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by Paul Auster

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A Novel, by Lauren Grodstein

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"Beloved on the Earth is the best book on the subject that I've come across. Beautiful pieces from May Sarton, Rilke, Mary Jo Bang, and Jane Kenyon are included, but you will make many other discoveries, too. Full of warming and wise poems, this is a collection that will help readers find comfort and solace."

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A Novel, by Mary E. Mitchell

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A Novel, by Jason Quinn Malott

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The Race to the Ends of the Earth, and the Epic Story of the Map That Gave America Its Name, by Toby Lester

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A Simon Serrailer Mystery,

by Susan Hill

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The Amazing Journey of American Women

From 1960 to the Present,

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by Stuart Neville

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—McKenna Jordan, Murder By The Book, Houston, TX



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by Jakov Lind, Ralph Manheim (trans.)

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—Adam Walter, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



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