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Among the Mad

A Maisie Dobbs Novel, by Jacqueline Winspear

"Conscripted as a special advisor to Scotland Yard, psychologist and investigator Maisie Dobbs once again takes us to an unsettled postwar London. After her proximity to a veteran's suicide, Maisie searches for a madman, whose deadlines threaten havoc for the government and people of London. Jacqueline Winspear consistently delivers strong characters and an intelligent, thought-provoking story."

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Sonata for Miriam

A Novel, by Linda Olsson

"This is a haunting, beautifully written novel about living with impossible choices; the importance of discerning the mysteries of the past in order to divine one's place in the present; and the quest for understanding that leads to acceptance and forgiveness. A fine read."

Emily Crowe, Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley, MA



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Starvation Lake

A Mystery, by Bryan Guley

"Small towns love their sports teams as much as they love taking swipes at their local newspaper, but they also love their secrets. A secret lies frozen at the bottom of Starvation Lake, and the ice is starting to melt. Dripping with atmosphere and pitch-perfect dialog, Guley captures the heart and hardships of small-town life."

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Sleepwalking in Daylight

by Elizabeth Flock

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Peter Marsh, Briggs Carriage Bookstore, Brandon, VT



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All That I Have

A Novel, by Castle Freeman, Jr.

“Castle Freeman, Jr.’s latest thriller takes us back to the deep woods of Vermont, where law is a complicated and subtle thing. Sheriff Wing is a sensitive, thinking man, preoccupied with the differences between the work of the policeman and that of the sheriff. When real criminals come to his county his slow-motion, low-key methods of protecting his community are put to a serious test. A real treat for readers.”

Paul Ingram, Prairie Lights Books, Iowa City, IA



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The Manual of Detection

A Novel, by Jedediah Berry

“This story of a clerk becoming an unlikely detective is the perfect novel noir, like some wonderful, early black-and-white film from France or Germany. The mystery twists and turns, and the universe grows into a beautiful web of fantasy. The Manual of Detection is the most fun circus ride I’ve been on in years.”

Justin Fetterman, The Alabama Booksmith, Birmingham, AL



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A Grave in Gaza

An Omar Yusef Mystery, by Matt Beynon Rees

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Patient Zero

A Joe Ledger Novel, by Jonathan Maberry

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My Abandonment:

A Novel, by Peter Rock

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Betsy Burton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



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The Tourist

A Novel, by Olen Steinhauer

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Sue Richardson, Maine Coast Book Shop, Damariscotta, ME



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The True Story of a Family's Love and the Will to Survive, by Hester Rumberg

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A Novel, by Jeffrey Lent

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Penny McConnel, Norwich Bookstore, Norwich, VT



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