Epitaph: A Novel of the O.K. Corral
By Mary Doria Russell
(Ecco, 9780062198778, $16.99)
“...This continuation of the story begun in Doc is equally engaging. From a shroud of American West mythic bombast and misrepresentation, Russell creates compelling, realistic characters with Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday shown to be both heroic and heartbeatingly human. Epitaph focuses on Josie Marcus, the love of Wyatt’s life. Theirs is a grand romantic tale told in hardscrabble detail, and Russell even makes what could have been cardboard villains into fully realized characters, both flawed and sympathetic.”
—Kathi Kirby, Powell’s Books, Portland, OR

Every Fifteen Minutes
By Lisa Scottoline
(St. Martin’s Griffin, 9781250010124, $15.99)
“Have you ever read a book that stayed with you during the day while you were working, going about your daily routine? A book that made you want to turn on the news to see what was happening in the characters’ lives— even though you knew that you were just reading a novel? Scottoline’s latest, Every Fifteen Minutes, made me do just that! The story of Chief of Psychiatry Eric Parish, his troubled patient, Max, and a murder for which Dr. Parish is suddenly seen as a ‘person of interest,’ along with other trumped-up charges against him, will not let readers put this book down until the stunning conclusion.”
—Nona Samuel, CoffeeTree Books, Morehead, KY

H Is for Hawk
By Helen Macdonald
(Grove Press, 9780802124739, $16)
“This is a superbly crafted memoir, incredibly original in its depth and visceral impact. The author swings back and forth between her own desire to train a goshawk and her research of that same need documented by T.H. White. Self-deprecating humor vies with wonder and grief as Macdonald manages to make the reader see, hear, and feel every aspect of this incredible journey. A marvelous read.”
—Karen Frank, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT

The Harder They Come: A Novel
By T.C. Boyle
(Ecco, 9780062349385, $15.99)
“If you were up all night reading Lionel Shriver’s We Need to Talk About Kevin, take a nap before starting T.C. Boyle’s new book, The Harder They Come. The novel addresses two difficult and timely topics: gun violence and society’s treatment of the mentally ill. Parents Sten and Carollee Stenson are faced with balancing their love for their unstable adult son, Adam, and the safety of others as his behavior becomes increasingly erratic and threatening. Boyle is a masterful storyteller and this is his best book yet.”
—Manie Potter, Quail Ridge Books & Music, Raleigh, NC

Leaving Berlin: A Novel
By Joseph Kanon
(Washington Square Press, 9781476704654, $16)
“In 1949, WWII has been over for four years but the world continues to fume as suspicion wages a new kind of conflict in Joe McCarthy’s America, and the German people stare behind a barrier that has made them victims of the Cold War. When Alex Meier returns to Berlin to attempt to ‘earn’ his way back to the U.S. by spying for the fledgling CIA, life quickly begins to unravel and Meier is thrown into a turmoil that he could not have imagined. Can he betray the love of his youth by remaining loyal to his pledge to help his new country? Readers will be on the edge of their seats in expectation.”
—Linda Bond, Auntie’s Bookstore, Spokane, WA

Kindred
By Octavia E. Butler
(Beacon Press, 9780807083697, $16)
Originally published in hardcover in 1979
“...With lively characters and rich narrative, this genre-bending book is a wonderful blend of speculative and historical fiction that takes on the broad issues of power, freedom, gender, and race. A woman suddenly goes back in time to the days of slavery, where she is thrust into plantation life. Viewing her experience through the lens of our contemporary world, she struggles to understand and adapt to her antebellum existence. This book, written nearly 40 years ago, still resonates today.”
—Rebecca Fitting, Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn, NY

Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family & Place
By Terry Tempest Williams
(Vintage, 9780679740247, $16)
Originally published in hardcover in 1992
“This is Williams’ memoir about a beloved bird habitat by the Great Salt Lake that is slowly being washed away while her mother is dying of cancer, the family’s legacy as Downwinders of atomic-bomb testing in the 1950s. This is a moving narrative that balances grief against a deep wonder and appreciation both for the natural world and Williams’ family history.”
—Jeanne Costello, Maria’s Bookshop, Durango, CO

The Salter Eaters
By Toni Cade Bambara
(Vintage, 9780679740768, $15.95)
Originally published in hardcover in 1980
“...Are you sure, sweetheart, that you want to be well? So open Bambara’s vibrant, Afrocentric novel about a group of black activists in the 1970s as they strive to hold onto a pure vision for liberation even as their group begins to splinter into fractious debates about ideology and method. Bambara was an early radical feminist and black activist whose work was brought to the attention of Nobel Prize recipient Toni Morrison when she was an editor at Random House. Anyone with more than a passing interest in the Black Lives Matter movement—participant, supporter, or just curious—should read this masterpiece.”
—Kris Kleindienst, Left Bank Books, St. Louis, MO

Uprooted
By Naomi Novik
(Del Rey, 9780804179058, $16)
“In this incredible fantasy, a young woman is taken from her village to serve a magician and finds out that she too possesses unknown gifts. Fans of Robin McKinley, Shannon Hale, and Novik’s own Temeraire series will find themselves pulled into Agnieszka’s world to face the dangers of the malevolent Wood, the follies of a kingdom, and the pulsing thread of magic woven into every living thing. Both exotic and familiar, Uprooted reads like a long-lost Grimms’ fairy tale written in rich, delicious detail. I absolutely devoured this book!”
—Jennifer Oleinik, University Book Store, Seattle, WA

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