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Great Read

The First Time I Saw Him

By Laura Dave

"What an incredible ride! *The First Time I Saw Him* is the sequel to *The Last Thing He Told Me*. This is an exciting, action-packed novel that kept me on the edge of my seat rooting for Hannah the entire way."

—Kathy Morrison, Newtown Bookshop, Newtown, PA

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Skylark: A Novel

By Paula McLain

"Artfully blending two narratives separated by almost 300 years, McLain powerfully portrays societies that willfully oppress weaker members, and people with an indomitable will to achieve freedom."

—Bill Cusumano, Square Books, Oxford, MS

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Is This a Cry for Help?: A Novel

By Emily Austin

"How will Darcy — a public librarian — manage to reckon with her own personal woes when access to the written word hangs precariously in the balance? A wonderful, hopeful fiction for our trying times."

—Celina Muñoz, Brick & Mortar Books, Redmond, WA

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Meet the Newmans: A Novel

By Jennifer Niven

"The Newmans are the perfect family, but behind their perfect lives lurks reality and a world that has moved forward, leaving them in the dust of past generations. With humor, heart, and hope, Niven rewrites the script and rips the band-aid off this 'perfect' family. Loved!"

—Maxwell Gregory, Madison Street Books, Chicago, IL

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Lost Lambs: A Novel

By Madeline Cash

"This is a hilarious story of a dysfunctional family with quirky, lovable characters. Cash's writing keeps you turning the pages because you want to go on this journey, even when you're not sure where you'll end up."

—Connie L. Eaton, Three Sisters Books & Gifts, Shelbyville, IN

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In Your Dreams: A Novel (Rome, Kentucky #4)

By Sarah Adams

"If you've loved the other Walker siblings' stories, Madison and James will not disappoint! Immerse yourself in this town we've all come to love one last time. Then, go read all 4 books over again because they're that good."

—Ashley Lostetter, Buffalo Books & Coffee, Buffalo, MN

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Homeschooled: A Memoir

By Stefan Merrill Block

"In such a raw and honest way, Block conquered the very human failure of trying to explain nuanced and complicated family relationships. An incredibly readable book. I can't recommend this one enough!"

—Jessica Harley, Linden Tree Children's Books, Los Altos, CA

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An Arcane Inheritance (Deluxe Edition)

By Kamilah Cole

"I absolutely devoured this. A twisty, mysterious novel full of magic, intrigue, friendship and an enemies-to-maybe lovers romance. Cole pulls back the sheen of college grandeur to expose the darkly racist and elitist underbelly."

—Hillary Smith, Black Walnut Books, Glens Falls, NY

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A Vow in Vengeance (Immortal Desires Series)

By Jaclyn Rodriguez

"To say I devoured this book is an understatement. A tantalizing slow burn, with a perfect dose of magic, and immersive worldbuilding that has you on edge from cover to cover makes this an addictive romantasy read!"

—Jessica Tobin, Burning Pages Bookstore, Wilmington, NC

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Graceless Heart

By Isabel Ibañez

"Ibañez has come into her own with this book. A stunning mix of history and fantasy, with a slow burn enemies-to-lovers romance. Perfect for readers who enjoyed *The Familiar* by Leigh Bardugo."

—Leighellen Landskov, Fabled Bookshop & Café, Waco, TX

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Great Read

The Bookbinder's Secret: A Novel

By A. D. Bell

"A 50-year-old love story written down on thin pieces of paper hidden behind the end papers of six old leather-bound books. Wonderful characters and a plot you can't put down make this pure blissful reading perfection."

—BJ Hegedus, Postalworks Silver Lake, Los Angeles, CA

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The Storm: A Novel

By Rachel Hawkins

"An intense small-town mystery set against the backdrop of relentless hurricanes. It's Geneva's life that's truly torn apart as her hotel becomes the gathering place for a true crime author and a possible killer."

—Alaina Schwertfeger, The Next Chapter Bookstore, Montgomery, MN

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Playing for Keeps: A Novel

By Alexandria Bellefleur

"Alexandria Bellefleur has mastered the act of writing deep, meaningful stories filled with tension, humor, and steamy moments. It's grumpy x sunshine with pop culture references that I ate up."

—Chelsea Semonco, Four Seasons Books, Shepherdstown, WV

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The List of Suspicious Things: A Novel

By Jennie Godfrey

"A perfect blend of a fascinating and heartstring pulling coming-of-age with a gripping mystery. It's the kind of book that grabs you early and doesn't let go."

—Chris Baldock, The Epic Shelf, Battlefield, MO

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I Could Be Famous: Stories

By Sydney Rende

"These stories are such a rush! Actors, assistants, influencers, reality stars, girlfriends — all who want more out of their lives. As I read this, I felt like I was getting a cup of coffee with friends I hadn't seen in years."

—Vaughn Lachenauer, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA

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Like in Love with You: A Novel

By Emma R. Alban

"Delightfully witty and ever so charming. It's always a pleasure to fall into the Regency world Alban crafts; each character dazzles and stands on their own. Catherine and Rosalie give all the feels!"

—Chloe Brew, Invitation Bookshop, Gig Harbor, WA

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Dandelion Is Dead: A Novel About Life

By Rosie Storey

"What happens when you fall in love with your dead sister's dating app connection? Instead of telling Jake that she is not 'Dandelion,' Poppy takes up her sister's relationship with a stranger. For those who like romantic entanglements!"

—Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA

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Sheer: A Novel

By Vanessa Lawrence

"Fast-paced, insightful, and sharp, Vanessa Lawrence peers inside the life of a beauty mogul with clear eyes and electric prose. Fans of real-life beauty companies like Glossier and ILIA will feel seen."

—Elaina Welles, Phoenix Books, Essex Junction, VT

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Scavengers: A Novel

By Kathleen Boland

"*Scavengers* is so clever and beautifully written. The layered mother-daughter dynamics add depth without feeling heavy-handed, and Boland's voice is totally original. For readers who love smart, emotionally rich storytelling."

—Liz Burkwist, The Well-Read Moose, Coeur d'Alene, ID

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Mega Milk: Essays on Family, Fluidity, Whiteness, and Cows

By Megan Milks

"Milks takes on their own last name in this sweeping essay collection that deftly weaves together the dairy industry, white supremacy, and queerness. *Mega Milk* is thoughtful, vulnerable, and outlandish."

—Pauline Hales-Brown, Literary Arts, Portland, OR

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**The Once and Future Queen: Deluxe Limited Edition
(The Lives of Guinevere #1)**

By Paula Lafferty

"I raced through this book. I cared for the characters, and I cared about their lives. I was devastated to learn it was the beginning of a trilogy! How will I live with the suspense?"

—Nichole Bryant, Bryant Books & Music, Hastings, NE

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plastic: A Poem

By Matthew Rice

"*plastic* is an engaging, epic workplace poem based on Rice's own experiences as a factory worker. As the night progresses Rice references coworkers, the music on the factory floor, and his tattered copy of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*."

—Caitlin Baker, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA

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Divine Ruin (Sister Holiday Mysteries #3)

By Margot Douaihy

"It's the last couple of weeks of the school term, and Sister Holiday is preoccupied with preparing for her final vows, when one of her students dies of a fentanyl overdose at school. Douaihy brings us right into sultry New Orleans and ramps up the tension."

—Robin Glossner, Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley, MA

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The Hitch

By Sara Levine

"Sara Levine shows the pain of loneliness, the love of family, and the humor of a corgi's soul entering a woman's nephew. While laughing, readers will get a recipe for cream of tomato soup and a smoky pear margarita. What more could anyone want?"

—Nancy Pierce, Bookmiser, Marietta, GA

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Jean: A Novel

By Madeleine Dunnigan

"Though the story of the 'forbidden love' is not unfamiliar, especially with stories of queer awakenings, a 1970s boarding school for 'troubled boys' felt inventive. This book is an incredible addition to the queer canon and history."

—Brady Parkin, The King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City, UT

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Blob: A Love Story

By Maggie Su

"Sure, Vi finds a sentient blob outside of a drag show in her Midwest college town, and sure she tries to turn that blob into the perfect boyfriend. But at its core, *Blob* is about falling back in love with the parts of yourself that you thought you lost forever."

—Mikey LaFave, Avid Bookshop, Athens, GA

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A Forty Year Kiss: A Novel

By Nickolas Butler

"Can a love be rekindled after forty years? Charlie has been living with regrets since the ending of his first marriage to Vivian. He arranges a meeting to find out if she's still the one. *A Forty Year Kiss* is a tale of love, hope, and change."

—Mary McBride, Monstera's Books, Overland Park, KS

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Good Girl: A Novel

By Aria Aber

"Fans of Ocean Vuong and Kaveh Akbar, take note. Aria Aber's bright coming-of-age novel centers a young woman grieving her mother, falling into a dangerous romance, and navigating the push and pull as the German-born daughter of Afghan immigrants."

—Laurel Rhame, Phoenix Books, Essex Junction, VT

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A Monsoon Rising: A Novel

By Thea Guanzon

"Talasyn and Alaric must prepare for the Moonless Dark and the eruption of the Voidfell. This book is equally funny and heartbreaking as we find out more about their pasts, the present, and how it affects their actions. A stellar Hurricane Wars installment."

—Lisa Kroger, Village Books, The Woodlands, TX

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Tilt: A Novel

By Emma Pattee

"Pattee takes us inside the mind of soon-to-be mother Annie in her attempt to reunite with her husband after a huge earthquake. *Tilt* poses imperative questions about our nature as individuals and collectively in the face of societal collapse."

—Aubrey Winkler, Powell's Books, Portland, OR

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Witchcraft for Wayward Girls: A Novel

By Grady Hendrix

"A beautifully haunting, thought-provoking story about societal views and motherhood that dabbles with witchcraft. There are moments where you laugh, feel scared, and even cry. That's the beauty of this book: everything comes with a price."

—Caylee Wilson, Midtown Reader, Tallahassee, FL

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