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Great Circle: A Novel

By Maggie Shipstead

"Great Circle is about two women 100 years apart: pilot Marian Graves and Hadley Baxter, the actress cast to play the famous pilot. This epic novel is fascinating, adventurous, and well-written, with great characters, historical details, and fantastic settings. Don't miss this journey!"

—Kathy Morrison, Newtown Bookshop, Newtown, PA



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Project Hail Mary: A Novel

By Andy Weir

"Remember how much you loved *The Martian*? Prepare to love this book even more. I found myself engrossed from the very beginning, and every page brings a new delight. Weir writes incredible characters that leave a mark you'll feel long after you're done."

—Mattie Shepard, Gramercy Books, Bexley, OH



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People We Meet on Vacation: A Novel

By Emily Henry

"What fun! This delightful book should be in every beach bag this summer. A hilariously comedic rom-com with memorable characters, set in varied vacation spots in various years. I enjoyed the changing timeline and seeing the relationship as it grew through the years."

—Shelley Lowe, Monkey and Dog Books, Fort Worth, TX



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Crying in H Mart: A Memoir

By Michelle Zauner

"I was struck by just how much I loved this book for how it walks through grief not as a way to leave it behind, but as a way to remember its exact shape. I'm grateful for its funny, self-deprecating, and wise observations, and for its difficult beauty."

—Steve Haruch, Parnassus Books, Nashville, TN



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The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel

By Laura Dave

"I adore Laura Dave and absolutely loved *The Last Thing He Told Me*. Wonderful characters, amazing writing, and a twisty plot kept me turning the pages as fast as I could. Truly unputdownable and a thoroughly enjoyable read!"

—Kaitlin Smith, Copperfield's Books, Healdsburg, CA



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Secrets of Happiness: A Novel

By Joan Silber

"No one is better than Joan Silber at revealing the hidden links that connect people. The small, human details in *Secrets of Happiness* feel at first like ripples in a pond, but they prove in the end to be mighty waves in an ocean the size of the world."

—James Crossley, Madison Books, Seattle, WA



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Mary Jane: A Novel

By Jessica Anya Blau

"Mary Jane is 14 in 1975 and her summer nannying job is filled with surprises, spontaneity, and love as she is pulled into the family of the little girl she watches. A sweet and funny story of discovering yourself, your loved ones, and where you fit in. It really hit home for me."

—Courtney Boches, Reads & Company, Phoenixville, PA



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The Woman with the Blue Star: A Novel

By Pam Jenoff

"In *The Woman With the Blue Star*, Jenoff continues to showcase herself as one of the masters of historical fiction, deftly intertwining emotional power with historical accuracy. Much like *The Lost Girls of Paris*, this is one our customers will be coming back for again and again."

—Alex Brubaker, Midtown Scholar Bookstore, Harrisburg, PA



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Mirrorland: A Novel

By Carole Johnstone

"You will tie yourself in knots trying to figure out what's happening in *Mirrorland*, the story of two sisters growing up with different stories attached to the games they play, stories that take on a life of their own years later as buried memories come to the fore."

—Pete Mock, McIntyre's Fine Books, Pittsboro, NC



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The Plot: A Novel

By Jean Hanff Korelitz

"I devoured this smart, suspenseful novel about a failed novelist who reignites his career with a stolen plot and gains fame and notoriety. Korelitz's depiction of the book world is a treat for those of us in it, but her twisty, psychologically astute plotting will hold broad appeal."

—Becky Dayton, The Vermont Book Shop, Middlebury, VT



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Ariadne: A Novel

By Jennifer Saint

"Satisfying the need for more Greek/Roman transformational myths from much-needed other viewpoints, Jennifer Saint delivers tales of Ariadne and her sister Phaedra's life on Crete and beyond. Less heroic yarn and more character inquisitiveness—a refreshing addition."

—Michelle Bear, Edmonds Bookshop, Edmonds, WA



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Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey Into the Dark Antarctic Night

By Julian Sancton

"What I love about polar expedition stories is imagining surviving the same situation. *Madhouse at the End of the Earth* is a fascinating study of chasing fame at any cost and the price paid when things go horribly wrong. A worthy addition to the canon of polar expedition history."

—Tom Beans, Dudley's Bookshop Café, Bend, OR



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The Music of Bees: A Novel

By Eileen Garvin

"Comparing this book to *Eleanor Oliphant* left me a bit skeptical, but the comparison is fair and I'd even say that *The Music of Bees* stands on its own beautifully. Add in some interesting facts on bees and heartwarming stories of lovable, offbeat characters and you have a winner."

—Pat Rudebusch, Orinda Books, Orinda, CA



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The Newcomer: A Novel

By Mary Kay Andrews

"Mary Kay Andrews knows how to put mystery and beach together to make a blockbuster novel. I know it's really summer when a new novel by Andrews becomes available. *The Newcomer* is perfect for us right now. It's got it all. I can't wait to start hand-selling it."

—Jean Lewis, Copperfish Books, Punta Gorda, FL



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Pop Song: Adventures in Art & Intimacy

By Larissa Pham

"*Pop Song* is an engaging blend of art criticism, memoir, and travelogue with the raw and confessional style of the microblogging generation. Larissa Pham's prose bounces seamlessly and dexterously from looking outward to inward and back with equal attention, passion, and insight."

—Matt Stowe, Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn, NY



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Olympus, Texas: A Novel

By Stacey Swann

"A gripping debut that takes all of the skeletons out of the Briscoe family closet and throws them on the front lawn. The depth of character development speaks to my own east Texan family, which feels disconcerting and scandalous. A page-turning read that you won't want to end."

—Charley Rejsek, BookPeople, Austin, TX



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Hour of the Witch: A Novel

By Chris Bohjalian

"Trapped in a marriage with a violent man in Puritan New England, the fierce and resilient Mary Deerfield has the audacity to file for divorce in a time when women are accused of witchcraft for any non-conforming behavior. While historical, this story rings true for today."

—Lisa Casper, Tattered Cover Colfax, Denver, CO



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Fugitive Telemetry (The Murderbot Diaries #6)

By Martha Wells

"I haven't felt such joy reading a sci-fi series in a long time. Murderbot is just the best. If you've been putting off reading The Murderbot Diaries, go start right now!"

—Katherine Osborne, Letterpress Books, Portland, ME



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Seed to Dust: Life, Nature, and a Country Garden

By Marc Hamer

"This book has the kind of calm coziness that will leave your mind abuzz with wonder and reflection about the natural world, gardens, and our place in them. Gardener or not, this book has lessons for us all on the kind of patience, quiet, and listening we could use a bit more of in this world."

— Jacob Rogers, McNally Jackson Books, New York, NY



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While Justice Sleeps: A Novel

By Stacey Abrams

"From the first pages, this crime novel from author/activist Stacey Abrams drew me into the world of the Supreme Court (and chess!) and the seedy underbelly of the U.S. government. This race through the streets of Washington, DC, also contains a deeply satisfying ending that I won't give away."

—Megan Birch-McMichael, The Silver Unicorn Bookstore, Acton, MA



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Hot Stew: A Novel

By Fiona Mozley

"A young millionaire wants to turn an old Soho brothel into luxury condos, but the tenants aren't going to leave without a fight. A riveting tale about wealth, class, gentrification, power, and gender, this story shows readers just how unjust the world can be. A 2021 must-read!"

—Jennie Minor, Flyleaf Books, Chapel Hill, NC



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Meet Me in Another Life: A Novel

By Catriona Silvey

"An absolutely incredible concept brought to life by a stunning new voice in literature. We get to know the two protagonists so completely as they live their lives. This novel has time travel, mystery, self-exploration, and at its heart true love. Just the best kind of storytelling."

—Becky Doherty, Northshire Bookstore, Saratoga Springs, NY



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Sorrowland: A Novel

By Rivers Solomon

"Vern is a captivating protagonist from page one: gritty, determined, flawed, clever, and resourceful. The story slowly fills in all the details of a life that wasn't what it seemed, and offers an ending you can't predict. *Sorrowland* is beautiful, ugly, engaging, and awe-inspiring."

—Sydney Conant, A Room of One's Own Bookstore, Madison, WI



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Foklorn: A Novel

By Angela Mi Young Hur

"At its heart, *Foklorn* is a haunting and lyrical novel about mythology, science, generational trauma, and identity, but it's also much more. I took my time reading this since I wanted to really stop and think about the questions it raised. A truly memorable, genre-bending reading experience!"

—Grace Rajendran, University Book Store, Seattle, WA



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