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By Sally Rooney
(Hogarth, 9781984822178, $26)
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By Juliet Grames
(Ecco, 9780062862822, $27.99)
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By Lara Prior-Palmer
(Catapult, 9781948226196, $25)
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By Max Porter
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By Casey Cep
(Knopf, 9781524725357, $25)
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Loudermilk
By Lucy Ives
(Soft Skull Press, 9781593763909, trade paper, $16.95)
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The Bride Test: A Novel
By Helen Hoang
(Berkley, 9780451490827, trade paper, $15)
Recommended by Stephanie Csaszar, Books Around the Corner, Gresham, OR

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By Jessica Francis Kane
(Penguin Press, 9780525559221, $26)
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By Jayson Greene
(Knopf, 9781524733537, $25)
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By Bridget Collins
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(Algonquin Books, 9781616206470, $27.95)
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By Erika Swyler
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THIS MONTH’S #1

The Guest Book: A Novel
By Sarah Blake
(Flatiron Books, 9781250110251, $27.99)
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