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1. The Vanishing Half
Brit Bennett, Riverhead Books, $27

2. Ready Player Two
Ernest Cline, Ballantine, $28.99

3. Hamnet
Maggie O’Farrell, Knopf, $26.95

4. The Searcher
Tana French, Viking, $27

5. Anxious People
Fredrik Backman, Atria, $28

6. The Midnight Library
Jodi Haig, Viking, $26

7. A Time for Mercy
John Grisham, Doubleday, $29.95

8. The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
V.E. Schwab, Tor, $26.99

9. Perestroika in Paris
Jane Smiley, Knopf, $26.95

10. Mexican Gothic
Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Del Rey, $27

11. Transcendent Kingdom
Yaa Gyasi, Knopf, $27.95

12. The Cold Millions
Jess Walter, Harper, $28.99

13. Where the Crawdads Sing
Delia Owens, Putnam, $26

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

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Ken Follett, Viking, $36

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Barack Obama, Crown, $45

2. Caste
Isabel Wilkerson, Random House, $32

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

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

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

Rachel Maddow, Michael Yarvitz, Crown, $28

7. Modern Comfort Food
Ina Garten, Clarkson Potter, $35

8. The Best of Me
David Sedaris, Little, Brown, $30

9. Greenlights
Matthew McConaughey, Crown, $30

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Jerry Seinfeld, S&S, $35

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Katherine May, Riverhead Books, $24

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—Marika McCoola, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA