

Your Next  Great Read

How to Sell a Haunted House: A Novel

By Grady Hendrix

"Imagine returning to the hometown you couldn't wait to leave, then staying in a haunted house while you're there. Now imagine horror, humor, and entirely believable characters. Grady Hendrix does it best. I'm crazy about this book!"

—Robert Hawthorn, Gallery Bookshop & Bookwinkle's Children's Books, Mendocino, CA

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Big Swiss: A Novel

By Jen Beagin

"*Big Swiss* is an I-can't-stop-thinking-about-this kind of book. When I first read the concept, I was shocked, but intrigued. Now that I've read the book, I want everyone else to share in my cringing, laughing, and heart palpitations."

—Lily Sadighmehr, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA

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Exiles: A Novel

By Jane Harper

"What do you look for in a mystery? I look for Jane Harper's name under the title. Detective Aaron Falk returns in *Exiles*, set in lush Australian wine country; despite his 'clues,' you'll not guess the ending!"

—Mary Hembree, House of Books, Kent, CT

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Don't Fear the Reaper

By Stephen Graham Jones

"Not just a worthy sequel to *My Heart is a Chainsaw*, but one that, after you've read it, you can't imagine the first book without. Jones has a true gift — he can make you shudder in horror and tear up in the same sentence."

—Olivia Morris, Harvard Book Store, Cambridge, MA

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Secretly Yours: A Novel

By Tessa Bailey

“Get ready to dive into a new favorite book! Chaos meets order and grumpy meets sunshine in this adorable romcom full of steamy scenes, mental health rep, secret love letters, and the occasional petty crime. *Secretly Yours* is a delight!”

— Briday Morris, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT

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Pandora

By Susan Stokes-Chapman

“*Pandora* is the best kind of historical novel, filled with mystery, a cursed artifact, dashing academics, and a hint of romance. This novel will appeal equally to readers of myth and mystery.”

—Keith Glaeske, East City Bookshop, Washington, DC

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Georgie, All Along

By Kate Clayborn

“Kate Clayborn always delivers, and *Georgie, All Along* is no different. The writing is engrossing and diverting and it’s impossible not to love Georgie as she finds herself and her way. This is an excellent winter read to curl up with.”

—Preet Singh, Eagle Eye Book Shop, Decatur, GA

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Brutes: A Novel

By Dizz Tate

“In her outstanding debut, Dizz Tate has created a searing look at a group of young friends, the Brutes, who move as one and disrupt as they go. Set in Florida and traveling across time, *Brutes* illustrates childhood devoid of innocence.”

—Caitlin Baker, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA

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Maame: A Novel

By Jessica George

“Maame is a deeply moving story about growing up, moving on, grief, and tradition. Jessica George has created a deeply funny and tragic protagonist, and perfectly conveys the challenges of a twenty-five-year-old navigating modern life.”

—Kyle Churman, Werner Books, Erie, PA

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The Guest Lecture: A Novel

By Martin Riker

“Riker’s smart and offbeat story takes place over one night, as a newly-unemployed economics professor mulls over a lecture she’s about to give and explores her consciousness as though wandering through her own house. Funny and unique.”

—Erika VanDam, RoscoeBooks, Chicago, IL

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B.F.F.: A Memoir of Friendship Lost and Found

By Christie Tate

“Tate’s honesty leaves me in awe of her. In *B.F.F.*, she writes about her struggle to form and maintain close female friendships and the work she does to fix it. In this memoir, she brings the reader in to see all the darkest parts of herself.”

—Mallory Melton, BookPeople, Austin, TX

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Radiant Sin (Dark Olympus #4)

By Katee Robert

“The Dark Olympus series is a must read! I loved every moment of *Radiant Sin*, and read until the wee hours because I NEEDED to know how it would end; what an ending it was. High romance, intrigue, and fun – this is one of my favorites in the series!”

—Alexis Sky, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY

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The Reunion: A Novel

By Kayla Olson

“Liv and Ransom were co-stars on one of the most successful teen shows ever. When they reunite for a reunion special, they must face the past and being in love both on and off set. A warm blanket of a book that will make you smile.”

—Cara Dyne-Gores, The Bookshelf, Cincinnati, OH

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Looking for Jane: A Novel

By Heather Marshall

“The life-changing choices faced by the women in *Looking for Jane* could not be more relevant. Stretching across five decades and three generations, this powerful novel is for anyone who cares about a woman’s right to decide her future.”

—Beth Stroh, Viewpoint Books, Columbus, IN

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Stone Blind: A Novel

By Natalie Haynes

“*Stone Blind* offers Medusa deserved sympathy, and asks: What makes a monster, and on whose authority? What does it mean to have your authority stripped? And what does it look like when old stories get reclaimed through a little empathy?”

—Ebony Purks, Nowhere Bookshop, San Antonio, TX

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The Mitford Affair: A Novel

By Marie Benedict

“Larger than life, the six Mitford sisters provide a page-turning historical fiction. Bound by family, torn by treason, and astoundingly controversial, this glamorous family makes for an epic story. *The Mitford Affair* is a sizzler.”

—Pamela Klinger-Horn, Valley Bookseller, Stillwater, MN

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Our Share of Night: A Novel

By Mariana Enriquez, Megan McDowell (Transl.),
Pablo Gerardo Camacho (Illus.)

"A vibrantly translated epic of family and mystery, friendship and sexual awakenings, history and monsters, full of images I won't forget: golden nails on a clawed hand, a boy watching two men embrace, and the scariest door-close ever."

—Drew Broussard, The Golden Notebook, Woodstock, NY

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The Applicant: A Novel

By Nazlı Koca

"Leyla's life swallowed me whole. As she waits for a decision about her visa, she's torn between countries, dreams, and selves. This book speaks to the working class, to millennials, to anyone who's been lost between a dream and a harsh reality."

—Laura Kendall, Second Flight Books, Lafayette, IN

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Really Good, Actually: A Novel

By Monica Heisey

"This book follows a woman's first year of singledom after her brief marriage unceremoniously falls apart. Depression, delusion, and self-pity all star here, but the author handles it all with tenderness and a dash of humor."

—Tracy Affonso, Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA

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The House of Eve: A Novel

By Sadeqa Johnson

"*The House of Eve* follows two young Black women in the 1950's as they struggle with racism, colorism, and the many paths to motherhood. It will break your heart and make you realize everyone is fighting their own battle. Incredible."

—Andrea Richardson, Fountain Bookstore, Richmond, VA

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Decent People: A Novel
By De'Shawn Charles Winslow

"*Decent People* captures what a horrific crime can do to a small rural community. You'll want to cheer for the characters, and you know that someone is responsible for a triple murder. How many secrets can someone hold before they break?"

—Shane Mullen, Left Bank Books, St. Louis, MO

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Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone: A Novel
By Benjamin Stevenson

"This is the best mystery I've read. The narrator understood that just because he was telling the story, it didn't make the story about him. Every member of this family was given a story arc that also directly connected to the whole! *So good!*"

—Hannah Oxley, Mystery to Me, Madison, WI

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The Chinese Groove: A Novel
By Kathryn Ma

"Having suffered the profound loss of his mother during childhood, Shelley is his father's last hope and is sent to San Francisco to achieve the American Dream. Nothing in America is as he thought. This is a funny, sweet, delightful book."

—Rachel Watkins, Avid Bookshop, Athens, GA

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Hourglass: A Novel
By Keiran Goddard

"*Hourglass* is a psalm for anyone who's ever loved and lost and loved again. Messy, darkly funny, and gut-wrenching, this poem-meets-novella will remind you just how fragile a heart can be. I will come back to it time and time again."

—Holly Voorsanger, Bookshop Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA

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Eastbound

By Maylis De Kerangal, Jessica Moore (Transl.)
(Archipelago, 9781953861504, \$18, paperback, Feb. 7, Fiction)

"An emotional thriller in miniature, this slim, brisk book had me on the edge of my seat and emotionally invested in these characters until the very end. The poetic language is the work of a singular and transfixing talent."

—David Vogel, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI

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Joan Is Okay: A Novel

By Weike Wang

"A smart, moving, and entertaining book. Joan is the daughter of Chinese immigrants and an ICU doctor in New York City. There's a pandemic looming, but Joan's going to be okay. A witty and insightful story."

—Claire Benedict, Bear Pond Books, Montpelier, VT

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Love & Saffron: A Novel of Friendship, Food, and Love

By Kim Fay

"*Love & Saffron* reminds us of the beauty of letter writing. I loved the simplicity of this book — it filled my heart with love and connection to the human spirit, and left me with the desire to kindle a friendship by sending a letter."

—Annette Avery, Bright Side Bookshop, Flagstaff, AZ

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Notes on an Execution: A Novel

By Danya Kukafka

"*Notes on an Execution* flows like a quiet river coming to a waterfall — lyrical, tense, and quietly explosive. This book is full of compassion for each character, even the killer to be executed. Kukafka has outdone herself with this book."

—Annie Philbrick, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT

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Seasonal Work: Stories

By Laura Lippman

"What is there to say about a new Laura Lippman story collection except for: More, please! Each tale is a gem, and Tess Monaghan makes a couple of appearances. Laura Lippman knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men...and women."

—Susan Taylor, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY

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The School for Good Mothers: A Novel

By Jessamine Chan

"A mother leaves her toddler alone for hours and pays the price for the rest of her life. Chan took me from being a judgmental spectator to understanding how the system is stacked against mothers. *A Handmaid's Tale* and *1984* for Generation Z."

—Cathy Fiebach, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA

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Something Wilder

By Christina Lauren

"Well paced and hilarious, this romantic adventure reunites soulmates on the treasure hunt of a lifetime, and surprising twists raise the stakes. *Something Wilder* shows the power of staying true to yourself to find your happy ending."

—Erin Pastore, Water Street Bookstore, Exeter, NH

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