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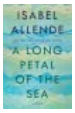
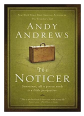
BOOK DISCUSSION SETS

Alam, Rumaan **LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND** 2020
Sheltering in a New York beach house with a couple that has taken refuge during a massive blackout, a family struggles for information about the power failure while wondering if the cut-off property is actually safe.

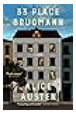


Allende, Isabel **A LONG PETAL OF THE SEA** 2019
Sponsored by the poet Pablo Neruda to flee the violence of the Spanish Civil War, a pregnant widow and an army doctor unite in an arranged marriage only to be swept up by the early days of World War II.



Andrews, Andy **THE NOTICER** 2009
The Noticer is part auto-biographical, part fiction, and all inspiring. It is the story of “Jones,” a mysterious old man who has a knack for showing up at just the right time in people’s lives. He notices stuff, stuff that they miss and he gives them the one thing we all so often need: perspective. Nonfiction. Generously donated by the **MBC Book Club**.

Atkinson, Kate **SHRINES OF GAIETY** 2022
In London after the Great War, Nellie Carter, the notorious and ruthless queen of a dazzling, seductive and corrupt new world in the clubs of Soho, finds her success breeding enemies as she faces threats from without and within, revealing the dark underbelly beneath Soho's gaiety.

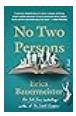


*Austin, Alice **33 PLACE BRUGMANN** 2025
Belgium, 1939. On the eve of the occupation, in the heart of Brussels, life for the residents of eight apartments at 33 Place Brugmann is about to change forever. Art student Charlotte Sauvin, daughter of a prominent architect in apartment 4L, knows all the details of the building and its people. But all that's familiar for Charlotte and the other residents begins to fracture as whispers of Nazi occupation become reality. And in the face of a perilous new reality, every member of this accidental community will discover they are not the person they believed themselves to be. Generously donated by the **Century Readers.**

Backman, Fredrik **ANXIOUS PEOPLE** 2020
Taken hostage by a failed bank robber while attending an open house, eight anxiety-prone strangers—including a redemption-seeking bank director, two couples who would fix their marriages and a plucky octogenarian—discover their unexpected common traits.

Backman, Fredrik **THE WINNERS** 2022
As simmering tensions between the towns of Beartown and Hed turn into acts of intimidation and then violence, a 14-year-old boy, increasingly alienated from this hockey-obsessed community, puts in motion a plan to avenge his beloved sister's death that will leave Beartown with an unimaginable loss. Generously donated by the **MBC Book Club**.

Baker, Chandler **THE HUSBANDS** 2021
When Nora meets a group of high-powered women whose husbands' are supportive unlike her own, she discovers that the women use an unorthodox method of couples' therapy that has transformed their lives--one that is worth killing for.



Bauermeister, Erica **NO TWO PERSONS** 2023
When a devastating event breaks her heart open, aspiring writer Alice creates a stunning debut novel in which her words find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness to a widower rent by grief, who, due to her book, find new paths forward. Generously donated by **Sue’s Crew** in Memory of Sue Cascio.

Beaird, Rowan **THE DIVORCEES** 2024
In 1951, unhappiness is hardly grounds for divorce - except in Reno, Nevada. At the Golden Yarrow, the most respectable of Reno’s famous “divorce ranches,” Lois Saunders finds herself living with other would-be divorcees for the six weeks’ residency that is the state’s only divorce requirement. But it isn’t until Greer Lang arrives that Lois’s world truly cracks open. Greer is unlike anyone Lois has ever met - and she sees something in Lois that no one else ever has. Under her influence, Lois begins to push against the limits that have always restrained her. How far will she go to forge her independence, on her own terms?

*Benedict, Marie & Victoria Christopher Murray **THE FIRST LADIES** 2023
Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fight together for justice and equality, holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph. Generously donated by **Babes with Big Books**.

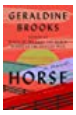
Benedict, Marie **THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE** 2021
Claiming amnesia after going missing for more than a week in late 1926, up-and-coming mystery author Agatha Christie pens a chilling story that brashly implicates her war-hero husband.

Benedict, Marie & Victoria Christopher Murray **THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN** 2021
Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.

Bennett, Brit **THE MOTHERS** 2016
Seventeen year old Nadia Turner has her world turned upside down when her mother commits suicide and shortly thereafter, she discovers she's pregnant with the pastor's son's child. Nadia finds a safe harbor in her best friend Aubrey, but as the years go by, her past decisions invade the present, ushering in a new wave of wounds. Generously donated by **The Friends of the Park Ridge Library.**

Bennett, Brit **THE VANISHING HALF** 2020
Separated by their embrace of different racial identities, two mixed-race identical twins reevaluate their choices as one raises a black daughter in their southern hometown while the other passes for white with a husband who is unaware of her heritage.

Berg, Elizabeth **THE CONFESSION CLUB** 2019
Invited to join a supper club where friends in their community support each other throughout private setbacks, two women enduring difficult relationships discover the power of friendship and sharing their secrets.



Brooks, Geraldine **HORSE** 2022
A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century race horse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen who were critical to its success.

Brooks-Dalton, Lily **THE LIGHT PIRATE** 2022
Born during a powerful hurricane, Wanda, an unusual woman in a rapidly changing world, loses family, gains community and ultimately seeks adventure, love and purpose in a place abandoned by civilization and remade by nature. Told in four parts—power, water, light, and time—The Light Pirate mirrors the rhythms of the elements and the sometimes quick, sometimes slow dissolution of the world as we know it. Generously donated by **Flexible Book Club.**

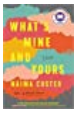
Brown, Austin Channing **I'M STILL HERE** 2018
The author's first encounter with a racialized America came at age seven, when her parents told her they named her Austin to deceive future employers into thinking she was a white man. She grew up in majority-white schools, organizations, and churches, and has spent her life navigating America's racial divide as a writer, a speaker, and an expert helping organizations practice genuine inclusion. Nonfiction.

Bryson, Bill **A WALK IN THE WOODS** 1997
Traces the author's adventurous trek along the Appalachian Trail past its natural pleasures, human eccentrics, and offbeat comforts. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **Tattered Readers.**

Clark, Julie **THE LAST FLIGHT** 2020
Working for months on a plan to escape her secretly violent husband, Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger also on the run before a fateful accident compels her to assume the other's identity.

Coates, Ta-Nehisi **BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME** 2015
Told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes. Nonfiction.

Cooper, Anderson **VANDERBILT: THE RISE AND FALL OF AN AMERICAN DYNASTY** 2021
Drawing on never-before-seen documents and told from a unique insider's viewpoint, the CNN anchor and New York Times bestselling author tells the story of his legendary family and their remarkable influence. Nonfiction. Generously donated by the **BBC book club**.



Coster, Naima **WHAT'S MINE AND YOURS** 2021
Integrated into a predominantly white high school, an anxious young Black student and a half-Latina whose mother would have her pass as white join a bridge-building school play that shapes the trajectory of their adult lives.

Cronin, Marianne **THE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LENNI AND MARGOT** 2021
Determined to leave a mark on the world even though they are in the hospital and their days are dwindling, unlikely friends, 17-year-old Lenni and 83-year-old Margot, devise a plan to create 100 paintings showcasing the stories of the century they have lived. Generously donated by the **Book Marques book club in memory of Lois Cuttone**.

*Davis, Fiona **THE STOLEN QUEEN** 2025
In 1978, as a valuable Egyptian artifact disappears during the Met Gala, Met curator Charlotte Cross and young assistant Annie Jenkins embark on a high-stakes search that leads them to Egypt, where Charlotte must confront an ancient curse and the haunting tragedy of her past.

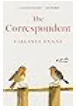
Diaz, Hernan **TRUST** 2022
Told from the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction, this unrivaled novel about money, power, intimacy and perception is centered around the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930's New York City.

Doyle, Glennon **UNTAMED** 2020
An activist, speaker and philanthropist offers a memoir wrapped in a wake-up call that reveals how women can reclaim their true, untamed selves by breaking free of the restrictive expectations and cultural conditioning that leaves them feeling dissatisfied and lost. Nonfiction.

*Elmhirst, Sophie **A MARRIAGE AT SEA** 2025
Maurice and Maralyn couldn't be more different. He is as cautious and awkward as she is charismatic and forceful. It seems an unlikely romance, but it works. Bored of 1970s suburban life, Maralyn has an idea- sell the house, build a boat, leave England -- and its oil crisis, industrial strikes and inflation -- forever. It is hard work, but finally they set sail for New Zealand. Then, halfway there, their beloved boat is struck by a whale and the pair are cast adrift in the Pacific Ocean. On their tiny raft, their love is put to the test. When Maurice begins to withdraw into himself, it falls upon Maralyn to keep them both alive. Generously donated by **B.T.W. Book Club**.

Erdrich, Louise **THE SENTENCE** 2021
In this stunning and timely novel, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich creates a wickedly funny ghost story, a tale of passion, of a complex marriage, and of a woman's relentless errors.

Erlick, Nikki **THE MEASURE** 2022
When every person, all over the globe, receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, the world is thrown into a collective frenzy, in this novel told through multiple perspectives that introduces an unforgettable cast of characters.



*Evans, Virginia **THE CORRESPONDENT** 2025
At 73, retired lawyer and devoted letter writer Sybil Van Antwerp navigates her daily life and reflects on her past, but when unexpected letters open old wounds, she must confront a painful chapter that reshapes her understanding of herself and her world.

Everett, Percival **JAMES** 2024
When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond. While many narrative set pieces of Twain's original novel remain in place, Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light.

Ferrante, Elena **THE LYING LIFE OF ADULTS** 2020
The best-selling author of My Brilliant Friend presents the story of an Italian teen who searches for a sense of identity and clear perspectives when she finds herself torn between the refinements and excesses of a divided Naples.
Generously donated by the **Who Picked This Book book club**.

Ford, Olivia **MRS. QUINN'S RISE TO FAME** 2024
As a contestant on a British baking show, Jenny has decided to do something for herself after 59 years of marriage and delights in her new-found independence, but finds the show unearthing memories buried decades ago -- and a secret that could be a recipe for disaster.

Frankel, Laurie **FAMILY FAMILY** 2024
An actress who makes a film about adoption starts a media storm after admitting to a journalist that it's a bad movie and that she gave up a baby for adoption during her senior year.

French, Tana **THE SEARCHER** 2020
Looking to start a new life in a small Irish village, former Chicago police officer Cal Hooper comes out of retirement to help find a missing kid and uncovers layers of darkness beneath his picturesque retreat.

Gaffigan, Jeannie **WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU PEARS** 2019
The wife of acclaimed comic Jim Gaffigan shares an uplifting account of her fight to survive a brain tumor, the toll its treatment took on her family and the lessons she learned along the way. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **MBC Book Club**.

Garmus, Bonnie **LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY** 2022
In the early 1960s, chemist and single mother Elizabeth Zott, the reluctant star of Americas most beloved cooking show due to her revolutionary skills in the kitchen, uses this opportunity to dare women to change the status quo.

Gates, Melinda **THE MOMENT OF LIFT** 2019
A timely call to action for women's empowerment identifies the link between women's equality and societal health, sharing insights by international advocates in the fight against gender bias. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **Babes with Big Books.**

George, Jessica **MAAME** 2023
A young British Ghanaian woman navigates her 20s and finds her place in the world.

Gilbert, Elizabeth **CITY OF GIRLS** 2019
Set in the theatre world of 1940s New York, a young woman discovers that she does not have to be a "good girl" in order to be a good person. Generously donated by **Pagewiners Book Club**.

Gonzalez, Xochitl **OLGA DIES DREAMING** 2022
In the wake of Hurricane Maria, Olga, the tony wedding planner for Manhattan's power brokers, must confront the effects of long-held family secrets when she falls in love with Matteo, while other family members must weather their own storms. Generously donated by **PageWiners Book Club**.

Goodwillie, David **KINGS COUNTY** 2020
Audrey Brown, a rising indie star in the Williamsburg, Brooklyn music scene in the early 2000s, makes dangerous compromises to survive and becomes enmeshed in a spiraling series of crises after a friend disappears under mysterious circumstances. Generously donated by **Ladies of the Club.**

Grafer, Camille **SUNSHINE ROSE** 2018
Camille Grafer describes the journey she and her mother took after Mama Rose was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Recalling the life of her mother - a widow raising her only child in Chicago in the 1950s - Camille tells the story of her own transitions as a caregiver. Generously donated by **SPBC Kindergarten Moms.**

Grann, David **THE WAGER** 2023
In this tale of shipwreck, survival and savagery, the #1 New York Times best-selling author of Killers of the Flower Moon recounts the events on His Majesty's Ship The Wager, a British vessel that left England in 1740 on a secret mission, resulting in a court martial that revealed a shocking truth. Generously donated by **Book Marques Book Club**.

Griffiths, Elly **BLEEDING HEART YARD** 2022
Twenty years after she and her friends killed a fellow student, Cassie Fitzgerald is working as a police officer and must investigate her former classmates for what seems to be another very recent murder.

Gyasi, Yaa **TRANSCENDENT KINGDOM** 2020
A follow-up to the best-selling Homegoing finds a sixth-year PhD candidate grappling with the childhood faith of the evangelical church in which she was raised while researching the science behind the suffering that has devastated her Ghanaian immigrant family.

Haig, Matt **THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY** 2020
Nora Seed finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one: following a different career, undoing old breakups, or realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist. She must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

*Hall, Clare Leslie **BROKEN COUNTRY** 2025
Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident.

Hannah, Kristin **THE FOUR WINDS** 2021
A Depression-era woman confronts a wrenching choice between fighting for the Dust Bowl-ravaged land she loves in Texas or pursuing an uncertain future in California.

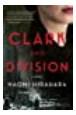
Hannah, Kristin **THE WOMEN** 2024
In 1965, nursing student Frankie McGrath, after hearing the words "Women can be heroes, too," impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America. Generously donated by **PageWiners Book Club.**

Harmel, Kristin **THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES** 2020
Escaping from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew, a graduate student finds refuge in a small mountain town, where she forges identity documents to help hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis. Generously donated by **Washington School Book Group**.

Harper, Jane **THE LOST MAN** 2019
Meeting at the remote fence line separating their cattle ranches on an isolated belt of the Australian outback, two brothers navigate the haunting realities of the isolation that ended their third brother's life.

Heiny, Katherine **EARLY MORNING RISER** 2021
A wise, bighearted, boundlessly joyful novel of love, disaster, and unconventional family.

Heller, Miranda Cowley **THE PAPER PALACE** 2021
While staying at "The Paper Palace" — the family summer place she has visited every summer of her life, 50-year-old Elle must decide between the life she has built with her husband and the life she always imagined she would have had with her childhood love.



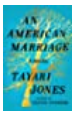
Hirihara, Naomi **CLARK AND DIVISION** 2021
Released from a Japanese internment camp in 1944, Aki Ito moves to Chicago to be with her sister, Rose, only to lose her in a subway train accident on the event of their reunion and then vows to learn what really happened.

Hobson, Brandon **THE REMOVED** 2021
Steeped in Cherokee myths and history, a novel about a fractured family reckoning with the tragic death of their son long ago. Drawing deeply on Cherokee folklore, The Removed seamlessly blends the real and spiritual to excavate the deep reverberations of trauma—a meditation on family, grief, home, and the power of stories on both a personal and ancestral level.

Hoover, Colleen **IT ENDS WITH US** 2016
Falling for a stubborn but sensitive neurosurgeon after a youth spent working hard to earn an education and start her own business, Lily is frustrated by his aversion to commitment before reconnecting with a first love from the past she left behind.

Huynh, Carolyn **THE FORTUNES OF JADED WOMEN** 2022
A family of estranged Vietnamese women, who are cursed to never know love or happiness, reunite when a psychic makes a startling prediction.

Jackson, Jenny **PINEAPPLE STREET** 2023
A funny, sharply observed novel of family, wealth, love and tennis, this zeitgeisty debut follows three women in an old Brooklyn Heights clan: one who was born with money, one who married into it, and one, the millennial conscience of the family, who wants to give it all away. Rife with the indulgent pleasures of affluent WASPS in New York and full of recognizable if fallible characters, it's about the peculiar unknowability of someone else's family, about the haves and have-nots and the nuances in between, and the insanity of first love- Pineapple Street is a scintillating, wryly comic novel of race, class, wealth and privilege in an age that disdains all of it.



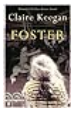
Jones, Tayari **AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE** 2018
Celestial and Roy are newly married professionals leaning in to a bright future when Roy is convicted of a crime he did not commit. This is not a heroes vs. villains tale with a tidy resolution. It is a complicated, messy, moving, and thought-provoking story about love, family, and the wide-reaching effects of incarceration.

Joyce, Rachel **MISS BENSON'S BEETLE** 2020
Leaving London behind, Margery Benson, a schoolmarm and spinster in 1950, embarks on a quest to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession – the golden beetle of New Caledonia – with the help of a fun-loving assistant who changes her life forever. Generously donated by the **Happy Bookers Book Club**.

Kalanithi, Paul **WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR** 2016
A profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question: what makes a life worth living? At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **Babes with Big Books Book Club**.

Kamali, Marjan **THE LION WOMEN OF TEHRAN** 2024
A heartfelt, epic novel of friendship, betrayal and redemption is set against three transformative decades in Tehran, Iran.

Keane, Mary Beth **ASK AGAIN, YES** 2019
A family saga about two Irish American families in a New York suburb, the love between two of their children, and the tragedies that threaten to tear them apart and destroy their futures.



Keegan, Claire **FOSTER** 2022
An Irish child taken by her father to live with relatives on a farm finds the love and affection she never knew before and begins to thrive. Generously donated by the **Uptown Girls Book Club**.

Kelly, Martha Hall **SUNFLOWER SISTERS** 2021
Union nurse Georgeanna Woolsey, an ancestor of Caroline Ferriday, travels with her sister to Gettysburg, where they cross paths with a slave-turned-army conscript and her cruel plantation mistress. Generously donated by **Century Readers.**

Khong, Rachel **REAL AMERICANS** 2024
In this intricately woven tapestry of class and striving, race and visibility, and family and inheritance, 15-year-old Nick Chen, who cannot shake the feeling his mother is hiding something, sets out to find his biological father--a journey that raises more questions than provides answers.

Kim, Angie **HAPPINESS FALLS** 2023
When her father goes missing and the only witness is her younger brother Eugene who has Angelman syndrome and cannot speak, Mia finds their desperate search calling everything they know about him and themselves into question—and that the most personal secrets may be at the heart of his disappearance. Generously donated by **BTW Book Club.**

Kimmerer, Robin Wall **BRAIDING SWEETGRASS** 2013
As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In Braiding Sweetgrass, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on 'a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise'. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **Hodges Park Book Club.**

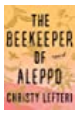
Kingsolver, Barbara **DEMON COPPERHEAD** 2022
The son of an Appalachian teenager uses his good looks, wit and instincts to survive foster care, child labor, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses in the new novel from the best-selling author of Unsheltered. Generously donated by **MBC Book Club.**

Kline, Christina Baker **THE EXILES** 2020
Sent to a Tasmanian penal colony after conceiving her employer's grandchild, a young governess befriends a talented midwife and an orphaned Aboriginal chief's daughter while confronting the harsh realities of British colonialism and oppression in 19th-century Australia.

Klune, T.J. **THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA** 2020
Given a curious classified assignment to evaluate the potential risks posed by six supernatural orphans, a case worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth bonds with an enigmatic caregiver who hides dangerous secrets.

Larson, Erik **THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE** 2020
The best-selling author of Dead Wake draws on personal diaries, archival documents and declassified intelligence in a portrait of Winston Churchill that explores his day-to-day experiences during the Blitz and his role in uniting England. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **MBC Book Club**.

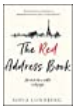
Lawhon, Ariel **THE FROZEN RIVER** 2023
In 1789 Maine, midwife and healer Martha Ballard investigates a shocking murder linked to an alleged rape that has shaken her small town, especially when her diary lands at the center of the scandal, threatening to tear both her family and her community apart. Generously donated by the **Uptown Girls Book Club.**



Lefteri, Christy **THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO** 2019
A beekeeper and his artist wife have their lives upended and must flee after war destroys their home in Aleppo, Syria, and they set off on a dangerous journey through Turkey and Greece, towards an uncertain future in England. Moving, powerful, compassionate, and beautifully written, The Beekeeper of Aleppo is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit.

Lockhart, E.L. **WE WERE LIARS** 2014
Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenager Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer. Generously donated by **The Friends of the Park Ridge Library**.

Lombardo, Claire **THE MOST FUN WE EVER HAD** 2019
The four adult daughters of two Chicago parents who have been madly in love for decades recklessly ignite old rivalries, until a long-buried secret threatens to shatter the lives they built.



Lundberg, Sofia **THE RED ADDRESS BOOK** 2019
Living alone in her Stockholm apartment, a 96-year-old woman reminisces through the pages of a long-kept address book before starting to write down stories from her past, unlocking family secrets in unexpectedly beneficial ways. Generously donated by **The 20th Century Club Book Marques in memory of Martha Campbell**.

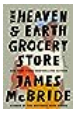
McFarlane, Mhairi **MAD ABOUT YOU** 2022
After turning down a proposal from her long-time partner, in-demand wedding photographer Harriet Hatley moves in with a new roommate who makes her question everything about her life and her past when her heavily guarded secret comes to light.

MacKinnon, J.B. **THE DAY THE WORLD STOPS SHOPPING** 2021
An award-winning journalist examines the effects of consumerism on the planet, looking towards a world without shopping and how it could help reduce carbon emissions and lead us to a closer relationship with our natural world and each other. Nonfiction.

Makkai, Rebecca **I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU** 2023
A woman must reckon with her past when new details surface about a tragedy at her elite New England boarding school.

Manansala, Mia P. **ARSENIC AND ADOBO** 2021
Returning home to help save her Tita Rosie's failing restaurant, Lila Macapagal is shocked when her ex-boyfriend, a notoriously nasty food critic, dies suddenly, moments after they had a confrontation, leaving her the only suspect.

Mandel, Emily St. John **THE GLASS HOTEL** 2020
A massive Ponzi scheme is tied to a woman's disappearance at sea, in a tale of crisis and survival in the hidden landscapes of homeless campgrounds, luxury hotels, private clubs, and federal prisons.

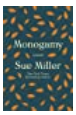


McBride, James **THE HEAVEN AND EARTH GROCERY STORE** 2023
When a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania in 1972, an unforgettable cast of characters living on the margins of white, Christian America closely guard a secret, especially when the truth is revealed about what happened and the part the town's white establishment played in it. Generously donated by the **Uptown Girls Book Club**.

McDermott, Alice **ABSOLUTION** 2023
A riveting account of women's lives on the margins of the Vietnam War, from the renowned winner of the National Book Award. Generously donated by the **Uptown Girls Book Club**.

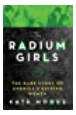
Miller, Kirsten **LULA DEAN'S LITTLE LIBRARY OF BANNED BOOKS** 2024
A satiric novel looks at a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books and a little lending library that changes everything. Generously donated by **Sue's Crew in honor of Suzanne Cascio**.

Miller, Madeline **CIRCE** 2018
In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child, not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Threatened, Zeus banishes her to a deserted island, where she hones her occult craft, tames wild beasts and crosses paths with many of the most famous figures in all of mythology.



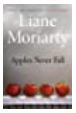
Miller, Sue **MONOGAMY** 2020
Derailed by the sudden passing of her husband of thirty years, an artist on the brink of a gallery opening struggles to pick up the pieces of her life before discovering harrowing evidence of her husband's affair.

Mitchard, Jacquelyn **THE GOOD SON** 2022
When her son is released from prison after serving time for the negligent homicide of his girlfriend, Thea is committed to helping him make amends until attempts on their lives are made, leading her to believe that those who are threatening them have something to hide. Generously donated by **Sue's Crew in honor of Sue Cascio**.



Moore, Kate **RADIUM GIRLS** 2017
This is the story of hundreds of young, vibrant women who were sentenced to death by their employers. The so-called “Radium Girls” painted luminescent faces on clock and watch dials using a paint mixture that contained radium. Instructed to “lip-point” their brushes as they painted, they absorbed high doses of radium into their bodies. When the effects of the radium led to horrific disfigurement and pain, the company refused to take responsibility. Nonfiction. Generously donated by **The Friends of the Park Ridge Library**.

Moore, Liz **THE GOD OF THE WOODS** 2024
Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. Barbara isn’t just any thirteen-year-old: she’s the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region’s residents. And this isn’t the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared. Barbara’s older brother similarly vanished fourteen years ago, never to be found.



Moriarty, Liane **APPLES NEVER FALL** 2021
The four Delaney children start to reexamine their shared family history in a new light when their mother disappears along with a stranger named Savannah who needed their help, and their father, who claims to be innocent, has a lot to hide.
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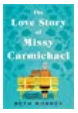
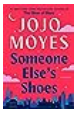


Morrey, Beth **THE LOVE STORY OF MISSY CARMICHAEL** 2020
Reevaluating her past upon finding herself alone at age 79, Missy forges unexpected ties with two strangers and their spirited dog, discovering the power of friendship, family and self-forgiveness along the way. Generously donated by **Sue's Crew in memory of Suzanne Walley Cascio**.

Mott, Jason **HELL OF A BOOK** 2021
An African-American author sets out on a cross-country book tour to promote his bestselling novel. That storyline drives Jason Mott's novel and is the scaffolding of something much larger and more urgent: since his novel also tells the story of Soot, a young Black boy living in a rural town in the recent past, and The Kid, a possibly imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour. Generously donated by the **MBC Book Club**.



Moyes, Jojo **SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES** 2023
When she accidentally takes the wrong gym bag, Sam Kemp tries on a pair of six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes that give her the confidence to change her life, while the shoes' owner tries to cling to her glamorous life after her husband cuts her off.

Napolitano, Ann **DEAR EDWARD** 2020
A twelve-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 in the face of transcendent losses.

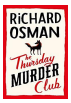
Napolitano, Ann **HELLO BEAUTIFUL** 2023
Awarded a college basketball scholarship away from his childhood home silenced by tragedy, a young man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household. Generously donated by the **PageWiners Book Club**.

Newman, Catherine **SANDWICH** 2024
For the past two decades, Rocky has looked forward to her family's yearly escape to Cape Cod. Their humble beach-town rental has been the site of sweet memories, sunny days, great meals, and messes of all kinds. With Rocky sandwiched between her half-grown kids and fully aging parents, this year promises to be just as delightful as summers past—except, perhaps, for Rocky's hormonal bouts of rage and melancholy. Her body is changing—her life is, too. And then a chain of events sends Rocky into the past, reliving both the tenderness and sorrow of a handful of long-ago summers.

Ng, Celeste **OUR MISSING HEARTS** 2022
In a society consumed by fear, twelve-year-old Bird Gardner, after receiving a mysterious letter, sets out on a quest to find his mother, a Chinese-American poet who left when he was nine years old, leading him to New York City, where a new act of defiance may be the beginning of much-needed change.

Obama, Michelle **BECOMING** 2018
An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States. In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America, she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private. Nonfiction.

O'Farrell, Maggie **HAMNET** 2020
The award-winning author of I Am, I Am, I Am presents the evocative story of a young Shakespeare's marriage to a talented herbalist before the ravaging death of their 11-year-old son shapes the production of his greatest play.

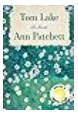


Osman, Richard **THURSDAY MURDER CLUB** 2020
In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

Orlean, Susan **THE LIBRARY BOOK** 2018
The acclaimed best-selling author of Rin Tin Tin and The Orchid Thief reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution—our libraries. Nonfiction.

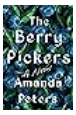
Pataki, Allison **THE MAGNIFICENT LIVES OF MARJORIE POST** 2022
The epic reimagining of the extraordinary life of Marjorie Merriweather Post, the American heiress who lived and loved on a grand scale, reveals the heartbreak she endured as a wife four times over in vastly different, dramatic marriages.

Patchett, Ann **THESE PRECIOUS DAYS** 2021
The beloved New York Times bestselling author reflects on home, family, friendships and writing in this deeply personal collection of essays. Infused with the author's grace, wit, and warmth, the pieces in *These Precious Days* resonate deep in the soul, leaving an indelible mark—and demonstrate why Ann Patchett is one of the most celebrated writers of our time. Nonfiction.



Patchett, Ann **TOM LAKE** 2023
In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Generously donated by **Washington School Book Group.**

Penner, Sarah **THE LOST APOTHECARY** 2021
Secretly dispensing poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them, a London apothecary triggers unintended consequences that shape three lives across multiple centuries.



Peters, Amanda **THE BERRY PICKERS** 2023
July 1962. A Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries; weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie vanishes mysteriously, last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe. Joe will remain deeply affected by his sister's disappearance for years to come. In Boston, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often troubled by recurring dreams and visions; as she grows older, Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this family secret.

Piazza, Jo **THE SICILIAN INHERITANCE** 2024
Inheriting a plot of land in Sicily, along with a bombshell family secret--her great-grandmother Serafina didn't die of illness but was murdered--Sara Marsala races all over the picturesque Italian countryside to solve a mystery and learn the real story of Serafina, putting her in the crosshairs of a killer. Generously donated by **Babes with Big Books book club**.

Picoult, Jodi **MAD HONEY** 2022
Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. She never imagined she would end up back in her New Hampshire hometown, taking over her father's beekeeping business. Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start. And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need.

Pooley, Clare **IONA IVERSON'S RULES FOR COMMUTING** 2022
An advice columnist breaks her rule for never talking to other commuters on the train when she witnesses a nurse save another man choking on a grape.

Powers, Richard **PLAYGROUND** 2024
The tiny atoll of French Polynesia has been chosen for humanity's next adventure: a plan to send floating, autonomous cities out onto the open sea, but first, the island's residents must vote to greenlight the project or turn the seasteaders away. Generously donated by the **20th Century Club Book Marques in loving memory of Sue Caldwell.**

Prescott, Lara **THE SECRETS WE KEPT** 2019
A thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice--inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: Doctor Zhivago.

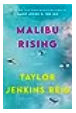
Purnell, Sonia **A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE** 2019
Traces the story of mid-twentieth-century spy Virginia Hall, detailing her pivotal role in coordinating Resistance activities in Europe that helped change the course of World War II. Generously donated by the **Tattered Readers.**

Quindlen, Anna **AFTER ANNIE** 2024
When Annie Brown dies suddenly, her husband, her children, and her closest friend are left to find a way forward without the woman who has been the lynchpin of all their lives. Over the course of the next year what saves them all is Annie, ever-present in their minds, loving but not sentimental, caring but nobody's fool, a voice in their heads that is funny and sharp and remarkably clear. The power she has given to those who loved her is the power to go on without her. The lesson they learn is that no one beloved is ever truly gone.

Quinn, Joanna **THE WHALEBONE THEATRE** 2022
In 1928, 12-year-old orphan Cristabel Seagrave and the rest of the household build a theatre from a whale's skeletal rib cage, where imagination comes to life. Her acting comes into play years later as she becomes a British secret agent on a dangerous mission in Nazi-occupied France.

Quinn, Kate **THE ALICE NETWORK** 2017
A female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 are brought together in a story of courage and redemption. Generously donated by the **Pagewiners Book Club**.

Reid, Kiley **SUCH A FUN AGE** 2019
A story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both.



Reid, Taylor Jenkins **MALIBU RISING** 2021
Four famous siblings throw an epic end-of-summer party that goes dangerously out of control as secrets and loves that shaped this family' s generations come to light, changing their lives forever.

Reid, Taylor Jenkins **THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO** 2017
Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one in the journalism community is more astounded than Monique herself. Summoned to Evelyn's Upper East Side apartment, Monique listens as Evelyn unfurls her story: from making her way to Los Angeles in the 1950s to her decision to leave show business in the late 80s, and, of course, the seven husbands along the way.

Richardson, Kim Michele **THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK** 2019
A last-of-her-kind outcast and member of the Pack Horse Library Project braves the hardships of Kentucky's Great Depression and hostile community discrimination to bring the near-magical perspectives of books to her neighbors.

Rooney, Kathleen **FROM DUST TO STARDUST** 2023
From the bestselling author of Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk comes a novel about Hollywood, the cost of stardom, and selfless second acts, inspired by an extraordinary true story. Generously donated by the **Tattered Readers**.

Rose, M.J. **THE JEWELER OF STOLEN DREAMS** 2023
A captivating tale of two passionate women separated by decades but united by a shared vision. One, the famous jeweler Suzanne Belperron, fighting to protect her company and rescue the man she loves. The other, a young auctioneer whose exceptional gifts reveal a secret that endangers her very life. Generously donated by **The Book Babes.**

Rutledge, Lynda **WEST WITH GIRAFFES** 2021
Inspired by true events, this part adventure, part historical saga and part coming-of-age love story follows Woodrow Wilson Nickel as he recalls his journey in 1938 to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo.

*Ryan, Patrick **BUCKEYE** 2025
In Bonhomie, Ohio, a stolen moment of passion, sparked in the exuberant aftermath of the Allied victory in Europe, binds Cal Jenkins, a man wounded not in war but by his inability to serve in it, to Margaret Salt, a woman trying to obscure her past. Cal's wife, Becky, has a spiritual gift: She is a seer who can conjure the dead, helping families connect with those they've lost. Margaret's husband, Felix, is serving on a Navy cargo ship, out of harm's way--until a telegram suggests that the unthinkable might have happened. Later, as the country reconstructs in the postwar boom, a secret grows in Bonhomie--but nothing stays buried forever in a small town. Generously donated by the **MBC Book Club.**

See, Lisa **THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE** 2017
Li-Yan and her family, devote their lives to farming tea. Like her mother, Li-Yan is being groomed to become a midwife in her Chinese village. She yearns for more and is allowed to pursue her schooling. The arrival of outsiders seeking the Pu'er tea of Yunnan brings the modern world into this isolated village. When Li-Yan finds herself alone and pregnant, she leaves her child, wrapped with a tea cake, at an orphanage. Her daughter is adopted by a couple from California, but she is drawn to the study of tea.

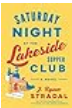
Shapiro, Dani **INHERITANCE** 2019
The acclaimed author of Hourglass describes her staggering recent discovery that she is not biologically related to her father, tracing her efforts to uncover the truth from a half-century web of family secrets to reestablish her sense of identity. Nonfiction.

Skeslien Charles, Janet **THE PARIS LIBRARY** 2021
Based on a true story.A lonely, 1980s teenager befriends an elderly neighbor and uncovers her past as a librarian at the American Library in Paris who joined the Resistance when the Nazis arrived. Generously donated by **Other Book Club**.

Smith, William Gardner **THE STONE FACE** 1963
First published in 1963, The Stone Face tells the tale of a young African-American man who takes refuge from American racism in France, only to find himself complicit in a racist order of another sort. Generously donated by **Hodges Park Book Club**.

Spiegelman, Art **MAUS** 1986
Maus recounts the chilling experiences of the author's father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats.

Stradal, J. Ryan **THE LAGER QUEEN OF MINNESOTA** 2019
A talented baker running a business out of her nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time that her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub. Generously donated by **Babes with Big Books Book Club**.



Stradal, J. Ryan **SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE LAKESIDE SUPPER CLUB** 2023
In the aftermath of a devastating tragedy, a couple from two very different restaurant families in rustic Minnesota, Mariel Prager and her husband Ned, lose almost everything they hold dear and unexpectedly find salvation in their failing business -- the Lakeside Supper Club. Generously donated by **Flexible Book Club**.

Straub, Emma **ALL ADULTS HERE** 2020
A matriarch confronts the legacy of her parenting mistakes while her adult children navigate respective challenges in high standards and immaturity, before a teen granddaughter makes a courageous decision to tell the truth.

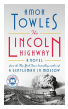
Strout, Elizabeth **OLIVE, AGAIN** 2019
A sequel to Olive Kitteridge finds Olive struggling to understand herself while bonding with a teen suffering from loss, a woman who gives birth unexpectedly, a nurse harboring a longtime crush and a lawyer who resists an unwanted inheritance.

Sue, Natalie **I HOPE THIS FINDS YOU WELL** 2024
Trapped between petty revenge and a life-changing opportunity, Jolene navigates coworker drama, hidden secrets and forbidden feelings to save her job, risking exposure of an email vendetta and the walls she's built around her heart.

Sullivan, Mark **BENEATH A SCARLET SKY** 2017
In 1940s Italy, teenager Pino Lella joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps and falls for a beautiful widow, he also becomes the personal driver of one of the Third Reich's most powerful commanders.

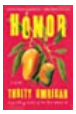
Sweeney, Cynthia D'Aprix **GOOD COMPANY** 2021
In this bighearted story of the lifelong relationships that both wound and heal us, Flora Mancini finds everything she thought she knew about her husband, her marriage and her relationship with her best friend upended when she makes a startling discovery.

Toibin, Colm **LONG ISLAND** 2024
Eilis Lacey is Irish and married to Tony Fiorello, a plumber and one of four Italian American brothers, all of whom live in neighboring houses on a cul-de-sac in Lindenhurst, Long Island, with their wives and children and Tony's parents, a huge extended family that lives and works, eats and plays together. It is the 1976 and Eilis, in her forties with two teenage children, has no one to rely on in this still-new country. One day, when Tony is at his job and Eilis is in her home office doing her accounting, an Irishman comes to the door, telling her that his wife is pregnant with Tony's child and that when the baby is born, he will not raise it but instead deposit it on Eilis's doorstep.



Towles, Amor **THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY** 2021
In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future. Generously donated by the **Pagewiners Book Club**.

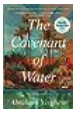
Tyler, Anne **A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD** 2015
The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate togetherness, but they are also like all families, in that the stories they tell themselves reveal only part of the picture. Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets.



Umrigar, Thrity **HONOR** 2022
An Indian American journalist returns home to cover the story of a Hindi woman attacked by her own family for marrying a Muslim and deals with a society that places more weight on tradition than one's heart.

Urrea, Luis Alberto **GOOD NIGHT, IRENE** 2023
After D-Day Irene Woodward and Dorothy Dunford, two heroic Red Cross women, join the Allied soldiers streaming into France where they are embroiled in danger, from the Battle of the Bulge to the liberation of Buchenwald, and where Irene learns to trust again through their friendship.

Van Pelt, Shelby **REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES** 2022
For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium- and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.

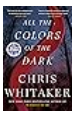


Verghese, Abraham **THE COVENANT OF WATER** 2023
Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, The Covenant of Water is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning-and in Kerala, water is everywhere. Generously donated by **MBC Book Club.**

Wallace, Chris and Mitch Weiss **COUNTDOWN 1945** 2020
A Fox News Sunday anchor and a Pulitzer Prize-winning AP investigative journalist present a behind-the-scenes account of the secret meetings, global events, leadership decisions, and civilian realities that led to the Hiroshima bombing. Nonfiction. Generously donated by the **Pickwickers Book Club.**

Weiner, Jennifer **MRS. EVERYTHING** 2019
Two sisters struggle to find their place, be true to themselves and adapt to rapid changes happening throughout the latter half of 20th-century America.

Wetmore, Elizabeth **VALENTINE** 2020
An astonishing debut novel that explores the lingering effects of a brutal crime on the women of one small Texas oil town in the 1970s.



Whitaker, Chris **ALL THE COLORS OF THE DARK** 2024
After a string of disappearances in 1975 Missouri, a one-eyed boy heroically thwarts a kidnapping, igniting a chain of events that blur the lines between triumph and tragedy as the townspeople of Monta Clare confront hidden truths. Generously donated by the **PageWiners Book Club**.

Whitehead, Colson **THE NICKEL BOYS** 2019
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Whitehead, Colson **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD** 2015
Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted. Their first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels. Generously donated by **The Friends of the Park Ridge Library**.

Wilkerson, Charmaine **BLACK CAKE** 2022
Two estranged siblings try to reclaim the closeness they once shared while trying to piece together their late mother's life story and fulfill her last request of sharing a traditional Caribbean black cake when the time is right.

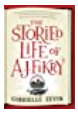
Wilkerson, Isabel **CASTE** 2020
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* identifies the qualifying characteristics of historical caste systems to reveal how a rigid hierarchy of human rankings, enforced by religious views, heritage and stigma, impact everyday American lives. Nonfiction.

Williams, Pip **THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS** 2020
Deciding to create her own dictionary — the Dictionary of Lost Words — Esme, who has collected “objectionable” words a team of male scholars omit from the first Oxford English Dictionary, leaves her sheltered world behind to meet the people whose words will fill those pages.

Wilson, Kevin **NOTHING TO SEE HERE** 2019
Agreeing to help her former roommate care for two stepchildren who possess the ability to spontaneously combust when agitated, Lillian endeavors to keep her young charges cool in the face of an astonishing revelation.

Wingate, Lisa **BEFORE WE WERE YOURS** 2017
Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge, until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents but they quickly realize the dark truth. Generously donated by **MBC Book Club**.

Zauner, Michelle **CRYING IN H MART** 2021
The Japanese Breakfast indie pop star presents a full-length account of her viral New Yorker essay to share poignant reflections on her experiences of growing up Korean-American, becoming a professional musician and caring for her terminally ill mother. Nonfiction.



Zevin, Gabrielle **THE STORIED LIFE OF A. J. FIKRY** 2014
A middle-aged bookseller mourning his lost wife, a feisty publisher's rep, and a charmingly precocious abandoned child come together on a small island off the New England coast in this utterly delightful novel of love and second chances.

Zevin, Gabrielle **TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW** 2022
Spanning thirty years, from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Venice Beach, California, and lands in between and far beyond, this is a dazzling and intricately imagined novel that examines the multifarious nature of identity, disability, failure, the redemptive possibilities in play, and above all, our need to connect: to be loved and to love. Yes, it is a love story, but it is not one you have read before.

Zigman, Laura **SMALL WORLD** 2023
Inviting her older sister Lydia, who is also divorced, to live with her until she finds a place of her own, Joyce finds their relationship fraying as new revelations from their family's history come to light, forcing them to finally reckon with their childhood. Generously donated by the **Uptown Girls Book Club**.

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