**The Indie NEXT List**

**MARCH ’21**

**THIS MONTH’S #1**

*We Begin at the End: A Novel*

By Chris Whitaker

(Henry Holt and Co., 9781250759665, $27.99)

“We Begin at the End is dramatic storytelling at its best, full of layers of intrigue and complex personalities set around the murder of the book’s most vulnerable character. The stoical, 13-year-old Duchess Day Radley takes center stage, and her heartbreakingly life unleashes a hero within: self-proclaimed outlaw, bold and courageous, though to her peril not always wise beyond her years. Chris Whitaker has created a character for the ages and an extraordinary reading experience. By turns amusing, frightening, and exhilarating.”

—Robin Sung, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA

**Klara and the Sun: A Novel**

By Kazuo Ishiguro

(Knopf, 9780593318171, $26)

Recommended by Caroline McGregor, Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL

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By Sarah Penner

(Park Row, 9780778381000, $27.99)

Recommended by Sandi Madore, Magnolia’s Bookstore, Seattle, WA

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By Jackie Polzin

(Doubleday, 9780399554679, $24)

Recommended by Cat Chapman, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL

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(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780062943477, trade paper, $17.99)

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By SJ Bennett

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Recommended by Margo Grimm Eule, East City Bookshop, Washington, DC

**Infinite Country: A Novel**

By Patricia Engel


Recommended by James Harrod, Malaprop’s Bookstore/Café, Asheville, NC

**The Echo Wife: A Novel**

By Sarah Gailey

(tor Books, 9781250746666, $24.99)

Recommended by Christine Havens, BookPeople, Austin, TX

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By Carol Edgarian

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