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Great Read

When the Cranes Fly South: A Novel

By Lisa Ridzén, Alice Menzies (Transl.)

"This honest, beautiful journey to the end of a life is the most affective piece of literature I've read in a long time. I haven't gone a day without thinking of this book, these characters, and this author since I closed it."

—Casey Gerken, Innisfree Bookshop, Meredith, NH

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The Hounding: A Novel

By Xenobe Purvis

"*The Hounding* is a chilling, defiant tale that dares to expose a brutal truth: sometimes, the world is safer for anything but a woman. What if survival means becoming something untamed, something with teeth, something to be feared?"

—Maris Herrington, McLean & Eakin Booksellers, Petoskey, MI

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Lucky Day

By Chuck Tingle

"This is such a funky, beautiful horror novel. With luck and the meaninglessness of the universe as the villain and true-to-life queer characters, what's not to love? You'll feel lucky to read this...maybe *too* lucky."

—Lillie Reimer, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI

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Automatic Noodle

By Annalee Newitz

"Short yet as complex and beautiful as life, this is a hopeful novella of bots, noodles, and found family, perfect for anyone who has been 'othered' in life. A new cozy SFF novella with lots to say about society."

—Valeria Salas Ibarra, Front Street Books, Alpine, TX

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Not Quite Dead Yet: A Novel

By Holly Jackson

"It's not every day that a victim gets to solve their own murder. The clock is ticking for Jet, but no matter the outcome of her investigation...she's a dead woman walking."

—Maxwell Leaning, Paragraphs Bookstore, Mount Vernon, OH

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A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping

By Sangu Mandanna

"A charming tale of a not-so-magical witch, a defensive magical historian, a cunning fox (who's really a cursed witch), and the inn's myriad guests. A perfectly written, cozy up with your tea, fantastic and romantic comedy."

—Amanda Nurse, The Doylestown & Lahaska Bookshops, Doylestown, PA

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Well, Actually: A Novel

By Mazey Eddings

"*Well, Actually* is a true masterpiece full of humor, romance, bickering, and hot dogs. In this forced proximity, second chance romance, we follow Eva and Riley as they go from viral social media bickering to manufactured dating to something real."

—Brenna Cade, A Novel Romance, Louisville, KY

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Mendell Station

By J.B. Hwang

"A thoughtful meditation on friendship, grief, and new ways forward. The suicide of her closest friend shatters 33-year-old Miriam's religious faith and sends her into despair. She finds unlikely succor working for the postal service."

—Jan Blodgett, Main Street Books, Davidson, NC

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Love Is a War Song

By Danica Nava

"A pop star rehabilitates her reputation while connecting with her Native American roots on her grandmother's horse farm. She spends time with one of the ranch hands, who teaches her more about her culture. A forbidden, steamy love."

—Juliana Reyes, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC

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The Library at Hellebore

By Cassandra Khaw

"Visceral, violent, and disturbing, *The Library at Hellebore* is an ode to anyone who's ever felt different. The students are calamities made flesh, the teachers ominous and hungry. A fever dream full of emotion."

—Paley Goldberg, Merritt Bookstore, Millbrook, NY

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The Magician of Tiger Castle

By Louis Sachar

"A lovably clumsy magician of the royal court finds inventive ways to do the right thing despite enormous risks! A rambling story of adventure, wits, potions, and love faked, lost, and — found again."

—Jackson Tejada, Christopher's Books, San Francisco, CA

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Arcana Academy

By Elise Kova

"A thief and illegal practitioner of magic, an academy for wielders of said magic, a grumpy but gorgeous department head and a plan to outmaneuver his royal family...what could go wrong? A fantastical adventure!"

—Stephanie Staton, CoffeeTree Books, Morehead, KY

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Zomromcom

By Olivia Dade

"Humor, drama, and spice are perfectly balanced in *Zomromcom*. Edie and Max are richly characterized with delicious banter, and I easily fell into their post-zombie apocalypse world. Crossing my fingers for a sequel!"

—Cierra Cook, Spoke + Word Books, Milwaukie, OR

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Trying: A Memoir

By Chloe Caldwell

"*Trying* is at first obsessive — a claustrophobia familiar to anyone who has tried and failed to conceive a child — then unconventional and lovely in its freedom. A perfect portrait of a woman living fully, unapologetically, herself."

—Jill Yeomans, White Whale Bookstore, Pittsburgh, PA

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Women, Seated

By Zhang Yueran, Jeremy Tiang (Transl.)

"Riveting, smart, funny, and introspective, *Women, Seated* paints a portrait of a family's fall from grace from the inside. This book will leave you questioning your sense of freedom, desire, and security."

—Sophia Abuabara, Seminary Co-Op Bookstores, Chicago, IL

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This Happened to Me: A Reckoning

By Kate Price

"Price gets comparisons to Jeannette Walls and Tara Westover, and they are deserved! An unflinching tale of overcoming repressed childhood trauma and breaking cycles of abuse. Her story of growth will inspire you."

—Andi Richardson, Fountain Bookstore, Richmond, VA

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People Like Us: A Novel

By Jason Mott

"Jason Mott grapples with America, gun violence, fatherhood, and what it means to have a safe space to call your home. The novel is original, shape-shifting, funny and rollicking, with unforgettable and returning characters."

—Keith Vient, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC

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Tantrum

By Rachel Eve Moulton

"Maternity horror at its most gruesome. Thea's newborn daughter, Lucia, grows at an unnatural rate and develops a thirst for blood. Thea must summon every ounce of strength within to save her daughter from a monstrous fate."

—Anna Anabseh, Underground Books, Carrollton, GA

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You Belong Here: A Novel

By Megan Miranda

"Megan Miranda delivers a fast-paced thriller set on a small college campus in the mountains of Virginia. Ghosts and memories of the past eerily surface in this suspenseful, tension-filled novel!"

—Caroline Buchta, Andover Bookstore, Andover, MA

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Dogs: A Novel

By C. Mallon

"Narrated by Hal, a member of the high school boys wrestling team, *Dogs* is about tight male friendships, trauma, and one night in which everything explodes. C. Mallon is a new voice steeped in the West to watch."

—Caitlin Baker, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA

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Little World

By Josephine Rowe

"Is a saint a victim, an exercise in wishful thinking, an exculpation of someone else's sins, or truly something miraculous? Poetic and transcendent, yet very much of this plane, *Little World* is its own miracle."

—Jennifer Ray, Powell's Books, Portland, OR

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The Blonde Who Came In from the Cold: A Novel (The Blonde Identity Series #2)

By Ally Carter

"I'm obsessed with this book and the way the tension builds deliciously; watching Alex and King fall in love with each other was a delight. Carter knows how to write a captivating romance and I was enthralled the whole time."

—Mallory Melton, BookPeople, Austin, TX

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We Should All Be Birds: A Memoir

By Brian Buckbee, Carol Ann Fitzgerald (With)

"Buckbee's memoir is so raw and introspective, it's as if he performed open-heart surgery on himself. *We Should All Be Birds* is proof that an epic natural adventure can play out on a landscape as humble as a patch of lawn."

—James Crossley, Leviathan Bookstore, St. Louis, MO

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The Entirely True Story of the Fantastical Mesmerist Nora Grey By Kathleen Kaufman

"This book said, 'What if spiritualism, feminine rage, and the Gothic asylum aesthetic had a seance?' I said, 'Take my money.' Kaufman weaves a darkly mesmerizing tale perfect for fans of Sarah Penner and Alice Hoffman."

—Julia Young, Four Seasons Books, Shepherdstown, WV

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The Man Who Died Seven Times

By Yasuhiko Nishizawa, Jesse Kirkwood (Transl.)

"What could be worse than spending New Year's with your dysfunctional family? Getting stuck in a nine-day time-loop. Oh, and your grandfather who is planning to announce the sole benefactor of the family inheritance dies each day."

—Jenny Gilroy, E. Shaver, Bookseller, Savannah, GA

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Didion and Babitz

By Lili Anolik

"Anolik tells a great tale of two fascinating women. *Didion and Babitz* not only tells of the lives of Eve and Joan, but also gives a social studies glimpse of the time: celebrities, places, clothes, parties, and events all included."

—Suzy Takacs, The Book Cellar, Chicago, IL

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Horror Movie: A Novel

By Paul Tremblay

"*Horror Movie* chronicles the creation and aftermath of a fictional, disastrous cult-classic '90s film. When you think you know what's going to happen, Tremblay twists the knife. A sharp dive into one character's traumatic experience."

—Anna Moritz, Changing Hands, Tempe, AZ

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The Horse: A Novel

By Willy Vlautin

"Al Ward is flawed — alcoholism, a never quite good enough country guitarist and song writer. When a blind horse shows up at his isolated shack on a snowy, freezing night, the best of Al comes out. Yes, Al is flawed, but you'll root for him."

—Karen Emmerling, Beach Books, Seaside, OR

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The Lion Women of Tehran: A Novel

By Marjan Kamali

"This beautiful book takes you on an emotional journey, following a profound friendship during the Iranian revolution. The plot is rich and the characters are captivating. Your heart will break in the best way."

—Sarah Dupriest, Rainy Day Books, Fairway, KS

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Loneliness & Company: A Novel

By Charlee Dyroff

"Lee is an overachiever, but when she's hired to teach an AI program the meaning of loneliness, her life skills are challenged. Dyroff draws an artful and memorable portrait of a woman trying to find answers in a world consumed by technology."

—Manda Riggs, Elm Street Books, New Canaan, CT

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The Stone Witch of Florence: A Novel

By Anna Rasche

"When a thief steals holy relics from churches in Florence during the outbreak of the Black Plague, one woman formerly accused of witchcraft and exiled is brought back to investigate by a deceitful, powerful bishop. A fascinating historical read."

—Jane Simons, The Dog Eared Book, Palmyra, NY

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