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AMONG THIEVES

A Novel, by David Hosp

“Scott Finn grew up on the wrong side of the tracks, and as a lawyer, this has proved both a bonus and a liability. When he agrees to represent an old acquaintance on a charge of burglary, he finds himself drawn into a case that has ties to the unsolved Gardner Museum art theft of 1990. Hosp has created some great characters, and keeps us riveted with a heart-thumping plot.”

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



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THE BUTTERFLIES OF GRAND CANYON

A Novel, by Margaret Erhart

“It’s 1951 and an unlikely host of characters gather at the rim of the Grand Canyon, where mysteries abound. There are elusive butterflies, evasive love, and a 13-year-old murder waiting to be solved. Erhart’s novel leaves a deep impression.”

—**Maire Estar, Chapter One Book Store, Hamilton, MT**



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A FAIR MAIDEN

A Novel, by Joyce Carol Oates

“When 16-year-old Katya Spivak meets famous artist Marcus Kidder, he seems to be everything she could ask for. You’ll love Katya as she makes bold decisions in a bleak lifestyle.”

—**Josh Robers, Back To Books, Hudson, WI**



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FINCH

by Jeff VanderMeer

“In this fantastic new sci-fi novel, Jeff VanderMeer does a great job creating and describing his grim and grittily bizarre world and his downtrodden, not so utterly hopeless characters.”

—**Julia Green, Front Street Books, Alpine, TX**



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GHOSTS AND LIGHTNING

by Trevor Byrne

“Denny Cullen is a loser in so many ways, yet he has a dignity that will have you rooting for him from the get-go. Denny knows that he wants more out of life than his dead-end existence in Dublin, but, somehow, the path to something better eludes him. *Ghosts and Lightning* is so accomplished that it’s difficult to believe that it’s a debut novel.”

—Betsey Detwiler, **Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset, MA**



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THE PIG DID IT

by Joseph Caldwell

“*The Pig Did It* is part cozy, part Irish lament, all quirky, and great fun!”

—Jill Miner, **Saturn Booksellers, Gaylord, MI**



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SAVING CICADAS

A Novel, by Nicole Seitz

“Priscilla Lynn Macy is like many single mothers in America—struggling to make ends meet. When she discovers she is pregnant, quite unplanned, she gathers her family together and embarks on a road trip, seemingly to nowhere. As her story unfolds through the eyes of her eight-year-old daughter, we see the truth of a mother’s love that transcends the physical and leads to the ultimate healing of the spirit.”

—Valerie Jones, **Fireside Books and Gifts, West Bend, WI**



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THROUGH THE HEART

A Novel, by Kate Morgenroth

“From the first paragraphs, you know a murder has occurred. You spend the rest of the novel trying to figure out who dies and who the murderer is. Meanwhile, you will enjoy a fascinating love story, a peek at Midwestern life in a small town, and a picture of how an incredibly wealthy and dysfunctional big city family works (or doesn’t).”

—Jeanne Regentin, **Between the Covers, Harbor Springs, MI**



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TRUE CONFECTIONS

A Novel, by Katharine Weber

"Alice Tatnall Ziplinsky is not the easiest person to like, but she cares a great deal about her family and especially the family business, which is candy making. Written as an affidavit, this is the story of one complicated family, two fires, and a whole lot of sugar. The pages of *True Confections* will begin to turn themselves as the reader puzzles over what's the truth and what's just Alice."

—Jackie Blem, **Tattered Cover Book Store, Denver, CO**



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UNFINISHED DESIRES

A Novel, by Gail Godwin

"Gail Godwin's many-voiced novel is a study of women, their betrayals and slyness, and their compassion and friendships. Moving in time, but focused on 1951, *Unfinished Desires* takes us to a tony Catholic school for girls in the mountains of North Carolina. There, shifting alliances, old hurts, adolescent angst, and adult interference create consequences no one escapes. Godwin's ironic voice never allows for the ease of black-and-white judgments."

—Helen Sinoradzki, **Annie Bloom's Books, Portland, OR**



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CHERRIES IN WINTER

My Family's Recipe for Hope in Hard Times, by Suzan Colón

"Suzan Colón's account of discovering her grandmother's recipes following the loss of her job as a magazine editor is timely and heartwarming. I'm not a cook, but I'm inspired to be one after reading *Cherries in Winter*."

—Karin Wilson, **Page & Palette, Fairhope, AL**



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EATING ANIMALS

by Jonathan Safran Foer

"Jonathan Safran Foer makes the case for boycotting industrial agriculture with firsthand accounts and voices from every side of the debate. It changed the way I think about food—but made me enjoy it even more."

—Zak Powers, **Oblong Books & Music, Rhinebeck, NY**



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HAPPY

A Memoir, by Alex Lemon

"This memoir of a man who had his first stroke at 19 is both harrowing and uplifting. Though Alex Lemon battles physically, the true story is about the toughest fight anyone has—against ourselves. In the course of his struggle, the author discovers the true meaning of love and delivers a visceral, wrenching experience to the reader."

—Bill Cusumano, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI

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THE MOST THEY EVER HAD

by Rick Bragg

"Pulitzer Prize-winner Rick Bragg has written a powerful account of the lives of the good, hardworking people who were employed in a cotton mill in Jacksonville, Alabama. In giving them the respect and dignity they deserve, he reminds us of a set of values and a way of life that defined our country far better than the lust for the deal and fast money. This book is a powerhouse!"

—Deon Stonehouse, Sunriver Books, Sunriver, OR

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THE VOICE THAT CALLS YOU HOME

Inspiration for Life's Journeys, by Andrea Raynor

"Andrea Raynor's experiences as a hospice chaplain (she was also a chaplain at Ground Zero following 9/11) are the basis for this profound and intensely personal memoir about our human dance with death and life. With raw and lyrical writing that strips the reader bare, Raynor infuses even the most rehearsed doubter with a transforming portion of hope and possibility."

—Zachary Marcus, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT

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THE DISAPPEARED

A Novel, by M.R. Hall

"*The Disappeared* introduces a vibrant protagonist in Jenny Cooper, a British coroner who becomes embroiled in a seven-year-old missing persons case involving two young, British Muslim boys. As Jenny investigates the case, she realizes that corruption and conspiracy are at the heart of what looks to be a massive cover-up. A timely and fascinating thriller."

—Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI

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I, SNIPER

A Bob Lee Swagger Novel, by Stephen Hunter

“Marine sniper Bob Lee Swagger is asked by the FBI to investigate a series of long-distance shootings. One of the best thriller writers at work today returns with his finest work in years.”

—David Thompson, *Murder By The Book*, Houston, TX

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