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### OTHER HARDCOVER INDIE FAVORITES

- **The Six: The Untold Story of America’s First Women Astronauts**, Loren Grush, Scribner, $32.50
  “The Six introduces us to the real first women astronauts, who faced incredible scrutiny. The awesomeness of space exploration, the Challenger tragedy, the unreasonable press questions — experience it all with this accomplished group.” —Rosemary Pugliese, Malaprop’s Bookstore/Cafe, Asheville, NC

  “Through a historical and literary lens, Creep exposes racist dog whistles you may not be aware of, biases you don’t even realize, and shines a light on oppression marginalized people face. It is full of heart, humor, and hard truths.” —Alana Haley, Schuler Books, Grand Rapids, MI

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PAPERBACK

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1 | A Court of Thorns and Roses
Sarah J. Maas, Bloomsbury Publishing, $19
2 | Trust
Hernan Diaz, Riverhead Books, $17
3 | The Midnight Library
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Taylor Jenkins Reid, Washington Square Press, $17
5 | Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology
Shane Hawk (Ed.), Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. (Ed.), Vintage, $17
6 | Mad Honey
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Alex Michaelides, Celadon Books, $17.99
15 | Our Missing Hearts
Celeste Ng, Penguin, $18

**RANK** | **NONFICTION**
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1 | Killers of the Flower Moon
David Grann, Vintage, $17
2 | An Immense World
Ed Yong, Random House, $20
3 | Braiding Sweetgrass
Robin Wall Kimmerer, Milkweed Editions, $20
4 | Crying in H Mart: A Memoir
Michelle Zauner, Vintage, $17
5 | American Prometheus
Kai Bird, Martin J. Sherwin, Vintage, $25
6 | All About Love: New Visions
bell hooks, Morrow, $16.99
7 | The Body Keeps the Score
Bessel van der Kolk, M.D., Penguin, $19
8 | Stay True: A Memoir
Hua Hsu, Anchor, $17
9 | Solito: A Memoir
Javier Zamora, Hogarth, $18
10 | The 2024 Old Farmer's Almanac
Old Farmer's Almanac, $9.95
11 | Dopamine Nation
Dr. Anna Lembke, Dutton, $18
12 | The Four Agreements
Don Miguel Ruiz, Amber-Allen, $12.95
13 | The Artist’s Way
Julia Cameron, TarcherPerigee, $19
14 | Indigenous Continent
Pekka Hämäläinen, Liveright, $22
15 | Talking to Strangers
Malcolm Gladwell, Back Bay, $18.99
16 | Strangers to Ourselves: Unsettled Minds and the Stories That Make Us
Rachel Aviv, Picador, $18

**OTHER PAPERBACK INDIE FAVORITES**

- **The Heart of It All**
  Christian Kiefer, Melville House, $19.99
  "The Heart of It All’s beauty is its subtlety. Set in working-class Ohio, it shows the struggles and grace of people for whom the American Dream has slipped away. This is not a tale of good or evil, it’s a bridge to understand our modern times.”—Pat Rudebusch, Orinda Books, Orinda, CA

**MASS MARKET**

- **1** No Plan B
  Lee Child, Andrew Child, Dell, $9.99
- **2** The Boys from Biloxi
  John Grisham, Vintage, $10.99
- **3** 1984
  George Orwell, Signet, $9.99
- **4** A Haunting in Venice
  Agatha Christie, Morrow, $9.99
- **5** Sparring Partners
  John Grisham, Vintage, $9.99
- **6** The Way of Kings
  Brandon Sanderson, Tor, $10.99
- **7** Dune
  Frank Herbert, Ace, $10.99
- **9** Good Omens
- **10** The Wish
  Nicholas Sparks, Grand Central, $10.99

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CHILDREN'S

RANK EARLY & MIDDLE GRADE
1 The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale
   Jon Klassen, Candlewick, $19.99
2 The Lost Library
   Rebecca Stead, Wendy Mass, Feiwel & Friends, $17.99
3 Dogtown
   Katherine Applegate, Gennifer Choldenko, Wallace West (Illus.), Feiwel & Friends, $17.99
4 Cat on the Run in Cat of Death!
   Aaron Blabey, Scholastic, $7.99
5 From the World of Percy Jackson: The Sun and the Star
   Rick Riordan, Mark Oshiro, Disney Hyperion, $19.99
6 Mexikid
   Pedro Martín, Dial Books, $14.99
7 A Horse Named Sky
   Rosanne Parry, Kirbi Fagan (Illus.), Greenwillow Books, $18.99
8 Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.
   Judy Blume, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, $9.99
9 Drama: A Graphic Novel
   Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $12.99
10 Ghost Book
    Remy Lai, Henry Holt and Co. BYR, $14.99
11 The Moth Keeper: A Graphic Novel
12 96 Facts About Taylor Swift: Quizzes, Quotes, Questions, and More!
    Ane Kaplan, Risa Rodil (Illus.), Grosset & Dunlap, $6.99
13 Super Extra Deluxe Essential Handbook (Pokémon)
    Scholastic, $14.99
14 Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods
    Grace Lin, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $24.99
15 Hatchet
    Gary Paulsen, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $9.99

RANK YOUNG ADULT
1 Divine Rivals
   Rebecca Ross, Wednesday Books, $18.99
2 A Study in Drowning
   Ava Reid, HarperTeen, $19.99
3 The Spirit Bares Its Teeth
   Andrew Joseph White, Peachtree Teen, $19.99
4 This Winter
   Alice Oseman, Scholastic Press, $17.99
5 Nimona
   ND Stevenson, Quill Tree Books, $18.99
6 If He Had Been with Me
   Laura Nowlin, Sourcebooks Fire, $10.99
7 Hell Followed with Us
   Andrew Joseph White, Peachtree Teen, $12.99
8 Better Than the Movies
   Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $12.99
9 We Were Liars
   E. Lockhart, Ember, $10.99
10 Solitaire
    Alice Oseman, Scholastic Press, $19.99
11 Foxglove
    Adalyn Grace, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $19.99
12 Pride and Prejudice and Pittsburgh
    Rachael Lippincott, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $19.99
13 House of Marionne
   J. Elle, Razorbill, $19.99
14 Legendborn
    Tracy Deonn, Margaret K. McElderry Books, $13.99
15 A Thousand Boy Kisses
    Tillie Cole, Bloom Books, $12.99

OTHER CHILDREN'S INDIE FAVORITES

AGES 10+
The Dark Lord's Daughter
   Patricia C. Wrede, Random House Books for Young Readers, $17.99
   "When Kayla is pulled from a state fair into a magical world, she wants nothing to do with becoming the next Dark Lady and even less to do with the terrible Traditions. She proves that it doesn't matter if your power is Dark or Light, it's how you use it."—Jordan Zwick, The Book Seller, Grass Valley, CA

TEEN READERS
All the Fighting Parts
   Hannah V. Sawyerr, Amulet Books, $19.99
   "All the Fighting Parts pulls no punches, delving deep into the heart of one sexual assault survivor’s journey through grief, guilt, resistance, and reclamation. I hope with all my might that Amina’s story reaches those who need it most."—Isabel Agajanian, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL

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1  Room on the Broom
    Julia Donaldson, Axel Scheffler (Illus.), Dial Books, $8.99
2  Boo! Bluey's Halloween
    Penguin Young Readers, $14.99
3  Just Because
    Matthew McConaughey, Renée Kurilla (Illus.), Viking Books for Young Readers, $19.99
4  Goodnight Moon
    Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, $8.99
5  Taylor Swift: A Little Golden Book Biography
    Wendy Loggia, Elisa Chavarri (Illus.), Golden Books, $5.99
6  Peekaboo: Pumpkin
    Camilla Reid, Ingela P. Arrhenius (Illus.), Candlewick Press, $9.99
7  Eek! Halloween!
    Sandra Boynton, Boynton Bookworks, $7.99
8  The Very Hungry Caterpillar
    Eric Carle, World of Eric Carle, $10.99
9  Little Blue Truck's Halloween
    Alice Schertle, Jill McElmurry (Illus.), HMH Books for Young Readers, $13.99
10 Vlad, the Fabulous Vampire
    Flavia Z. Drago, Candlewick, $17.99
11 Bruce and the Legend of Soggy Hollow
    Ryan T. Higgins, Disney Hyperion, $18.99
12 Grumpy Monkey Don’t Be Scared
    Ryan T. Higgins, Disney Hyperion, $18.99
13 Spooky Pookie
    Sandra Boynton, Boynton Bookworks, $6.99
14 Where the Wild Things Are
    Maurice Sendak, Harper, $21.99
15 Bluey: Sleepytime
    Joe Brumm, Penguin Young Readers, $18.99

RANK  SERIES
1  Dog Man (hardcover)
    Dav Pilkey, Graphix
2  Elephant & Piggie (hardcover)
    Mo Willems, Hyperion
3  I Survived
    Lauren Tarshis, Álvaro Sarraseca (Illus.), Scholastic
4  Diary of a Wimpy Kid (hardcover)
    Jeff Kinney, Amulet
5  Magic Tree House
    Mary Pope Osborne, Sal Murdocca (Illus.), Random House Books for Young Readers
6  The Hunger Games
    Suzanne Collins, Scholastic
7  Wings of Fire
    Tui T. Sutherland, Mike Holmes (Illus.), Scholastic
8  The Bad Guys
    Aaron Blabey, Scholastic
9  The Inheritance Games
    Jennifer Lynn Barnes, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
10 Hooky
    Miriam Bonastre Tur, Clarion Books

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OTHER CHILDREN'S INDIE FAVORITES

AGES 0-8
Dear Unicorn
Josh Funk, Charles Santos (Illus.), Viking Books for Young Readers, $18.99

"As we can always count on with Josh Funk's picture books, Dear Unicorn is imaginative, funny, and full of delightful surprises. While you may have other unicorn books, I guarantee you don't have one quite like this!" —Joanna Robertson, The Treehouse Reading and Arts Center, New York Mills, NY

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