we make carve our unique lives out of the infinite number of possible lives its characters and with a masterfully written thread of speculative fiction, breath, right up until the final page. Clear your schedule and order takeout Six the novel's pages turn even faster. Taylor Jenkins Reid's band and those connected to them—a very effective technique that made the music is made, the struggles of addiction and clashing personalities, at the same time. This is literary fantasy as you've never encountered it before has a magical world felt quite so otherworldly and yet frighteningly tactile at the world envelops the reader in its stink, grime, sweat, and blood. Never is a moving look at how events large and small and the choices they acted. It's a peek into the formation of a band, how characters that I cared about even if I didn't like how wanted to like it...Instead, I loved it! Yes, it's sex, drugs, "Oh man, what a ride! I guess I'm the right demographic By Taylor Jenkins Reid "Marlon James' 'Black Leopard, Red Wolf' is a shot across the bow of fantasy literature: bold, fresh, and filled with brutal wonder and endless imagination. James' tale set in a fantastical ancient Africa follows a hunter known only as Tracker as he trails the scent of a lost boy, meeting a shape-shifting leopard along the way. At turns hallucinatory, dreamlike, and nightmarish, 'Black Leopard, Red Wolf' is a lost voice in today's United States.

Roxanne Coady, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT

Taylor Jenkins Reid's 'Daisy Jones & the Six' is one of my favorite books of 2019 so far! Serena Wyckoff, Copperfish Books, Punta Gorda, FL

"Really incredible fiction takes you on a journey, and somewhere along the way you realize how much it reflects your own reality. In 'Lost Children Archive', Valeria Luiselli's narrator is highly observant of her inner life and the world around her. She unravels a story that's about family and how walls between people and nations are built—and what they damage. In reading this book, I felt like I was in the car on the family's road trip—feeling all the conflicting emotions that Luiselli's narrator is feeling as a partner, mother, and resident in today's United States."

Zoey Cole, Books Are Magic, Brooklyn, NY

"There used to be a carnival ride where you would stand against a wall and as the ride spun faster and faster, the floor would drop out but the force of the spin would keep you pinned to the wall. I got the same feeling when reading Jessica Barry's Freyfall. The plot moved faster and faster until I felt myself holding my breath, right up until the final page. Clear your schedule and order takeaway before you start this thriller!"

Mary O'Malley, Anderson's Bookshop, La Grange, IL

"Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love" By Dani Shapiro (Anchor, 9780525434030, $16.95)

"Who are we? Does who we think we are change when we learn a family secret that alters the source of our identity? Shapiro has explored issues of identity in her previous memoirs, but in her latest she applies her signature candor and heart to a riveting, provocative, and inspiring genealogical mystery and journey of discovery."

— Roxanne Coady, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT

"The Stationery Shop: A Novel" By Marjan Kamali (Gallery Books, 9781982107499, $16)

"The Stationery Shop is one of the most beautifully written novels I have read in a long time. The masterful plot brings us to a lost time and culture, but also transcends time and country. In a story set against the upheaval of 1953 Tehran, we discover how events change the destiny of two teenagers who meet in a book and stationery shop and fall in love. This novel of political dreams, family loyalty, lingering memories, love, and fate will haunt you long after the story ends."

—Janet Hutchison, The Open Door Bookstore, Schenectady, NY

To Keep the Sun Alive: A Novel By Rabeah Ghaffari (Catapult, 9781946226769, $16.95)

"Set during the Iranian Revolution, To Keep the Sun Alive is a beautifully written family epic that will completely wrap you up. It’s a sweeping novel about identity and tradition, and it’s full of characters you won’t soon forget. Ghaffari masterfully blends the historical with the imagined, and her writing is wise and precise. An excellent novel!"

—Sarah Cassavant, SubText Books, St. Paul, MN

"A Woman Is No Man: A Novel" By Etal Rum (Harper Perennial, 9780062841124, $16.99)

"A Woman Is No Man gives a rare glimpse into the lives of three generations of Palestinian and Palestinian-American women. Readers are invited into the secret world of these women living in Palestine and then Brooklyn; we watch nervously as they try to navigate and reconcile their two worlds—the violent, patriarchal world at home and the confusing, anti-cultural world outside their front door. I cringed at the pain and cheered at the successes of the characters to know. This beautifully written book shines a light on an important topic. It is a story that must be told and, as importantly, must be heard."

—Debra Barrett, Where the Sidewalk Ends, Chatham, MA

"If, Then: A Novel" By Kate Hope Day (Random House Trade Paperbacks, 9780525524123, $16)"I devoured this book. Reading about these characters felt like stepping right into other lives, with all of the messiness of human striving and relationships. If, Then is a beautiful novel for this alone, but when each character begins to see visions they don’t understand, the book takes on a new sense of urgency. Driven by its characters and with a masterfully written thread of speculative fiction, If, Then is a moving look at how events large and small and the choices we make carve our unique lives out of the infinite number of possible lives that could have been."

—Kelsey O'Rourke, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI