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THIS MONTH'S #1

The Prophets: A Novel
By Robert Jones, Jr.
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 9780593085684, $27)

“I am at a loss for words. How can I even begin to describe the breathtaking language Robert Jones, Jr. has gifted us in his debut novel, The Prophets? How can I begin to explain how he achieves a feat so marvelous it almost seems impossible? Well, that’s the key word: almost. From his innovative restructuring of the Bible through the lens of America’s history with slavery to characters that leap off the page with colorful grace and dignity, Jones masterfully weaves a narrative that serves as a warning from the past, a prophecy for the future, and a testament to the present. His writing defies all great American novels that have come before, and in doing so becomes one of the greatest I’ve ever had the pleasure of reading. I can’t wait for everyone to be as spellbound by this book as I am; it will stay with me forever.”

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What Could Be Saved: A Novel
By Liese O’Halloran Schwarz
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Recommended by Anderson McKeen, Page and Palette, Fairhope, AL

Outlawed: A Novel
By Anna North
(Bloomsbury Publishing, 9781635576422, $26)
Recommended by Sylvie Weissman, Content Bookstore, Northfield, MN

The House on Vesper Sands: A Novel
By Paraic O’Donnell
(Tin House Books, 978195142247, $26.95)
Recommended by Peter Sherman, Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA

The Push: A Novel
By Ashley Audrain
(Pamela Dorman Books, 9781984881663, $26)
Recommended by Rachel Watkins, Avid Bookshop, Athens, GA

Better Luck Next Time: A Novel
By Julia Claiborne Johnson
(Custom House, 9780062813661, $29.99)
Recommended by Susan Taylor, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY

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By Ed Tarkington
(Algonquin Books, 9781620696012, $26.95)
Recommended by Damita Nocton, The Country Bookshop, Southern Pines, NC

The Center of Everything: A Novel
By Jamie Harrison
(Counterpoint, 9781640090234, $26)
Recommended by Linda Bond, Auntie’s Bookstore, Spokane, WA

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By Rachel Hawkins
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Recommended by Marilyn Negip, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT

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By Madeleine Watts
(Catapult, 9781646220175, trade paper, $16.95)
Recommended by Dave Shallenberger, Little Shop of Stories, Decatur, GA

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By Eley Williams
(Doubleday, 9780399554677, $26.95)
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