Creatures: A Novel, by Crissy Van Meter
(Algonquin Books, $25.95)  “Creatures is a novel that invokes the senses most often left to the wayside in fiction: touch, taste, and smell. This imagery is unique to how Evie, our narrator, perceives her surroundings of Winter Island and the people who float in and out of her life. As readers experience Evie’s past, present, and future concurrently, they are left with a stark and stunning tale of abandonment, betrayal, love, and healing. With a narrative style reminiscent of Ted Chiang’s The Story of Your Life, this is a book I couldn’t put down!” —Julia Long, Epilogue: Books Chocolate Brews, Chapel Hill, NC

The Magical Language of Others: A Memoir, by E.J. Koh (Tin House Books, $22.95)  “A beautifully written memoir of history, culture, past, and present—this might be one of the best books I’ve read all year and a close second to Pachinko, one of my all-time favorites. The letters from a mother read from her daughter’s perspective really give you a sense of the complexity of family relationships, and how certain events mold the consequences of what’s to come. Just beautiful!” —Desirae Wilkerson, Paper Boat Booksellers, Seattle, WA
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### Children’s EARLY & MIDDLE GRADE READERS

1. **Guts**
   - Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $12.99
2. **Karen’s Witch**
   - Ann M. Martin, Katy Farina (Illus.), Graphix, $10.99
3. **Best Friends**
   - Shannon Hale, LoUyen Pham (Illus.), First Second, $12.99
4. **Sisters**
   - Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99
5. **A Tale of Magic...**
   - Chris Colfer, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $18.99
6. **Little Women**
   - Louisa May Alcott, Puffin, $8.99
7. **Smile**
   - Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99
8. **Drama**
   - Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99
9. **Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy: A Graphic Novel: A Modern Retelling of Little Women**
   - Rey Terciero, Bre Indigo (Illus.), Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $12.99
10. **Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson’s Journal**
    - Jeff Kinney, Abrams, $13.99
11. **Dog Man Guide to Creating Comics in 3-D**
    - Kate Howard, Dav Pilkey (Illus.), Scholastic, $10.99
12. **Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks**
13. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**
    - Kelly Barnhill, Algonquin Y oung Readers, $9.95
14. **Clean Getaway**
    - Nic Stone, Crown Books for Young Readers, $16.99
15. **Ghosts**
    - Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99

### For Ages 9 to 12

**Martin McLean, Middle School Queen, by Alyssa Zacek (Sterling Children’s Books, $16.95)**

“Middle school seems daunting to shy and insecure Martin. To complicate his life, he’s starting to wonder if he like likes girls or boys, and the class bully keeps making digs about him being gay. Is he? He doesn’t know and can’t talk to anyone about his feelings. The one place he shines is Mathletes… until he discovers drag. Cue the Celia Cruz tunes and Martin’s feeling confident and happy. But becoming a middle-school drag queen will not be without some crazy drama.” —Ellen Richmond, Children’s Book Cellar, Waterville, ME

### Young Adult

1. **One of Us Is Next**
   - Karen M. McManus, Delacorte Press, $19.99
2. **The Hate U Give**
   - Angie Thomas, Balzer + Bray, $18.99
3. **One of Us Is Lying**
   - Karen M. McManus, Delacorte Press, $17.99
4. **The Fountains of Silence**
   - Ruta Sepetys, Philomel Books, $18.99
5. **The Book Thief**
   - Markus Zusak, Knopf Books for Young Readers, $14.99
6. **The Giver**
   - Lois Lowry, HMH Books for Young Readers, $9.99
7. **Looking for Alaska**
   - John Green, Penguin, $12.99
8. **The Little Prince**
   - Antoine de Saint-Exupery, Harvest, $11.99
9. **Call Down the Hawk**
   - Maggie Stiefvater, Scholastic Press, $19.99
10. **Loveboat, Taipei**
    - Abigail Hing Wen, HarperTeen, $18.99
11. **The Sun Is Also a Star**
    - Nicola Yoon, Ember, $12.99
12. **Turtles All the Way Down**
    - John Green, Penguin, $14.99
13. **Are You Listening?**
    - Tillie Walden, First Second, $17.99
14. **The Prince and the Dressmaker**
    - Jen Wang, First Second, $16.99
15. **Pet**
    - Akwaeke Emezi, Make Me a World, $17.99

For Teen Readers

**The Map From Here to There, by Emery Lord (Bloomsbury YA, $17.99)**

“I absolutely adored this book. Emery Lord really understands what it is to be a teenager, especially one with anxiety. All of the overthinking, the nervous energy, the panic that goes on inside Paige’s head over the drama surrounding college and boys and friendship is so relatable. I desperately wanted her to succeed despite her flaws, because Paige Hancock is an authentic teenager. The romance between Max and Paige was my favorite part of the book, because Lord didn’t shy away from the stumbles that come with first loves. I wish I’d had this one a few years ago!” —Ava Tusek, Second Star to the Right Children’s Books, Denver, CO
1. Goodnight Moon
Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, $8.99

2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Eric Carle, Putnam, $10.99

3. The Serious Goose
Jimmy Kimmel, Random House Books for Young Readers, $18.99

4. The Snowy Day
Ezra Jack Keats, Viking Books for Young Readers, $19.99

5. Dragons Love Tacos
Adam Rubin, Daniel Salmieri (Illus.), Dial, $16.99

6. Little Blue Truck
Alice Schertle, Jill McElmurry (Illus.), HMH Books for Young Readers, $7.99

7. Frozen 2 Little Golden Book
Golden Books/Disney, $4.99

8. Where the Wild Things Are
Maurice Sendak, Harper, $19.95

9. Good Night, Gorilla
Peggy Rathmann, Putnam, $7.99

10. Love from the Crayons
Drew Daywalt, Oliver Jeffers (Illus.), Penguin Workshop, $9.99

11. Frozen 2 Read-Along Storybook
Disney Press, $6.99

12. Grumpy Monkey
Suzanne Lang, Max Lang (Illus.), Random House Books for Young Readers, $8.99

13. Pat the Bunny
Dorothy Kunhardt, Golden Books, $9.99

14. The Dinky Donkey
Craig Smith, Katz Cowley (Illus.), Scholastic, $7.99

15. The Day the Crayons Quit
Drew Daywalt, Oliver Jeffers (Illus.), Philomel, $17.99

For Ages 4 to 8
The Old Truck, by Jerome Pumphrey, Jarrett Pumphrey (Norton Young Readers, $17.95)
“Full of nostalgia and wonder, this is a sweet and simple tale of determination and growth. I am absolutely in love with the stamp illustrations in The Old Truck and the young girl who lives, works, and dreams at the farm. A great addition to a home library, this is for fans of things that go and the work of illustrator Christian Robinson!”—Eugenia Vela, BookPeople, Austin, TX
### Hardcore

**1. Such a Fun Age**  
Kiley Reid, Putnam, $26

**2. Where the Crawdads Sing**  
Delia Owens, Putnam, $26

**3. The Dutch House**  
Ann Patchett, Harper, $27.99

**4. On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous**  
Ocean Vuong, Penguin Press, $26

**5. The Water Dancer**  
Ta-Nehisi Coates, One World, $28

**6. The Starless Sea**  
Erin Morgenstern, Doubleday, $28.95

**7. Olive, Again**  
Elizabeth Strout, Random House, $27

**8. Nothing to See Here**  
Kevin Wilson, Ecco, $26.99

**9. The Guardians**  
John Grisham, Doubleday, $29.95

**10. Dear Edward**  
Ann Napolitano, The Dial Press, $27

**11. The Testaments**  
Margaret Atwood, Nan A. Talese, $28.99

**12. The Giver of Stars**  
Jojo Moyes, Pamela Dorman Books, $28

**13. The Nickel Boys**  
Colson Whitehead, Doubleday, $24.95

**14. Trust Exercise**  
Susan Choi, Holt, $27

**15. Long Bright River**  
Liz Moore, Riverhead Books, $26

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### Paperback

**1. The Overstory**  
Richard Powers, Norton, $18.95

**2. Little Fires Everywhere**  
Celeste Ng, Penguin, $17

**3. The Tattooist of Auschwitz**  
Heather Morris, Harper, $16.99

**4. Unsheltered**  
Barbara Kingsolver, Harper Perennial, $17.99

**5. The Woman in the Window**  
A.J. Finn, Morrow, $16.99

**6. A Gentleman in Moscow**  
Amor Towles, Penguin, $17

**7. Nine Perfect Strangers**  
Liane Moriarty, Flatiron Books, $17.99

**8. Before We Were Yours**  
Lisa Wingate, Ballantine, $17

**9. Girl, Woman, Other**  
Bernardine Evaristo, Grove Press/Black Cat, $17

**10. There There**  
Tommy Orange, Vintage, $16

**11. We Must Be Brave**  
Frances Liardet, Putnam, $17

**12. Ghosted**  
Rosie Walsh, Penguin, $16

**13. Every Breath**  
Nicholas Sparks, Grand Central, $15.99

**14. The Great Alone**  
Kristin Hannah, St. Martin’s Griffin, $17.99

**15. Little Women**  
Louisa May Alcott, Penguin, $16
**Indie Bestsellers**

**Nonfiction**  
**Week of 01.15.20**

**HARDCOVER**

1. *Talking to Strangers*  
   Malcolm Gladwell, Little Brown, $30

2. *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*  
   Charlie Mackesy, HarperOne, $22.99

3. *The Body*  
   Bill Bryson, Doubleday, $30

4. *The Blue Zones Kitchen*  
   Dan Buettner, National Geographic, $30

5. *Educated*  
   Tara Westover, Random House, $28

6. *Becoming*  
   Michelle Obama, Crown, $32.50

7. *Say Nothing*  
   Patrick Radden Keefe, Doubleday, $28.95

8. *Catch and Kill*  
   Ronan Farrow, Little Brown, $30

9. *The Yellow House*  
   Sarah M. Broom, Grove Press, $26

10. *Successful Aging*  
    Daniel J. Levitin, Dutton, $30

11. *Strange Planet*  
    Nathan W. Pyle, Morrow Gift, $14.99

12. *Why We Can’t Sleep: Women’s New Midlife Crisis*  
    Ada Calhoun, Grove Press, $26

13. *Boys & Sex: Young Men on Hookups, Love, Porn, Consent, and Navigating the New Masculinity*  
    Peggy Orenstein, Harper, $28.99

**PAPERBACK**

1. *No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference*  
   Greta Thunberg, Penguin, $10

2. *Just Mercy*  
   Bryan Stevenson, Spiegel & Grau, $17

3. *Sapiens*  
   Yuval Noah Harari, Harper Perennial, $24.99

4. *Calypso*  
   David Sedaris, Back Bay, $17.99

5. *The Fifth Risk*  
   Michael Lewis, Norton, $16.95

6. *The Library Book*  
   Susan Orlean, S&S, $16.99

7. *Barracoon*  
   Zora Neale Hurston, Amistad, $16.99

8. *Frederick Douglass*  
   David W. Blight, S&S, $20

9. *Born a Crime*  
   Trevor Noah, Spiegel & Grau, $18

10. *HBR’s 10 Must Reads on Mental Toughness*  
    Harvard Business Review Press, $24.95

11. *Braiding Sweetgrass*  
    Robin Wall Kimmerer, Milkweed Editions, $18

12. *HBR’s 10 Must Reads on Managing Yourself*  
    Harvard Business School Press, $24.95

13. *Skin in the Game*  
    Nassim Nicholas Taleb, Random House, $18

14. *HBR’s 10 Must Reads on Emotional Intelligence*  
    Harvard Business School Press, $24.95

15. *How to Change Your Mind*  
    Michael Pollan, Penguin, $18

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