Anxious People: A Novel
By Fredrik Backman
(Aria Books, 9781501160837, $28)
“This book made me feel all the feels! It was sad, it was funny, it was hopeful, it was everything. The character development is incredible at revealing what’s inside each of the characters, and the way their stories link and interconnect is genius. It’s a story about sadness and hope and human connections. I couldn’t put it down and barreled to the end, but now I am sad it’s over. Anxious People is truly the best thing I’ve read in a long time!”
—Lisa Driban, Hockessin Book Shelf, Hockessin, DE

Transcendent Kingdom: A Novel
By Yaa Gyasi
(Knopf, 9780525655194, $27.95)
Recommended by Sally Weitzen, Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA

Piranesi: A Novel
By Susanna Clarke
(Bloomsbury Publishing, 9780802128812, $27)
Recommended by James Crossley, Madison Books, Seattle, WA

The Exiles: A Novel
By Christina Baker Kline
(Custom House, 9780062356345, $27.99)
Recommended by Elizabeth Barnhill, Fabled Bookshop & Café, Waco, TX

Homeland Elegies: A Novel
By Ayad Akhtar
(Little, Brown and Company, 9780316496421, $28)
Recommended by Pam Stirling, East Bay Booksellers, Oakland, CA

Vesper Flights: Essays
By Helen MacDonald
(Grove Press, 9780802128812, $27)
Recommended by Nikki F., Bookie's Chicago, Chicago, IL

World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments
By Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Fumi Nakamura
(Milkweed Editions, 9781571313652, $25)
Recommended by Jessica Palacios, Once Upon a Time, Montrose, CA

When No One Is Watching: A Novel
By Alyssa Cole
(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780062992650, trade paper, $16.99)
Recommended by Alyssa Raymond, Copper Dog Books, Beverly, MA

The Lying Life of Adults: A Novel
By Elena Ferrante, Ann Goldstein (Transl.)
(Europa Editions, 9781609455910, $26)
Recommended by Stephanie Crowe, Page and Palette, Fairhope, AL

Monogamy: A Novel
By Sue Miller
(Harper, 9780062969651, $29.99)
Recommended by Beth Mynhier, Lake Forest Book Store, Lake Forest, IL

The Big Door Prize: A Novel
By M.O. Walsh
(G.P. Putnam's Sons, 9780525658184, $27.99)
Recommended by Mary Garner Rees, Lemuria Bookstore, Jackson, MS

Winter Counts: A Novel
By David Heska Wanbli Weiden
(Ecco, 9780062968944, $27.99)
Recommended by Ashley Baecckmann, Briars & Brambles Books, Windham, NY

Just Us: An American Conversation
By Claudia Rankine
(Graywolf Press, 9781644450215, $30)
Recommended by Angela Spring, Duende District, Washington, DC

Impersonation: A Novel
By Heidi Pitlor
(Algonquin Books, 9781616207915, $26.95)
Recommended by Hannah Harlow, Book Shop of Beverly Farms, Beverly, MA

World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments
By Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Fumi Nakamura
(Milkweed Editions, 9781571313652, $25)
Recommended by Jessica Palacios, Once Upon a Time, Montrose, CA

Betty: A Novel
By Tiffany McDaniel
(Knopf, 9780525655703, $26.95)
Recommended by Annie Philbrick, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT

One by One: A Novel
By Ruth Ware
(Gallery/Scout Press, 9781524759216, $27.99)
Recommended by Jennifer Jones, Bookmiser, Roswell, GA

A Rogue of One's Own: A Novel
By Evie Dunmore
(Harper Perennial, 9780062993113, trade paper, $16)
Recommended by Susan Hepburn, Red Balloon Bookshop, St. Paul, MN

Betty: A Novel
By Tiffany McDaniel
(Knopf, 9780525655703, $26.95)
Recommended by Annie Philbrick, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT

The Wright Sister: A Novel
By Patty Dann
(Harper Perennial, 9780062993113, trade paper, $16)
Recommended by Susan Hepburn, Red Balloon Bookshop, St. Paul, MN

Impersonation: A Novel
By Heidi Pitlor
(Algonquin Books, 9781616207915, $26.95)
Recommended by Hannah Harlow, Book Shop of Beverly Farms, Beverly, MA

Mill Town: Reckoning with What Remains
By Kerri Arsenault
(St. Martin’s Press, 9781250155931, $27.99)
Recommended by Todd Miller, Arcadia Books, Spring Green, WI