The Indie NEXT List

SEPTEMBER '17

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   (Penguin Press, 9780735224292, $27)
   Recommended by Stef Schmidt, Water Street Bookstore, Exeter, NH

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   By Rene Denfeld
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   Recommended by William Carl, Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA

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   By Gabrielle Zevin
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    (Graywolf Press, 9780555978526, trade paper, $16)
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    By Wioletta Greg, Eliza Marciniak (Trans.)
    (Transit Books/Consortium, 9781945492044, trade paper, $15.95)
    Recommended by John Gibbs, Green Apple Books on the Park, San Francisco, CA

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