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## A Reliable Wife

A Novel, by Robert Goolrick

*"Set in a land where long winters drive residents to unthinkable acts, this is the story of a wealthy Wisconsin foundry owner gets more than he bargains for when he orders a mail-order bride. Determined to quickly change from new bride to wealthy widow, his wife is as surprised as the reader to discover the sexual intensity of this quiet man. Many secrets. Many lies. Very sensual."*

Beth Golay, Watermark Books, Wichita, KS



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## Through Black Spruce

A Novel, by Joseph Boyden

*"Will Bird, a Cree bush pilot, lies in a coma, and his niece Annie has come home to Northern Canada to be at his side. Through Annie's narration, the reader begins to understand the meaning of family bonds, even as Will's voice relates his own powerful story. Filled with wonderful characters and the strength and depth of understanding that exists between them—and written with grace and beauty—I found I just didn't want this story to end."*

Sue Richardson, Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta, ME



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## The Long Fall

by Walter Mosley

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## Darling Jim

A Novel, by Christian Moerk

*"Will a diary found in the dead-letter bin solve the mystery behind three dead women discovered in a locked house? Set in a small Irish village, Darling Jim is a dark, erotic, and bloody tale. Shivers."*

Becky Milner, Vintage Books, Vancouver, WA



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## A Fortunate Age

A Novel, by Joanna Smith Rakoff

*"Joanna Smith Rakoff's first novel chronicles the sometimes ludicrous, maddeningly funny, and, often, moving adventures of a gifted group of twenty-something friends in New York City just after college graduation. Combining cockeyed details of development that ring true with empathy and insight, Rakoff tells the story of marriages, children, and the success (or failure) of these characters' art with a light and witty touch. A portrait of a generation, A Fortunate Age is a delight."*

Jill Owens, Powell's Books, Portland, OR



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## Revenge of the Spellmans

A Novel, by Lisa Lutz

*"Izzy Spellman's parents want her to take over the family detective agency, but, after her last case, she has her doubts about rejoining the family business. When her boss cuts her bartending hours and insists she help his friend discover if his wife is cheating on him, Izzy figures she will try to solve a case before deciding whether to jump back into the game. Full of likable, quirky characters, this story is a real treat."*

Deon Stonehouse, Sunriver Books, Sunriver, OR



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## All the Living

A Novel, by C.E. Morgan

*"The quiet tension and powerful, exquisite writing transport the reader deeply into the lives of people struggling with love, loss, and life. The work reminds us of the value of literature and its meaning to our psyche."*

Ed Conklin, Chaucer's Books, Santa Barbara, CA



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## The Little Sleep

A Novel, by Paul Tremblay

*"The Little Sleep is fast and fun, a noirish suspense novel featuring Mark Genevich, a hard-boiled, narcoleptic, quasi-detective in South Boston. This is the first of what promises to be an engaging series, and I eagerly await Mark Genevich's future exploits."*

Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI



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## Picking Cotton

Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption, by Jennifer Thompson Cannino and Ronald Cotton, with Erin Torneo  
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Deal Safrit, Literary Book Post, Salisbury, NC



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## Devil's Garden

by Ace Atkins

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Chronicles of the Worst Buddhist in the World, by Mary Pipher

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Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI



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## Happens Every Day

An All-Too-True Story, by Isabel Gillies

*"Isabel Gillies has written a compulsively readable memoir about the dissolution of her marriage. She does an admirable job of not only portraying her own mistakes but also of presenting her husband reasonably. Gillies has a wonderfully transparent voice, and I enjoyed reading her story."*

Carla Cohen, Politics & Prose Books & Coffee, Washington, DC



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by Domenico Starnone, Anthony Shugaar (trans.)

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Nick DiMartino, University Book Store, Seattle, WA



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## The Sound of Building Coffins

by Louis Maistros

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## Every Man Dies Alone

by Hans Fallada, Michael Hoffman (trans.)

*"By turns horrifying and inspiring, Hans Fallada's story of an ordinary German couple defying the Nazi's inhumane brutality is authentic and informative—an admirable addition to German literature."*

Nancy Olson, Quail Ridge Books, Raleigh, NC



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## Murder in the Latin Quarter

by Cara Black

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Wendy Foster-Leigh, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



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