# DECEMBER 2021 Your Next Great Read



## **#1 PICK** Small Things Like These: A Novel

(Grove Press, 9780802158741, \$20, Nov. 30, Fiction)

By Claire Keegan

"Claire Keegan works magic in this small novel about a truly good man in 1985 Ireland, and the difficult decision he faces at Christmastime. Keegan captures the extraordinary courage required to live an ordinary life with honor."

-John Lynn, The Kennett Bookhouse, Kennett Square, PA



#### People from My Neighborhood: Stories By Hiromi Kawakami, Ted Goossen (Transl.) (Soft Skull, 9781593767112, \$15.95, paperback, Nov. 30, Short Stories)

Recommended by Rachel Brewer, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY



#### Dava Shastri's Last Day: A Novel By Kirthana Ramisetti

(Grand Central Publishing, 9781538703861, \$28, Nov. 30, Fiction) Recommended by Ashley Warlick, M. Judson Booksellers & Storytellers, Greenville, SC



#### The Anomaly: A Novel By Hervé Le Tellier, Adriana Hunter (Transl.) (Other Press, 9781635421699, \$16.99, paperback, Nov. 23, Thriller)

Recommended by Kayleen Rohrer, InkLink Books, East Troy, WI



### Wish You Were Here: A Novel

**By Jodi Picoult** (Ballantine Books, 9781984818416, \$28.99, Nov. 30, Fiction) Recommended by Kathy Morrison, Newtown Bookshop, Newtown, PA

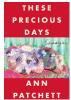


### The Postmistress of Paris: A Novel By Meg Waite Clayton

(Harper, 9780062946980, \$27.99, Nov. 30, Fiction) Recommended by Jean Forstner, Kepler's Books, Menlo Park, CA



#### Beasts of a Little Land: A Novel By Juhea Kim (Ecco, 9780063093577, \$27.99, Dec. 7, Fiction) Recommended by Amanda Hurley, Tombolo Books, St. Petersburg, FL



These Precious Days: Essays By Ann Patchett (Harper, 9780063092785, \$26.99, Nov. 23, Essays) Recommended by Emily Crowe, An Unlikely Story, Plainville, MA





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The Ballerinas: A Novel By Rachel Kapelke-Dale (st. Martin's Press, 9781250274236, \$27.99, Dec. 7, Fiction) Recommended by Jann Griffiths, BookSmart, Morgan Hill, CA



### A History of Wild Places: A Novel By Shea Ernshaw

(Atria Books, 9781982164805, \$27, Dec. 7, Thriller) Recommended by Kassie Weeks, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL



#### Termination Shock: A Novel By Neal Stephenson (William Morrow, 9780063028050, \$35, Nov. 16 Thriller) Recommended by Greg Cass, Harvard Book Store, Cambridge, MA

The Churchill Sisters: The Extraordinary

(St. Martin's Press, 9781250272393, \$29.99, Nov. 23, Biography)

Recommended by Sarah Danforth, Towne Book Center & Café,

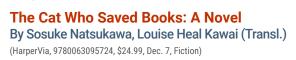
By Rachel Trethewey

Collegeville, PA

Lives of Winston and Clementine's Daughters

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Recommended by Andrew King, Secret Garden Bookshop, Seattle, WA



#### Murder Under Her Skin: A Pentecost and Parker Mystery By Stephen Spotswood

(Doubleday, 9780385547123, \$27, Dec. 7, Mystery) Recommended by Pamela Klinger-Horn, Valley Bookseller, Stillwater, MN



## Your Next Great Read



#### Sex Cult Nun: Breaking Away from the Children of God, a Wild, Radical Religious Cult

#### By Faith Jones

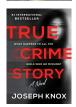
(William Morrow, 9780062952455, \$27.99, Nov. 30, Memoir)

Recommended by Nikita Imafidon, Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS



#### **Elder Race** By Adrian Tchaikovsky

(Tordotcom, 9781250768728, \$14.99, paperback, Nov. 16, Science Fiction) Recommended by Jake Casella Brookins, City Lit Books, Chicago, IL



#### True Crime Story: A Novel By Joseph Knox

(Sourcebooks Landmark, 9781728245867, \$16.99, paperback, Dec. 7, Thriller)

Recommended by Mary O'Malley, Skylark Bookshop, Columbia, MO



#### Bright Burning Things: A Novel By Lisa Harding (HarperVia, 9780063097148, \$26.99, Dec. 7, Fiction) Recommended by Tracey Bowes, Pressed, Erie, PA



#### Sea State: A Memoir By Tabitha Lasley (Ecco, 9780063030831, \$27.99, Dec. 7, Memoir) Recommended by Scott Lange, The Bookman, Grand Haven, MI





#### The Teller of Secrets: A Novel By Bisi Adjapon

(HarperVia, 9780063088948, \$26.99, Nov. 16, Fiction) Recommended by Meghana Kandlur, Seminary Co-Op Bookstores, Chicago, IL

You Feel It Just Below the Ribs: A Novel

(Harper Perennial, 9780063066625, \$16.99, paperback, Nov. 16, Fiction)

Recommended by Kaycee Arrowood, Country Bookshelf, Bozeman, MT

By Jeffrey Cranor, Janina Matthewson



#### A Different Distance: A Renga By Marilyn Hacker, Karthika Naïr

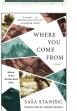
(Milkweed Editions, 9781571315519, \$16, paperback, Dec. 14, Poetry)

Recommended by Jen Wills Geraedts, Beagle and Wolf Books & Bindery, Park Rapids, MN



#### A Thing of Beauty: Travels in Mythical and Modern Greece By Peter Fiennes

(Oneworld Publications, 9780861540617, \$27.95, Nov. 30, Travel/Essays) Recommended by Kate Storhoff, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC



## Where You Come From: A Novel

**By Sasa Stanisic, Damion Searls (Transl.)** (Tin House Books, 9781951142759, \$17.95, paperback, Dec. 7, Fiction) Recommended by Spencer Ruchti, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA

## **NOW IN PAPERBACK**



#### The Burning God By R. F. Kuang

(Harper Voyager, 9780062662644, \$16.99, Nov. 16, Fiction/Fantasy) Recommended by Ava Tusek, Second Star to the Right, Denver, CO



#### **The Butchers' Blessing: A Novel By Ruth Gilligan** (Tin House Books, 9781951142742, \$16.95, Nov. 16, Fiction) Recommended by Carrie Koepke, Skylark Bookshop, Columbia, MO

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#### Leave the World Behind: A Novel By Rumaan Alam (Ecco, 9780062667649, \$16.99, Nov. 23, Fiction)

Recommended by Katerina Argyres, Bookshop West Portal, San Francisco, CA



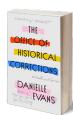
#### Little Wishes: A Novel By Michelle Adams

(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780063019577, \$16.99, Nov. 16, Fiction) Recommended by Connie Eaton, Three Sisters Books & Gifts, Shelbyville, IN



#### Nights When Nothing Happened: A Novel By Simon Han

(Riverhead Books, 9780593086063, \$17, Nov. 16, Fiction) Recommended by Rick Simonson, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA



#### The Office of Historical Corrections: A Novella and Stories By Danielle Evans

(Riverhead Books, 9780593189450, \$17, Nov. 9, Fiction)

Recommended by Miesha Headen, Loganberry Books, Shaker Heights, OH