recognized and how she was forced to reconstruct and reimagine everything she thought she knew about her family.

Every Note Played by Lisa Genova
A once accomplished concert pianist, Richard now has ALS. As he becomes increasingly paralyzed and is no longer able to live on his own, Karina becomes his reluctant caretaker. As Richard's muscles, voice, and breath fade, both he and Karina try to reconcile their past before it's too late.

Rainbirds by Clarissa Goenawan
After his sister, Keiko, is mysteriously murdered in a desolate, small town far from Tokyo, Ren finds himself stepping into her shoes, accepting her teaching position and a job reading to the catatonic wife of a wealthy politician while investigating what really happened.

Florida by Lauren Groff
A collection of stories spanning centuries of time in mercurial Florida examines the decisions and connections behind life-changing events in characters ranging from two abandoned sisters to a conflicted family woman.

The Word Is Murder by Anthony Horowitz
When a wealthy woman is found murdered after planning her own funeral service, disgraced police detective Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick, author Anthony Horowitz, investigate.

The Map of Salt and Stars by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar
This rich, moving, and lyrical debut novel is to Syria what *The Kite Runner* was to Afghanistan; the story of two girls living eight hundred years apart—a modern-day Syrian refugee seeking safety and a medieval adventurer apprenticed to a legendary mapmaker—places today's headlines in the sweep of history, where the pain of exile and the triumph of courage echo again and again.

Providence by Caroline Kepnes
A tale of two childhood best friends—part love story, part detective story and part supernatural thriller—follows Jon, a boy with a strange power that can harm those he most loves, as he aims to protect his friend, Chloe, from it.

If You Leave Me by Crystal Hana Kim
An emotionally riveting debut novel about war, family, and forbidden love—the unforgettable saga of two ill-fated lovers in Korea and the heartbreaking choices they're forced to make in the years surrounding the civil war that still haunts us today.

The Outsider by Stephen King
An unspeakable crime. A confounding investigation. At a time when the King brand has never been stronger, he has delivered one of his most unsettling and compulsively readable stories.

Who Is Vera Kelly? by Rosalie Knecht
New York City, 1962. Vera Kelly is struggling to make rent and blend into the underground gay scene in Greenwich Village. She's working night shifts at a radio station

when her quick wits, sharp tongue, and technical skills get her noticed by a recruiter for the CIA. Next thing she knows she's in Argentina, tasked with wiretapping a congressman and infiltrating a group of student activists in Buenos Aires...An original, wry and whip-smart female spy for the twenty-first century.

The Favorite Sister by Jessica Knoll

When tensions escalate on the set of a reality television program featuring young, ambitious female entrepreneurs, including Brett and Kelly Courtney, two sisters who are no strangers to sibling rivalry, one of them ends up dead.

How It Happened by Michael Koryta

After a troubled teen, no stranger to the law, admits to her involvement in a brutal murder, Rob Barrett, an FBI investigator and interrogator stakes his reputation on her confession only to have the information she provided prove false.

The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner

A woman begins serving two life sentences at Stanville Women's Correctional Facility deep in 2003 California's Central Valley, reflecting on the San Francisco of her youth and her relationship with her young son while navigating the harsh realities of a bare-essentials life of casual violence at the hands of the guards and her fellow inmates.

The Incendiaries by R.O. Kwon

A young Korean-American woman at an elite American university is drawn into acts of domestic terrorism by a cult tied to North Korea.

Number One Chinese Restaurant by Lillian Li

A working family that has built a busy life running a beloved Maryland Chinese restaurant is forced by youthful recklessness and a tragedy to confront interpersonal conflicts and the limits of what parents are willing to sacrifice for their children.

The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

A novel set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris follows the director of a Chicago art gallery and a woman looking for her estranged daughter in Paris who both struggle to come to terms with the ways AIDS has affected their lives.

Ohio by Stephen Markley (Release date: August 21, 2018)

The debut of a major talent; a lyrical and emotional novel set in an archetypal small town in northeastern Ohio—a region ravaged by the Great Recession, an opioid crisis, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—depicting one feverish, fateful summer night in 2013 when four former classmates converge on their hometown, each with a mission, all haunted by the ghosts of their shared histories.

Women in Sunlight by Frances Mayes

Four American expats and strangers become unexpected friends during a magical year in Tuscany marked by a writer's complicated relationship with the subject of her biography, long-postponed dreams and shifting senses of adventure and bravery.

Calypso by David Sedaris

A latest collection of personal essays by the best-selling author of *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* and *Me Talk Pretty One Day* shares even more revealing and intimate memories from his upbringing and family life.

Asperger's Children: The Origins of Autism in Nazi Vienna by Edith Sheffer

The prizewinning author of *Burned Bridge: How East and West Germans Made the Iron Curtain* presents an exploration of the sobering history behind Asperger's Syndrome that reveals child psychiatrist Hans Asperger's influence by Nazi psychiatry and his use of one of the Reich's deadliest killing centers to experiment on disabled children.

Feel Free: Essays by Zadie Smith

In a collection of essays arranged into five sections—In the World, In the Audience, In the Gallery, On the Bookshelf, and Feel Free—the best-selling author of *Swing Time* discusses important questions about our world that readers will immediately recognize.

Young Washington: How Wilderness and War Forged America's Founding Father by Peter Stark

A portrait of the first U.S. president's early years shares insights into how his service in the British military and his stationing in the brutal wilderness of the Ohio Valley shaped his nascent leadership and indirectly fed the conflict that led to the French and Indian War.

Chasing New Horizons: Inside the Epic First Mission to Pluto by Alan Stern

Shares a behind-the-scenes account of the science, politics, egos, and public expectations that shaped the New Horizons' mission to Pluto and beyond, citing the endeavor's boundary-breaking achievements and how they reflect the collective power of shared human goals.

Figures in a Landscape: People and Places by Paul Theroux

In the spirit of his much-loved *Sunrise with Seamonsters* and *Fresh Air Fiend*, Paul Theroux's latest collection of essays leads the reader through a dazzling array of sights, characters, and experiences, as Theroux applies his signature searching curiosity to a life lived as much in reading as on the road.

Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life by Laura Thompson

It has been one hundred years since Agatha Christie wrote her first novel and created the formidable Hercule Poirot. A brilliant and award-winning biographer, Laura Thompson now turns her sharp eye to Agatha Christie. Arguably the greatest crime writer in the world, Christie's books still sell over four million copies each year—more than thirty years after her death—and it shows no signs of slowing. But who was the woman behind these mystifying, yet eternally pleasing, puzzlers?

I Am, I Am, I Am: Seventeen Brushes with Death by Maggie O'Farrell

Presents a memoir told entirely in seventeen near-death experiences stemming from a dangerous childhood illness, accidents, an encounter with a disturbed person, and the author's daily efforts to protect her daughter from the vulnerabilities of a high-risk condition.

Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress by Steven Pinker

A follow-up to *The Better Angels of Our Nature* challenges the doom-and-gloom outlooks of today's media to present dozens of graphs and charts demonstrating that life quality, health, prosperity, safety, peace, knowledge and happiness are actually on the rise throughout the world as a result of the philosophies about an Enlightenment era that uses science to improve human existence.

The Race to Save the Romanovs: The Truth Behind the Secret Plans to Rescue the Russian Imperial Family by Helen Rappaport

Published to mark the 100th anniversary of the massacre, a heavily researched investigation into the international efforts to save the Romanov family explores why every measure failed and who was responsible.

Energy: A Human History by Richard Rhodes

A Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author describes five centuries of progress through the history of energy sources, from wood to coal to oil to electricity and beyond and highlights the successes and failures that led to each innovation.

What Are We Doing Here? by Marilynne Robinson

A new essay collection assesses today's political climate and the mysteries of faith, from the influence of intellectual minds on society's political consciousness to the way that beauty informs and disciplines daily life.

Ruthless Tide: The Tragic Epic of the Johnstown Flood by Al Roker

The Emmy Award-winning NBC host and weather authority presents a gripping narrative history of the 1889 Johnstown Flood to chronicle key events, the damage that rendered the flood one of America's worst disasters and the pivotal contributions of key period figures, from dam engineer John Parke to American Red Cross founder Clara Barton.

The Destiny Thief: Essays on Writing, Writers, and Life by Richard Russo

A collection of personal essays from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Everybody's Fool* describes his broad interests and experiences, from an analysis on the value of Mark Twain, to accompanying a good friend on her pursuit of gender reassignment surgery.

In Search of Mary Shelley: The Girl Who Wrote Frankenstein by Fiona Sampson

Published to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Frankenstein, a major new biography of Mary Shelley, written by an award-winning poet, shares literary insight into Shelley's firsthand experiences throughout her infamously turbulent life.

How to Be Safe by Tom McAllister

Recently suspended for a so-called outburst, high school English teacher Anna Crawford is stewing over the injustice when she is shocked to hear she is named as a suspect in a shooting at her school. Though she is quickly exonerated, her life is held up for relentless scrutiny and judgment as this quiet town descends into media mania.

Love and Ruin by Paula McLain

After meeting and falling in love while she covered the Spanish Civil War in Madrid, Martha Gellhorn is forced to choose between her marriage to Ernest Hemingway and her career as a war correspondent.

Bearskin by James A. McLaughlin

Hiding out from the Mexican drug cartels he betrayed in Arizona, Rice More, while protecting a remote forest preserve in Virginian Appalachia, exposes a bear-poaching scheme that reveals his location to the criminals he was running from in the first place.

This Could Hurt by Jillian Medoff

Five human resources colleagues navigate the emotional complexities of their ambitions, hopes, and fears as their small company is buffeted by economic forces that threaten to upend its employees.

Circe by Madeline Miller

Circe follows the banished witch daughter of the Titans as she practices her powers for an inevitable conflict with one of Olympus's most vindictive gods. For readers of historical and mythological drama or anyone who loves a strong female lead.

A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza

A family caught between two cultures yields a resonant story of faith, tradition, identity and belonging.

The Perfect Mother by Aimee Molloy

A group of new moms who all gave birth in the month of May gather twice weekly at the park to offer support and companionship before one of the babies is shatteringly abducted, subjecting his traumatized mother to invasive questions and prompting the others to go to increasingly risky lengths to help.

My Year of Rest and Relaxation by Ottessa Moshfegh

From one of our boldest, most celebrated new literary voices, a novel about a young woman's efforts to duck the ills of the world by embarking on an extended hibernation with the help of one of the worst psychiatrists in the annals of literature and the battery of medicines she prescribes.

Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

A Japanese woman who has been working at a convenience store for 18 years, much to the disappointment of her family, finds friendship with an alienated, cynical and bitter young man who becomes her coworker.

Border Districts : A Fiction by Gerald Murnane

A man moves from a capital city to a remote town in the border country, where he intends to spend the last years of his life. It is time, he thinks, to review the spoils of a lifetime of seeing, a lifetime of reading. Feeling an increasing urgency to put his mental landscape in order, the man sets to work cataloging this treasure, little knowing where his "report" will lead and what secrets will be brought to light.

Macbeth by Jo Nesbo

A modern retelling of Macbeth is set in a run-down industrial town in the 1970s and follows the efforts of a popular but increasingly corrupt police officer and his calculating casino owner girlfriend to work with a powerful local drug dealer to murder a professional rival and set up his best friend.

Mirror Shoulder Signal by Dorthe Nors

A poignant journey of one woman in search of herself when there's no one to ask for directions.

Night-Gaunts and Other Tales of Suspense by Joyce Carol Oates

A collection of short stories includes "The Sign of the Beast," in which a former Sunday school teacher's corpse turns up and an adolescent she had by turns petted and ridiculed confesses to her murder.

Warlight by Michael Ondaatje

Years after growing up in the care of a group of mysterious protectors who served in unspecified ways during World War II, a young man endeavors to piece together the truth about his parents and the unconventional education he received.

There, There by Tommy Orange

A novel—which grapples with the complex history of Native Americans; with an inheritance of profound spirituality; and with a plague of addiction, abuse and suicide—follows 12 characters, each of whom has private reasons for traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow.

Adjustment Day by Chuck Palahniuk

As the politicians bring the nation to the brink of war, a mysterious book appears offering directives and carrying wisdom to prepare people for Adjustment Day.

A Shout in the Ruins by Kevin Powers

A sweeping and dramatic novel that spans 100 years and is set in Virginia during the Civil War and a century beyond explores the brutal legacy of violence and exploitation in American society as it examines the fates of the inhabitants of Beauvais Plantation and their descendants.

The Overstory by Richard Powers

A National Book Award-winning author presents an impassioned novel of activism and

Milk: A 10,000 Year Food Fracas by Mark Kurlansky

Profoundly intertwined with human civilization, milk has a compelling and a surprisingly global story to tell. Tracing the liquid's diverse history from antiquity to the present, Mark Kurlansky details its curious and crucial role in cultural evolution, religion, nutrition, politics, and economics.

Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man's First Journey to the Moon by Robert Kurson

Shares the lesser-known inside story of the dangerous Apollo 8 mission, focusing in particular on the lives and families of astronaut heroes Frank Borman, Jim Lovell and Bill Anders, while illuminating the political factors that prompted America to risk lives to save the Apollo program and define the space race.

I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara

An account of the unsolved Golden State Killer case, written by the late author of the TrueCrimeDiary.com website traces the rapes and murders of dozens of victims and the author's determined efforts to help identify the killer and bring him to justice.

The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by John Meacham

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham helps us understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear.

Tesla: Inventor of the Modern by Richard Munson

Describes how the formerly unappreciated scientist and inventor with the bizarre personal life and enigmatic behavior contributed so much to our modern world, including plans for cell phones, the internet, death-ray weapons and interstellar communications in the early 1900s.

The Milk Lady of Bangalore by Shoba Narayan

A writer and cookbook author describes her return to Bangalore and how she bonded with the local milk lady, offered to buy her a new cow and gained a new perspective on the spiritual and historical role the animal plays in India.

Barrel-Aged Stout and Selling Out: Goose Island, Anheuser-Busch, and How Craft Beer Became Big Business by Josh Noel

In 2011 Anheuser-Busch, the biggest beer company in the world, purchased Goose Island, a family-owned Chicago brewpub, forcing the craft beer industry to reckon with its growing mainstream appeal and a popularity few envisioned.

And Now We Have Everything: On Motherhood Before I Was Ready by Meaghan O'Connell

When Meaghan O'Connell got accidentally pregnant in her twenties and decided to keep the baby, she realized that the book she needed -- a brutally honest, agenda-free reckoning with the emotional and existential impact of motherhood -- didn't exist. So she decided to write it herself.

shaped it, and what constituted therapy and charity in the nineteenth century.

Inseparable: The Original Siamese Twins and Their Rendezvous with American History by Yunte Huang

A wryly whimsical dual portrait of famous 19th-century conjoined twins Chang and Eng Bunker shares an Asian-American perspective on their improbable lives, describing their rise from savvy side-show celebrities to wealthy Southern gentry, their large family and how their experiences reflected America's historical penchant for objectifying differences.

Barracoon: The Story of the Last 'Black Cargo' by Zora Neale Hurston

Presents a never-before-published work from the author of the American classic *Their Eyes Were Watching God* that illuminates the horror and injustices of slavery as it tells the true story of one of the last known survivors of the Atlantic slave trade—abducted from Africa on the last “Black Cargo” ship to arrive in the United States.

The Recovering: Intoxication and Its Aftermath by Leslie Jamison

The best-selling author of *The Empathy Exams* presents an exploration of addiction that blends memoir, cultural history, literary criticism and journalistic reportage to analyze the role of stories in conveying the addiction experience, sharing insights based on the lives of genius artists whose achievements were shaped by addiction.

The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, & the Natural History Heist of the Century by Kirk W. Johnson

Documents the astonishing 2009 theft of an invaluable collection of ornithological displays from the British Museum of Natural History by a talented American musician, tracing the author's years-long investigation to track down the culprit and understand his motives, which were possibly linked to an obsession with the Victorian art of salm-on fly-tying.

Gigged: The End of the Job and the Future of Work by Sarah Kessler

A deeply sourced, story-driven account of America's growing dependence on freelance labor tackles growing issues related to job security, income, benefits and industry disruptions as they have been analyzed by economic experts and experienced firsthand by workers.

Sick: A Memoir by Porochista Khakpour

The author shares her journey as a sufferer of undiagnosed health problems as she, finally diagnosed with late-stage Lyme disease, learns to accept the diagnosis she had searched for over the course of her adult life.

Beneath a Ruthless Sun: A True Story of Violence, Race, and Justice Lost and Found by Gilbert King

The author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Devil in the Grove* documents the mid-20th-century case of a gentle, developmentally challenged youth who was falsely accused of raping a wealthy woman, in an account that traces the efforts of a crusading journalist to uncover the virulent racism and class corruption that led to his incarceration without a trial.

natural-world power that is comprised of interlocking fables about nine remarkable strangers who are summoned in different ways by trees for an ultimate, brutal stand to save the continent's few remaining acres of virgin forest.

The Italian Teacher by Tom Rachman

An Italian youth raised to revere the genius artist father who abandoned their family strives to become worthy of his father's attentions through a series of failed career pursuits before he hatches a scheme to secure his father's legacy.

Fruit of the Drunken Tree by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

A debut novel by an award-winning writer is set against the violence of 1990s Columbia and follows a sheltered girl and a teen maid, who forge an unlikely friendship that threatens to undo them both.

Confessions of the Fox by Jordy Rosenberg

A love story set in the eighteenth-century London of notorious thieves and queer subcultures, this genre-bending debut tells a profound story of gender, desire, and liberation.

Clock Dance by Anne Tyler

A lifetime of painful milestones and fading grandchild prospects compel a woman to help her son's ex, whose 9-year-old daughter needs protection from violent local dynamics.

The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea

Across one bittersweet weekend in their San Diego neighborhood, revelers mingle among the palm trees and cacti, celebrating the life of family patriarch Miguel "Big Angel" De La Cruz, and recounting the many tales that have passed into family lore.

The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware

After erroneously receiving a mysterious letter about a large inheritance, Hal attends the deceased's funeral and realizes that something is very, very wrong.

Tell the Machine Goodnight by Katie Williams

A woman whose job it is to help people find happiness finds a challenge in her own son, who seems to get the most joy out of being unhappy.

The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer

A complex coming of age story. A college student finds herself transformed by her experience with a renowned feminist and activist in the center of the women's movement. This is a story of women finding their way and making mistakes in the world of men. This is a novel that makes you feel and think in equal measures.

Upstate by James Wood

The *New Yorker* book critic and author of *How Fiction Works* presents the story of a British property developer who faces philosophical questions about family and suffering when one of his estranged daughters falls into a severe depression.

Non-Fiction:

The Best Cook in the World: Tales from My Momma's Table by Rick Bragg
Presents a food memoir, cookbook, and tribute to the author's mother, sharing classic family recipes—many of them pre-dating the Civil War—and preparation secrets for such traditional fare as short ribs, biscuits, and perfect mashed potatoes.

Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou
Recounts the story behind Theranos, the medical equipment company that misled investors to believe they developed a revolutionary blood testing machine, detailing how its CEO, Elizabeth Holmes, perpetuated the lie to bolster the value of the company by billions.

Blood & Ivy: The 1849 Murder that Scandalized Harvard by Paul Collins
Traces the scandalous murder of a wealthy Harvard Medical School graduate and the ensuing trial that riveted mid-nineteenth-century America, exploring how the case established important precedents in medical forensics and the definition of reasonable doubt.

The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantu
A former agent for the U.S. Border Patrol describes his upbringing as the son of a park ranger and grandson of a Mexican immigrant, who upon joining the Border Patrol encountered the violence and political rhetoric that overshadows life for both migrants and the police.

Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces by Michael Chabon
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh* presents a full-length collection of essays on fatherhood, including his viral 2016 GQ piece about his 13-year-old son's immersion in Paris Men's Fashion Week.

The Terrible by Yrsa Daley-Ward
From the celebrated poet behind *bone*, a lyrical memoir—part prose, part verse—about coming-of-age, uncovering the cruelty and beauty of the wider world, and redemption through self-discovery and the bonds of family.

Sharp: The Women Who Made an Art of Having an Opinion by Michelle Dean
From acclaimed literary critic Michelle Dean, winner of the National Book Critics Circle's 2016 Nona Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing, a powerful portrait of ten women writers who managed to make their voices heard amidst a climate of sexism and nepotism, from the 1920s to the 1990s.

The Monk of Mokha by Dave Eggers
Traces the story of Mokhtar Alkhanshali, a Yemeni-American in San Francisco, and his dream of resurrecting the ancient art of cultivating, roasting, and importing Yemeni coffee, an endeavor that is challenged by the brutal realities of Yemen's 2015 civil war.

Northland: A 4,000-Mile Journey Along America's Forgotten Border by Porter Fox
The author draws on three years of exploration through the borderlands between Maine and Washington State to trace the northern border's rich and pivotal history,

industries, and famous contributors.

City of Devils: The Two Men Who Ruled the Underworld of Old Shanghai by Paul French

The best-selling author of *Midnight in Peking* traces the rags-to-riches story of self-made casino gangsters Jack Riley and Joe Farren, drawing on eyewitness accounts, letters and articles to trace their activities in the 1930s Shanghai underworld.

Chefs, Drugs and Rock & Roll: How Food Lovers, Free Spirits, Misfits and Wanderers Created a New American Profession by Andrew Friedman
A history of the U.S. restaurant chef in the 70s and 80s chronicles the profession's politically charged transformation as it reflected the rivalry between French-established masters in New York City and game-changing newcomers from California, in a book that recounts the stories of such notables as Tom Colicchio and Bobby Flay.

Tyrant by Stephen Greenblatt
A world-renowned Shakespeare scholar from Harvard explores the bard's insight into history's controversial, often mentally unstable, rulers, illuminating how Shakespeare's plays reflected his investigations into the social causes, psychological roots and twisted consequences of tyranny.

The Art of the Wasted Day by Patricia Hampl
A detailed, thoughtful journey into the necessity of daydreaming and leisure in our continually overlooked lives by making pilgrimages to places of repose and seclusion, including a Benedictine monastery and a trip floating down the Mississippi River in an old cabin cruiser.

Patriot Number One: American Dreams in Chinatown by Lauren Hilgers
A deeply reported analysis of the Chinese immigrant community in the United States offers revisionist insights into how their experiences in China and America have reflected and transformed the American dream.

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton
A man who spent thirty years on death row for a crime he did not commit describes how he became a victim of a flawed legal system, recounting the years he shared with fellow inmates who were eventually executed before his exoneration.

The Last Wild Men of Borneo: A True Story of Death & Treasure by Carl Hoffman
The author of *Savage Harvest* traces the parallel stories and impact of two very different men, Swiss environmentalist Bruno Manser and American art dealer Michael Palmieri, on the land, culture and legacy of Borneo.

Damnation Island: Poor, Sick, Mad & Criminal in 19th-century New York by Stacy Horn
It's now known as New York City's Roosevelt Island. Originally called Blackwell's Island, it housed a lunatic asylum, prison, hospital, workhouse and almshouse in the 19th century. This book re-creates what daily life was like on the island, what politics