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#1 PICK
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By Lily Brooks-Dalton
(Grand Central Publishing, 9781538708279, $28, Dec. 6, Fiction)
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By Ashley Herring Blake
(Berkley, 9780593336427, $17, paperback, Nov. 22, Romance)
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Ship Wrecked: A Novel
By Olivia Dade
(Avon, 9780063215870, $16.99, paperback, Nov. 15, Romance)
Recommended by Kaitlyn Craig, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH

Tread of Angels
By Rebecca Roanhorse
(Gallery/Saga Press, 9781982166182, $22.99, Nov. 15, Fantasy)
Recommended by Annie Carl, The Neverending Bookshop, Edmonds, WA

How Far the Light Reaches: A Life in Ten Sea Creatures
By Sabrina Imbler
(Little, Brown and Company, 9780316540537, $27, Dec. 6, Essays)
Recommended by Amy Woolsey, Bards Alley, Vienna, VA

Stella Maris
By Cormac McCarthy
(Knopf, 9780307269003, $26, Dec. 6, Fiction)
Recommended by Mary Wahlmeier, Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS

Well Traveled
By Jen DeLuca
(Berkley, 9780593200469, $17, paperback, Dec. 6, Romance)
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By Mariah Fredericks
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Recommended by Susan McBeth, Adventures by the Book, San Diego, CA

A Dangerous Business: A Novel
By Jane Smiley
(Knopf, 9780525520337, $28, Dec. 6, Fiction)
Recommended by Brooke Beehler, Books Revisited, St. Cloud, MN

A Quiet Life: A Novel
By Ethan Joella
(Scribner, 9781982190972, $27, Nov. 29, Fiction)
Recommended by Angela Pursel, The Next Chapter Bookstore, Hermiston, OR

Winterland: A Novel
By Rae Meadows
(Henry Holt and Co., 9781250834522, $27.99, Nov. 29, Fantasy)
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They’re Going to Love You: A Novel
By Meg Howrey
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(Flattrion Books, 9781250867636, $16.99, paperback, Dec. 6, Thriller)
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By John Boyne
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Empire of Ice and Stone: The Disastrous and Heroic Voyage of the Karluk
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Recommended by Annie Philbrick, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT

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Recommended by Margaret Walker, Union Avenue Books,
Knoxville, TN

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By Sue Lynn Tan
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Recommended by Christie Olson Day, Gallery Bookshop & Bookwinkle’s Children’s Books, Mendocino, CA

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By Will Betke-Brunswick
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Recommended by Keith Mosman, Powell’s Books, Portland, OR

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