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THE BIRTHING HOUSE

by Christopher Ransom

"This story of a young couple who buy an old Victorian house in a small Wisconsin town in an effort to start over should come with a warning label: Very scary! Not for the faint of heart! Fans of Shirley Jackson and Clive Cussler can rejoice, for a new voice in wickedly scary fiction has arrived."

—Meaghan Leenaarts, Island Bookstore, Corolla, NC



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THE CHILD THIEF

A Novel, by Brom

"So, if Tim Burton, Wes Craven, and Marilyn Manson got together and re-imagined *Peter Pan*, this is the story they would tell. Brom's vision of the dark side of Peter's Neverland is fantastic!"

—Bob Brill, Horizon Books, Petoskey, MI



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EMILY'S GHOST

by Denise Giardina

"This darn good fictional biography of the Bronte sisters has just the right amount of historical authenticity to make you believe it. The character of Emily is strong, vibrant, and interesting, and I had no trouble at all imagining her writing *Wuthering Heights*. Well done!"

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



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A GATE AT THE STAIRS

by Lorrie Moore

"In order to earn enough to stay in school and get her degree, Tassie Keltjin decides to become a nanny for a woman who wants to adopt—and who insists Tassie be a part of the process from the first adoption agency interview. Chaos ensues as Tassie, her employer, and their little charge totter towards what they regard as normality in this wonderful novel about love and loss and the triumph of the human spirit."

—Kathy Ashton, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



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HENRY'S SISTERS

by Cathy Lamb

"*Henry's Sisters* is a novel about family, love, forgiveness, and the quirky stuff we all do. Isabelle Bommarito and her family made me laugh out loud and, then, wipe away the tears. I will be recommending *Henry's Sisters* to everyone this fall."

—Patricia Worth, River Reader, Lexington, MO



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OF THE WORLD

A Novel, by Sam Taylor

"In this fascinating post-apocalyptic novel, Sam Taylor crafts the story of the last survivors of *The Flood*: a family of four isolated in the simplicity of their own little Eden. But, from the beginning, we sense something eerie suffusing the idyllic atmosphere, and when the harmony of their world is breached by a stranger, ugliness erupts and relationships begin to disintegrate."

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



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IT FEELS SO GOOD WHEN I STOP

by Joe Pernice

"Joe Pernice is not just a great storyteller; he has an ear for authentic dialogue and an eye for the striking detail, and all that makes *It Feels So Good When I Stop* a sweet and entertaining joy to read."

—Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI



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JOHN THE REVELATOR

A Novel, by Peter Murphy

"Imaginatively dark, intriguingly descriptive, *John the Revelator* will grip readers with its unique blend of original characters, captivating imagery, and deviant humor—all creating a concurrent story of friendship, hardship, and betrayal."

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



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THE LAST DAY

A Novel, by James Landis

"*The Last Day* tells the story of Warren Harlan Pease, a young U.S. Army sniper freshly returned from Iraq. After meeting 'Jesus,' he travels the New Hampshire seacoast, revisiting people and scenes from his life before his service. Landis slays our inner skeptic and gently moves us to a deeply felt empathy for all who cross our paths in daily life, even those we would classify as our 'enemy.' This is one of the most affecting novels we have read in many years."

—Elizabeth Plante & Dan Chartrand, Water Street Books, Exeter, NH

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ONE FOOT WRONG

A Novel, by Sofie Laguna

"Kept imprisoned by her unbalanced, zealously religious mother, Hester Wakefield has only fleeting contact with the outside world, and the only life she knows is one of torture, pain, and abuse. The story of her halting steps toward recovery is dark, but it also has an ending that practically defines poetic justice and a character whose haunting life will resonate long after the book is put down."

—Emily Crowe, Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley, MA

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THE NATURAL LAWS OF GOOD LUCK

A Memoir of an Unlikely Marriage, by Ellen Graf

"After a blind date and the briefest of courtships, Ellen Graf—a divorced mother of four—marries her tai chi teacher's brother-in-law in China, and the usual challenges of married life are complicated by an immense cultural gap. As her husband navigates the unfamiliar landscape of upstate New York, a portrait emerges of a heroic and memorable man, but not before you laugh a little, and cry a little more."

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

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OUR BOYS

A Perfect Season on the Plains With the Smith Center Redmen, by Joe Drape

"An intimate look at one of high school football's most accomplished legacies, *Our Boys* is a story of how one small Kansas town comes together to raise a group of boys to the status of legend... year after year."

—Joe Foster, Maria's Bookshop, Durango, CO

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PICTORIAL WEBSTER'S

A Visual Dictionary of Curiosities, by Johnny Carrera

"The greatest oddity resurrected in reference books in a generation, this fascinating image-based dictionary (last printed in 1898) adds new meaning to the phrase, 'Let's look it up.' *Pictorial Webster's* is a phenomenal follow-up for fans of everything from *The Selected Works of T. S. Spivet* to *The Professor and the Madman*."

—Alex Green, Back Pages Books, Waltham, MA

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THE SLIPPERY YEAR

by Melanie Gideon

"Reading Melanie Gideon's essays is just like sitting down with friends over cups of coffee to chat about how old the kids are getting, how much we're changing, and how to read the secret messages in a restaurant menu—all the little things in life, which are really the big things."

—Jenny Stroyeck, The Homer Bookstore, Homer, AK

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YOUNG WOMAN AND THE SEA

How Trudy Ederle Conquered the English Channel and Inspired the World, by Glenn Stout

"Trudy Ederle, the first woman to successfully swim the English Channel in 1926, is the focus of this fascinating and readable book. *Young Woman and the Sea* is both inspirational and painlessly educational. Every young woman should read it to see where women were in society 100 years ago. Stout is an excellent storyteller."

—Nancy Fontaine, The Yankee Bookshop, Woodstock, VT

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THE MERRY MISOGYNIST

by Colin Cotterill

"There's no telling how long a serial killer can go without being caught, but in *The Merry Misogynist* Laotian coroner Dr. Siri goes all out to catch the killer of a beautiful young woman. Now if only the Communist bureaucrats will just let him do his job. A wonderful read!"

—Linda Dewberry, Whodunit? Books, Olympia, WA

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MORTAL FRIENDS

A Novel, by Jane Stanton Hitchcock

"*Mortal Friends* has it all—sex, politics, friendship, murder, and a plot that keeps you guessing until the end."

—Cinda Meister, Booksmart, Morgan Hill, CA



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VANISHED

by Joseph Finder

"Joseph Finder has created a fabulous new character, Nick Heller, who is ex-Special Forces with important contacts and brilliant deductive reasoning.

Vanished is intelligent, intricate, and an outstanding beginning to what fans hope will be a long-running series."

—Susan Wasson, Bookworks, Albuquerque, NM



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