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The Buried Giant: A Novel

By Kazuo Ishiguro

"Ishiguro's new novel is a work of wonder. A recurrent theme in his earlier books is the matter of what happens after we have lost our way. In *The Buried Giant*, Ishiguro explores losing direction, memory, and certainty, as the primary characters cling to remnants of codes of behavior and belief. Which is the way through the forest? Where might our son be? And where is the dragon, and who shall seek to slay her? Set in the time just after King Arthur's reign, Ishiguro's tale, with striking, fable-like rhythm and narrative, shows how losing and finding our way runs long, deep, and to the core of things."

—Rick Simonson, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA



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The Daylight Marriage: A Novel

By Heidi Pitlor

"After being together many years and having two children, Hannah and Lovell Hall are a married couple growing apart. One night they have a terrible argument in which both accusations and personal objects are thrown. The next morning the unthinkable happens and Hannah disappears. Was this her decision or someone else's? Did her husband take an unforgivable step? *The Daylight Marriage* is a kinder, gentler *Gone Girl* with characters readers actually might want to know, a page-turner that explores the depths of human relationships as well as the consequences of even the smallest decision."

—Sharon Nagel, Boswell Book Company, Milwaukee, WI



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Inside the O'Briens: A Novel

By Lisa Genova

"Haunted by Huntington's disease, the O'Brien family members watch as their patriarch slowly loses his physical abilities. Stripped of his policeman's badge, Joe struggles to find meaning in his life while his children wonder if they, too, will eventually succumb to the degenerative disease that has no cure. Should they get the blood test that will either give them relief or lead to fear and despair? What would you do? This is Genova at her best and a story that will provoke many discussions."

—Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



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The Jaguar's Children: A Novel

By John Vaillant

"Vaillant has established his reputation as an accomplished writer of nonfiction, and he now brings his considerable talent to this debut novel. There are no easy moments in this story told by Hector, a young man engaged in an illegal border crossing inside a sealed tanker truck. Vaillant uses Hector's narration to bring the frequent brutality of the illegal immigration experience to light in visceral detail, engaging both the reader's sympathy and revulsion, which linger long after the last page is turned."

—Fran Keilty, The Hickory Stick Bookshop, Washington Depot, CT



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The Upstairs Wife: An Intimate History of Pakistan

By Rafia Zakaria

"This is a masterfully executed, gripping, and intimate account of both the situation of Pakistani women and the troubling politics of the Pakistani state. Zakaria chronicles the humiliation of her aunt, a barren wife, as she is relegated to second-class status and moved upstairs to make room for her uncle's second wife. Into this remembrance, the author skillfully weaves the story of Benazir Bhutto, the charismatic and powerful Pakistani leader plagued by the dark history and politics of her country which eventually led to her assassination."

—Cathy Langer, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO



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West of Sunset: A Novel

By Stewart O'Nan

"This novel begins after F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife Zelda have streaked across the Jazz Age sky like bright, shiny shooting stars. Scott is in Hollywood working as a script doctor and shakily holding on to sobriety; Zelda is in a mental hospital clinging to sanity just as tenuously. Gone are the days of wine and roses; Scott must now learn to live as if there is a tomorrow. O'Nan offers a subtle portrait of an American icon as an ordinary man attempting to redefine himself after nearly losing it all."

—Kerry Spaulding, University Book Store, Mill Creek, WA



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