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APRIL & OLIVER

by Tess Callahan

"This is a beautifully written story of two childhood friends reunited by a tragedy that causes each to re-examine their lives and choose a different path. I truly cared about these characters."

—Sue Skells, Anderson's Bookshop, Naperville, IL



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CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

by Dave Reidy

"This sublime collection of witty and bittersweet stories will stick with readers."

—Zachary Tomaszewski, Literary Life Bookstore & More, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI



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DISMANTLED

by Jennifer McMahon

"Suz Pierce, brilliant and cruel, is dead. Ten years later, Henry and Tess, her friends, are still in orbit around her, haunted by remorse and guilt, their relationship slowly fracturing. Eight-year-old Emma desperately wants to keep her parents together, and unwittingly, she sets off a series of events that nearly destroy them all. McMahon is a beautifully atmospheric writer, evocative of Daphne du Maurier."

—Jennie Turner-Collins, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH



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DRAWING IN THE DUST

by Zoe Klein

"Lyrical and moving, fast-paced and fascinating, *Drawing in the Dust* tells the story of a love that transcends time and cultural barriers. Set in Israel, the story has echoes of the bomb-riddled world we see on the nightly news, but it also renders a world rich with the juxtaposition of history and modernity."

—Annie Leonard, The Next Chapter, Knoxville, IA



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FRAGMENT

by Warren Fahy

"If you are looking for the heir to Michael Crichton, look no further than Warren Fahy. This gruesome and fascinating debut highlights cutting-edge science and time-tested action as we go exploring the genetic cesspool that is Henders Island. A great summer read."

—Katie Glasgow, Mitchell Books, Fort Wayne, IN



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JOHANNES CABAL THE NECROMANCER

by Jonathan L. Howard

"Step back, Faust, there's a new game in town. Johannes Cabal is the necromancer with the heart of gold, determined to get his soul back whatever the price—to others, that is. Morbidly hilarious, dry, and with few illusions about the nature of humanity, Howard spins an excellent gothic tale with an unexpectedly uplifting ending."

—Jenn Northington, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



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THE MARRIAGE BUREAU FOR RICH PEOPLE

by Farahad Zama

"Mr. Ali, bored with retirement, opens a very successful marriage bureau. His customers are delighted to be well-matched, but his biggest challenges are those closest to him—his capable assistant, who seems to harbor a sad secret, and his son, who would rather save the world than settle down. Crisply written and charming, *The Marriage Bureau for Rich People* is steeped in India's culture and traditions but remains light-hearted and fun."

—Jody Misner Chwatun, Saturn Booksellers, Gaylord, MI



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THE OLD MAN AND ME

by Elaine Dundy

"American antihero Honey Flood (hint, not her real name) is on a quest for money, love and revenge in '60s London. A witty romp that explores the British/American cultural divide and the human passions that bridge national boundaries."

—Ilene Traiger, Books on the Common, Ridgefield, CT



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THE PIG COMES TO DINNER

by Joseph Caldwell

"This sequel to *The Pig Did It* lives up to and continues the frolic and fascination of its predecessor. Packed with Irish whimsy and tender attention to both the characters and the rich history of the region, this novel gallops along with a sigh and a lilt and captures the reader with delightful dialogue and a great story."

—Karen M. Frank, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT

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SECRETS SHE LEFT BEHIND

by Diane Chamberlain

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—Lisa Driban, Hockessin Book Shelf, Hockessin, DE

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THE FLYING CARPET OF SMALL MIRACLES

A Woman's Fight to Save Two Orphans, by Hala Jaber

"Through her clear and expressive writing, Hala Jaber shares not only the sights, sounds, and horror of the war in Iraq but also her conflicting emotions—sorrow and joy, triumph and defeat, exhilaration and exhaustion—as her search through war-torn Baghdad for war orphans turns into a desperate search for the child she could never conceive.

A real-life thriller that will keep you on the edge of your chair."

—Gary Colliver, Windows on the World-Books & Art, Mariposa, CA

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GOAT SONG

A Seasonal Life, A Short History of Herding, and the Art of Making Cheese,

by Brad Kessler

"When writer Brad Kessler and his photographer wife leave successful Manhattan lives for the country to raise goats and make cheese, the adventure begins. And what an adventure it is. I loved this book!"

—Jackie Blem, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO

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HUNGRY MONKEY

A Food-Loving Father's Quest to Raise an Adventurous Eater, by Matthew Amster-Burton

"Matthew Amster-Burton's account of cooking for and sharing the delights of food with his young daughter had me giggling aloud at their adventures and drooling over the book's recipes. Sweet, enthusiastic, accessible, and unabashedly biased, it is full of good advice, good food, and good humor."

—Beth Simpson, Cornerstone Books, Salem, MA

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K BLOWS TOP

A Cold War Comic Interlude Starring Nikita Khrushchev, America's Most Unlikely Tourist, by Peter Carlson

"Who knew a history book could be so funny? Romp along with the blustery premier of the USSR in 1959, with all his wacky pronouncements, and learn (or remember) a little something about the coldest days of the cold war. This is a fun book for everyone."

—Pete Mulvihill, Green Apple Books, San Francisco, CA

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LITTLE PEOPLE IN THE CITY

The Street Art of Slinkachu, by Slinkachu

"Slinkachu's art wonderfully combines the playful with the profound, crafting an astute existential statement."

—Linda Findlay, University Book Store, Seattle, WA

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PERFECTION

A Memoir of Betrayal and Renewal, by Julie Metz

"The grief over the unexpected death of her husband and the devastating secrets Julie Metz uncovers will keep you reading. But the honest, raw, and sometimes angry search for truth, forgiveness, and letting go will make you glad you did."

—Michelle Dale, Redbery Books, Cable, WI

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THE SHARING SOLUTION

How to Save Money, Simplify Your Life & Build Community,
by Janelle Orsi, Emily Doskow

"This book is an amazing resource for people who are looking for ways to both reduce the amount of stuff they have and build community. *The Sharing Solution* guides you with worksheets, sample agreements, and real-life examples of people saving money and helping each other prosper."

—Luan Stauss, Laurel Book Store, Oakland, CA



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WAKING UP IN EDEN

In Pursuit of an Impassioned Life on an Imperiled Island, by Lucinda Fleeson

"Middle-aged, divorced, and disillusioned with her career, Lucinda Fleeson wonders if passion and adventure are gone for good. Then, she is offered a job at the National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii. Fleeson dives into Hawaiian botany and history, restoring a plantation cottage and exploring the gardens. With deft, vivid prose, she describes her own awakening to new life and passion."

—Andrea Kaitany, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI



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LITTLE LAMB LOST

by Margaret Fenton

"There's something fishy about the death of one of social worker Claire Connor's young clients, and she intends to discover the truth. I loved this mystery from a bright new author, and I'm excited to recommend it to readers and book clubs."

—Andra Tracy, Out Word Bound, Indianapolis, IN



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