Indie Bestsellers

Hardcover Week of 08.12.20

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   Lucy Foley, Morrow, $27.99

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11. Utopia Avenue
    David Mitchell, Random House, $30

12. 28 Summers
    Elin Hilderbrand, Little, Brown, $28

13. The Death of Vivek Oji
    Akwaeke Emezi, Riverhead Books, $27

14. Sex and Vanity
    Kevin Kwan, Doubleday, $26.95

15. Deacon King Kong
    James McBride, Riverhead Books, $28

NONFICTION

1. Too Much and Never Enough
   Mary L. Trump, Ph.D., S&S, $28

2. Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents
   Isabel Wilkerson, Random House, $32

3. How to Be an Antiracist
   Ibram X. Kendi, One World, $27

4. Untamed
   Glennon Doyle, The Dial Press, $28

5. The Splendid and the Vile
   Erik Larson, Crown, $32

6. Me and White Supremacy
   Layla Saad, Sourcebooks, $25.99

7. Begin Again
   Eddie S. Glaude, Crown, $27

8. Between the World and Me
   Ta-Nehisi Coates, One World, $26

9. Memorial Drive
   Natasha Trethewey, Ecco, $27.99

10. The Room Where It Happened
    John Bolton, S&S, $32.50

11. True Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Investigation of Donald Trump
    Jeffrey Toobin, Doubleday, $30

12. What It’s Like to Be a Bird
    David Allen Sibley, Knopf, $35

13. Live Free Or Die: America (and the World) on the Brink
    Sean Hannity, Threshold Editions, $30

14. Hood Feminism
    Mikki Kendall, Viking, $26

15. The Answer Is . . .
    Alex Trebek, S&S, $26

Other Indie Favorites

I Hold a Wolf by the Ears: Stories, by Laura van den Berg (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, $26)
“Laura van den Berg’s new collection of stories, one of the most unique I’ve read in recent years, navigates a space between the outer and inner world and takes unexpected turns that, like her novel, The Third Hotel, seem to bring in aesthetics of literature outside our time and place to tell stories that are very much grounded in our present. These stories are thrilling, timeless, and get better when you reread them. I’ve read ‘Hill of Hell’ more than five times by now.” —Fernando Flores, Malvern Books, Austin, TX

Flyaway: A Novella, by Kathleen Jennings (Tor.com, $19.99)
“‘I’ve never read anything quite like this book. The prose is confident—it’s like an iron backbone on which strange and beautiful flowers grow. Jennings’ use of syntax is utterly unique. Words that should bump and snap at each other instead morph and burst into unforgettable sentences. This is a... fairy tale? An allegory? A murder mystery? I’m not entirely sure. It doesn’t matter. Trying to categorize this wonderful novel would be like putting a unicorn into a horse box. It wouldn’t fit and the horn would shatter the wood. Best to leave it unbound and wild, admire it for what it is, and wonder at what it’s not.” —Aimee Keeble, Main Street Books, Davidson, NC

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    Heather Morris, Harper, $16.99

    Richard Russo, Vintage, $16

15. Parable of the Sower
    Octavia E. Butler, Grand Central, $16.99

MASS MARKET

1. Dune
   Frank Herbert, Ace, $10.99

2. 1984
   George Orwell, Signet, $9.99

3. The Guardians
   John Grisham, Dell, $9.99

4. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
   Maya Angelou, Ballantine, $7.99

5. Blue Moon
   Lee Child, Dell, $9.99

6. The Couple Next Door
   Shari Lapena, Penguin, $9.99

   Malcolm X, Ballantine, $7.99

8. The Outsider
   Stephen King, Pocket, $10.99

9. Animal Farm
   George Orwell, Signet, $9.99

10. Little Fires Everywhere
    Celeste Ng, Penguin, $9.99

Another Indie Favorite

The Disaster Tourist: A Novel, by Yun Ko-Eun, Lizzie Buehler (Trans.) (Counterpoint, $16.95) “This book is about every sort of disaster that can happen: ecological, economic, social, moral, and even the unexpected. When Yona, a designer of ‘disaster tours’ for a travel company, is forced to go on a business trip to a remote island, she gets caught up with making a disaster of her own. This book brilliantly peels back the layers of ecotourism, capitalism, and all the ways we are complicit in creating catastrophes. A shocking, thought-provoking book that’s also a great read.” —Dan Schwartz, Changing Hands, Phoenix, AZ
Children'sEARLY & MIDDLE GRADE READERS

1. Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure
   Jeff Kinney, Amulet Books, $14.99

2. The One and Only Bob
   Katherine Applegate, Patricia Castelao (Illus.), Harper, $18.99

3. This Book Is Anti-Racist
   Tiffany Jewell, Aurelia Durand (Illus.), Frances Lincoln Children's Books, $14.99

4. New Kid
   Jerry Craft, Harper, $12.99

5. Guts
   Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $12.99

6. The One and Only Ivan
   Katherine Applegate, Patricia Castelao (Illus.), Harper, $8.99

7. Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal
   Jeff Kinney, Abrams, $13.99

8. When Stars Are Scattered
   Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed, Dial Books, $12.99

9. Ghost Boys
   Jewell Parker Rhodes, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $7.99

10. Smile
    Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99

11. Sisters
    Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99

12. Brown Girl Dreaming
    Jacqueline Woodson, Puffin, $10.99

13. Hatchet
    Gary Paulsen, Drew Willis (Illus.), Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $9.99

14. Drama
    Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99

15. Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks

For Ages 9 to 12

The Time of Green Magic, by Hilary McKay (Margaret K. McElderry Books, $17.99)
“Hilary McKay is a funny, heart-grabbing, rollicking master of middle-grade family stories. If you love books like The Penderwicks or The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street, The Time of Green Magic is your next favorite. In this story, McKay blends the complications of a big, new blended family, a wondrous house, and magic that may be a little more dangerous than anyone expects at first.” —Alex Schaffner, Brookline Booksmith, Brookline, MA

For Teen Readers

We Are Not From Here, by Jenny Torres Sanchez (Philomel Books, $18.99)
“This tale will grab you, get under your fingernails, and not let go. So vivid is the story of these three friends on a harrowing journey to save themselves. This story is ripped from the headlines and extraordinary in its depiction of kids running from their country’s violence, deprivation, and hopelessness. The sometimes-unspreakable events are also tempered with the hope and humanity of kind people along the way. Traveling from Honduras to the promised land of the U.S., your eyes will be opened and your heart will plead for our nation to see these children and treat them with compassion.” —Maureen Palacios, Once Upon a Time, Montrose, CA
## Children’s Illustrated

### For Ages 4 to 8

**The Starkeeper**, by Faith Pray (Random House Books for Young Readers, $17.99) “What a gorgeously illustrated book about the power of kindness! This book shows kids that no matter how small or inexperienced, they are able to effect real and important change in our world just by being kind.”  —Melissa Taylor, E. Shaver, Bookseller, Savannah, GA

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