### the indie NEXT list

**Descent**

A Novel, by Tim Johnston  
(Algonquin Books, 9781616203047, $25.95)  
Recommended by Kelly Estep, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY

**The Girl on the Train**

A Novel, by Paula Hawkins  
(Riverhead, 9781594633669, $26.95)  
Recommended by William Carl, Books on the Square, Providence, RI

**The Magician’s Lie**

A Novel, by Greer Macallister  
(Sourcebooks Landmark, 9781402298684, $23.99)  
Recommended by Meagan Albin, Breakwater Books, Guilford, CT

**Vanessa and Her Sister**

A Novel, by Priya Parmar  
(Ballantine Books, 9780804176378, $26)  
Recommended by Staci Rice, Bluebird Books, Hutchinson, KS

**The Rosie Effect**

A Novel, by Graeme Simsion  
(Simon & Schuster, 9781476786568, $25)  
Recommended by Kate Madison, Penguin Bookshop, Sewickley, PA

**The Bishop’s Wife**

A Novel, by Mette Ivie Harrison  
(Soho Crime, 9781616954765, $26.95)  
Recommended by Patricia Worth, River Reader, Lexington, MO

**Almost Famous Women**

Stories, by Megan Mayhew Bergman  
(Scribner, 9781476786568, $25)  
Recommended by Anderson McKean, Page & Palette, Fairhope, AL

**The Shock of the Fall**

A Novel, by Nathan Filer  
(St. Martin's Griffin, 9781250028136, trade paper, $15.99)  
Recommended by Jenny Lyons, The Vermont Bookshop, Middlebury, VT

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**The Secret Wisdom of the Earth**

A Novel, by Christopher Scotton  
(Grand Central Publishing, 9781455551927, $26)  
“Struggling to recover from the trauma of his baby brother’s tragic death, Kevin and his broken mother relocate to Medger, Kentucky, for the summer. Their return to the Appalachian coal town in which their family is deeply rooted is intended to heal them both. While Kevin’s grandfather is just the person and the wild hollows surrounding their little town just the place to help him mend, Kevin finds that Medger and its citizens are in need of healing as well. Poverty, a mountaintop removal operation, and desperation are tearing their town and the land around it apart. Scotton’s finely wrought characters, perfectly paced plot, and keen sense of place make The Secret Wisdom of the Earth resonate with the reader long after the book has been finished.”  
—Catherine Weller, Weller Book Works, Salt Lake City, UT

**The First Bad Man**

A Novel, by Miranda July  
(Scribner, 9781439172568, $25)  
Recommended by Letizia Acosta, University Book Store, Seattle, WA

**Everlasting Lane**

A Novel, by Andrew Lovett  
(Melville House, 9781621938098, $25.95)  
Recommended by Lysbeth Abrams, Eight Cousins, Falmouth, MA

**After the War Is Over**

A Novel, by Jennifer Robson  
(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780062334633, $14.99)  
Recommended by Nancy Nelson, Sunriver Books & Music, Sunriver, OR

**West of Sunset**

A Novel, by Stewart O’Nan  
(Viking, 9780670785957, $27.95)  
Recommended by Kerry Spaulding, University Book Store, Mill Creek, WA

**Wildalone**

A Novel, by Krassi Zourkova  
(William Morrow, 9780062328021, $25.99)  
Recommended by Karen Briggs, Great Northern Books & Hobbies, Oscoda, MI

**The Unquiet Dead**

A Novel, by Ausma Zehanat Khan  
(Minotaur Books, 9781250055118, $25.99)  
Recommended by Amanda Skelton, Union Avenue Books, Knoxville, TN

**Before I Go**

A Novel, by Colleen Oakley  
(Gallery Books, 9781476761664, $24.99)  
Recommended by Nancy Simpson-Brice, Book Vault, Oskaloosa, IA

**Doing the Devil’s Work**

A Novel, by Bill Loehfelm  
(Sarah Crichton Books, 9780374298586, $26)  
Recommended by Amy Loewy, Garden District Book Shop, New Orleans, LA

**Viking Bay**

A Kay Hamilton Novel, by M.A. Lawson  
(Blue Rider Press, 9780399165740, $26.95)  
Recommended by Nancy McFarlane, Fiction Addiction, Greenville, SC

**The Internet Is Not the Answer**

by Andrew Keen  
(Atlantic Monthly Press, 9780802123138, $25)  
Recommended by Linda Bond, Auntie’s Bookstore, Spokane, WA

**The Soul of Discretion**

A Chief Superintendent Simon Serrailler Mystery, by Susan Hill  
(Overlook Press, 9781468301458, $26.95)  
Recommended by Carol Schneck Varner, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI